

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Harvest

The School Council issued a letter last week (copy on the website) asking for donations of food for the Forest Food Bank as part of our Harvest Celebrations. Please can all donations be in school by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. Your generosity is much appreciated.

### Cauliflower Christmas Cards

The children have started work on their art pieces for the Cauliflower Christmas Cards. You will receive the artwork and an order form before the end of next week. If you wish to place an order please do so on the Cauliflower Cards website and return the artwork to school on or before Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This will ensure that all orders are returned for the start of December.

### Young Voices Concert – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Children in Maple and Chestnut classes have the opportunity to attend the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham again this year. An after school club will be held each Monday so that they can learn the songs for their performance. Order forms for T-shirts and Tickets have been sent out to parents, please ensure all orders and payments are made on or before 12<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School

A reminder that the deadline for completing your secondary school application is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. If you have any concerns the admissions team can be contacted on 01452 425407.

### Jewellery

A reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery into school. Thank you

### October Half Term – Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) Scheme

*GCC have advised that the closing date for this has been extended to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. If you are eligible for Free School Meals and haven't applied as yet please do.*

For the October 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 half-term week.

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.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit GCC website: [Holiday Free School Meal vouchers - Gloucestershire County Council](https://www.gccouncil.gov.uk/holiday-free-school-meals). For any queries please contact: [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

### **Flu Immunisation – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

The Flu Immunisation packs were issued a few weeks ago, thank you for the high number of forms returned so far. There is still plenty of time to return forms, if you have misplaced yours please ask for a copy from the office. Unfortunately the NHS are not using an electronic registration service this year.

### **School Meals – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

Due the Flu Immunisation taking place in the school hall we will be unable to offer a hot meal on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Sandwich packs will be available if you do not wish to send in a packed lunch. These are the same price as a hot meal £2.32.

### **Screening Vision and Measuring height and weight of children – Reception and Year 6 children**

A letter has been sent to parents of children in Reception and Year 6. The screening will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in school. If you do not wish your child to take part in this screening it is important that you contact them on the number provided in the letter.

### **Twitter account**

Miss May has been very busy keeping our twitter feed up to date and sharing our achievement with our twitter community. We can be found at @littledeansch. The feed is also available on the school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)

This week our tweet was liked by the Great British Bake Off Official twitter account!

### **Friends Annual General Meeting – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

Our Friends AGM will take place in the staffroom on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 at 9.00 a.m. We hope you are able to attend. Over the years the Friends Committee have raised a lot of money for the school which has enabled us to upgrade our computer equipment, subsidise trips and events and provide additional resources for the children which we would not be able to provide from the school budget. If you are interested in being a committee member, helping out at events or have ideas for events and not able to make the meeting please contact Emma Tattersall, Marie Williams or call into the school office. Many thanks

### **Cases of Covid 19 and self isolation**

If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please phone the school office and let a member of staff know exactly what symptoms your child is exhibiting, even if you do not suspect Covid-19. If your child has symptoms: persistent cough, high temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell please arrange a PCR test.

Your help is very much appreciated in helping us to keep our school community Covid safe.

### **Diary Dates**

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Full Governors Meeting – 5.30 p.m.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Friends AGM 9.00 a.m.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Flu Immunisation
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Packed lunches only, hot meals unavailable
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inset day – staff only to attend
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Start of term 2 for pupils
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Return artwork, orders and payment for Cauliflower Christmas Cards
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception and Y6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Return orders and payments for T-shirts / Tickets for Young Voices