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Dear Parents,

School Absences

This week we have experienced high absence rates due to Covid 19, this has affect mainly Chestnut Class but we have cases in all classes. Parents have said that children are experiencing headaches, sore throats and generally feeling unwell, as well as the published symptoms of cough, high temperature and changes to taste and smell.

The latest guidance, taken from [Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus/covid-19/what-to-do-if-you-have-symptoms) (www.gov.uk), states:

If you have symptoms or test positive

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test, even if your symptoms are mild. This is because many people experience mild symptoms from COVID-19, but may still pass on the virus to others. You should self-isolate at home while you get a PCR test and wait for the results. You must self-isolate from the day your symptoms started, or from the day you receive a positive test result if you do not have any symptoms. You can end your self-isolation on the sixth day of self-isolation following 5 full days isolating and 2 negative rapid lateral flow test tests taken on consecutive days.

The first rapid lateral flow test should not be taken before the fifth day. The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 rapid lateral flow tests taken a day apart. This is the law, regardless of whether you have been vaccinated. Self-isolating is important because you could pass the infection on to others, even if you do not have symptoms. You must self-isolate for the full amount of time you are told to, because this is the period when the virus is most likely to be passed on to others.

If you have received a positive rapid lateral flow test result but do not have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, you should report your result and self-isolate. You do not need to take a follow-up PCR test unless:

- you wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment*
- you have a health condition that means you may be suitable for new COVID-19 treatments*
- you are taking rapid lateral flow tests as part of research or surveillance programmes, and the programme asks you to do so*
- you are an international arrival and have a positive day 2 rapid lateral flow test*

If your child is unwell, please consider that this may be Covid-19. We also ask that while we are experiencing high rates of Covid-19 in school that parents continue to wear a face mask whilst on the school site. Thank you for your co-operation. We wish all those who are unwell a speedy recovery.

Chance to Shine Cricket - Wednesday 2nd February 2022

All children are asked to wear their PE kits to school on Wednesday, Holly Leaves Class and the Year 1's in Holly Berries Class can wear their Forest Schools kit as normal and bring in PE kit to change into. Each class will take part in a cricket session hosted by Gloucestershire Cricket Board coaches.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Author Visit – Andy Seed

This visit has been rearranged for Tuesday 15th February 2022. If you have sent payment in for his book this is being kept safe, please let us know if you would like this returned to you.

Free School Meal support during February half-term from Gloucestershire County Council

This February half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the February half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 14th February. Voucher emails will be sent out between 15th and 16th of February. Please also check junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If have not received your vouchers by then please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Emergency Closure Procedures

Just in case we need to close the school, here is a reminder of our procedures. Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you.

If we need to close the school we will:

- Send you a text message
- Announce the closure on Radio Gloucestershire – 104.7 fm
- Post the closure on <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> (please note new address)
- Post the closure on our school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk
- Post the closure on our twitter feed - @littledeansch
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2 nd February	Chance to Shine Cricket sessions
Wednesday 9 th February	After School Sports Club cancelled
Tuesday 15 th February	Author Visit – Andy Seed
Thursday 17 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 1 st March	Secondary School Allocation Day
Monday 25 th March	Sports for Champions with Jaydon Paddock
Weds 27-Fri 29 th April	Residential Visit
W/c 9 th May	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 17 th May	Young Voices Concert

Term Dates 2021/22

Term 3	Tuesday 4 th January – Thursday 17 th February	(Inset day 18 th February)
Term 4	Monday 28 th February – Friday 8 th April	
Term 5	Monday 25 th April – Friday 27 th May	
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May	
Term 6	Monday 6 th June – Wednesday 20 th July	(Inset day 21 st July)