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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

Holly Berries Class – Tuesday 8th December 2020

Thank you very much for the donations of cardboard over the last two weeks. On Tuesday 8th December we will be making our Tudor houses to finish our topic of The Great Fire of London. Please may you sent your child to school in non-uniform clothes that you don't mind getting a bit messy! Thank you

Christmas Cards – Monday 7th December – Friday 11th December only

A reminder that we are happy to pass Christmas cards between children this year but for the safety of our children, staff and families we ask that all cards arrive in school between Monday 7th December and Friday 11th December. Each class will have a 'post box' where they will be placed and quarantined for a few days. Staff will distribute the cards to the children during week commencing Monday 14th December 2020. Please do not bring cards to school after Friday 11th December as we will not be able to distribute them until January.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December

If you would like your child to have the Christmas Lunch (menu below), please pre-book via the School Office by Monday 7th December latest. Thank you.

The Christmas lunch menu consists of:

Turkey Baguette, Sausage Roll, Crudities, Satsuma, Chocolate Brownie
A vegetarian option is also available.

Data Collection Sheets

Thank you for returning your data collection sheets, a good proportion have been returned although there are still a few outstanding. Can these be returned to school by Wednesday 9th December at the latest. It is very important that we have up to date contact details for you in case we need you in an emergency

Illness and Attendance at School

While we would like every child to attend school every day we know that it is sometimes not possible. Children are often unwell with general coughs, colds, sore throats, etc. and the best place for them is at home when they are unwell.

This year we also have Covid-19 to deal with. The symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child or a member of your household suffer from these symptoms then we must follow the governments guidance. Currently this is to isolate for 14 days and to arrange a Covid-19 test. Further guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. Testing can be booked at www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or call 119.

If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please telephone the school office and let a member of staff know exactly what symptoms your child is exhibiting, even if you do not

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suspect Covid-19. If your child becomes ill during the school day, we ask that you come and pick them up as soon as possible. Please remember to use the rear entrance of the school at all times. Thank you.

Free School Meals

Why should you apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals you can check your eligibility and apply for meals by visiting: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> All applications will be treated in confidence.

Diary Dates

7 th -11 th December	Christmas cards can be brought into school
Tuesday 8 th December	Holly Berries Class – old clothes – Great Fire of London artwork
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Monday 14 th December	Class Party - Holly Leaves Class, No PE
Tuesday 15 th December	Class Party - Chestnut Class, No PE
Wednesday 16 th December	Class Party - Holly Berries Class, No PE
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 th December - afternoon	Class Party - Maple Class, No PE
Thursday 17 th December - morning	Class Party - Pre-School
Friday 18 th December	Pantomime and last day of term - School will finish at one hour earlier than normal but keeping to our staggered times:
Maple:	1.50
Chestnut:	2.00
Holly Berries:	2.10
Holly Leaves:	2.20
Pre-School:	1.45
Monday 4 th January	Start of Term 3

Covid Symptoms during the Christmas Holiday

So that we can keep our school community safe it is very important that you notify the school if your child or a parent / carer that has attended the school site during the last week of term shows Covid symptoms during the first few days of the Christmas holiday. We will then be able to advise our school community to isolate / test if necessary. Please email head@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk. Thank you.