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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of Term 6, we hope that you have had a very enjoyable half term and have children who are keen to continue learning at home. This week, following the Government's directive, we have opened our doors to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 we also continue to welcome our Key Worker children into School. Please take a look on our Twitter pages (@littledeansch) or our website (www.littledeanprimary.co.uk) to see what we have been up to in school this week. The Year 6's in particular have had a few fun afternoons learning archery with our Sports Leader, Mr Fowler and we understand that they will be learning the art of Curling next week.

Home Learning

The teaching staff continue to update the website with home learning tasks, please remember the teachers are at the end of an email if you need support with teaching and learning and/or wellbeing. We'd also love to see what the children have been working on either through posting photographs on Twitter or email. Please check the class webpages regularly as teachers are frequently adding new activities, links and advice. Take care everyone - we've got this!

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Christian Value for Life

Our Christian Value for Life this term is 'Thankfulness'.

Returning to School

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and you would like them to attend school please be aware that we will only be accepting new children into each 'bubble' or group on a Monday, no new children will be admitted into the group mid-week. Please contact the school office if this applies to you and you would like your child to start attending. If your situation changes and you are a key worker and would like your child to attend, please contact the school and we will be able to discuss this with you.

The school does look very different and will do for the foreseeable future. However, we have processes and procedures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Sadly, it also means that the end of this academic year is looking very different for our children. I am sure you can understand and appreciate that as much as we would like to take part in 'end of summer term activities', we won't be able to do this. For example, there will be no end of year performance, leavers service, prom, bowling trip, shirt signing

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

or sports day. This is very sad for our Year 6 children and not the way that any of us would wish them to end their primary school journey. I can assure you, that as soon as we safely can, we will invite Year 6 children and their families back to school for something special to recognise the end of their primary school years.

On a positive note, all our Year 6 children and families have been contacted by their new secondary schools and will be able to take part in transition activities towards the end of June. We are also putting packs of information together for children who will be joining us as reception children or pre-school children in September. We are busy planning the return to school for all our children but with an unknown timescale it is proving to be a bit of a challenge.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Our Catering Company, Caterlink, continue to provide a food hamper for families of children entitled to free school meals.

If your circumstances have changed over and 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.

The Government have announced a National Voucher scheme for children entitled to free school meals. This does not currently include the Co-op or Lidl so for the moment we will continue with the food hampers, however this may change in the next few weeks.

Covid -19 Updated Guidance

The Government have updated their guidance for parents and carers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The Governments advice is:

STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS, SAVE LIVES

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.