

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*People with time for Children*

## Newsletter 2

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting the Friends Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. We had a fantastic amount of cake donated which many parents, children and staff enjoyed. We have raised £196.83 for the charity.

### Special Autumn Meal - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017

We will be holding a special autumn menu on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October and would like you to encourage your children to try a hot meal. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a daily free meal, whereas children in years 3, 4, 5, 6 and Pre-School can book a meal for £2.28 per day. Payment can only be made through [www.parentpay.co.uk](http://www.parentpay.co.uk) or by paypoint card.

The menu for the day is:

*Sausages in a Roll with Onions or Cheese and Tomato Pizza*

*Served with:*

*Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Coleslaw and Salad Bar*

*Followed by:*

*Chocolate and Mandarin Cake with Chocolate Sauce or Fresh Fruit Platter*

### Free school meals

The school receives additional money (currently £1300 per child) to support children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits. This includes children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. In our school it is used to support children with their learning.

If you claim Income Support, income based job seekers allowance or child tax credits where the household income is less than £16190 then you may be entitled. Gloucestershire County Council has a new on-line portal for all applications. This can be found at:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If you do not have access to a computer please contact the office and they will assist you with your application. All applications are treated in confidence.

### Online Safety

O2 and NSPCC have a helpline providing advice on online gaming, privacy settings and parental controls. The telephone number is 0808 8005002.

### School Uniform / Clothing

The children are looking very smart in their school uniform unfortunately we are already having problems with jumpers and cardigans going missing. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named so that they can be returned to the correct child. Also please check that your child has not picked up the wrong cardigan or jumper by mistake. Thank you.

Also the weather is as unpredictable as ever. Please ensure that all children have a warm waterproof coat in school so that they can enjoy break times and lunchtimes outside in the fresh air.

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We ask that a PE kit of T-shirt, shorts and trainers are kept in school during the week. Also Holly Leaves class will need appropriate clothing for Forest Schools sessions each Friday.

### **Money in School**

With the closure of the HSBC bank it has become more difficult for the school to bank money so we are asking parents to use the online payment system – Parent Pay, or a Pay Point station, the nearest is based in Littledean Stores. Any concerns please contact the office – thank you.

### **Individual Photos**

Our photographer will visit the school on the morning of **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017** to take individual photos and sibling group photos of our children. Packs will be sent to you shortly after the October half term but we will need a quick turnaround to ensure that photos are ready for those who wish to send them abroad for Christmas. Please note that photo packs usually cost from £15.00. We will advise you of the dates when we know them.

### **Pre School**

We have a few vacancies in our Pre-School for children who are 3 or 4. Our opening hours have changed to: Monday, Thursday and Friday - 8.45 – 3.00, and Wednesday 8.45 – 1.15. Tuesday closed all day.

Nursery funding for 15 hours is available for all children from the first term after their third birthday. The Governments new 30 hour funding is also available for parents who work or those entitled to certain benefits. Alternatively we are able to invoice you for the sessions.

If you are interested in your child attending our Pre-School, or would like to put your child's name on the waiting list for when they turn three please contact the office.

### **School Residential Visit – April 2018**

The residential visit for children in years 5 and 6 will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The next payment of £50 is due by 15<sup>th</sup> November and the final balance of £70 by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Heights and Weights – Year R and Y6 – School Nurse
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Holly Leaves Cake Sale in aid of Silver Paws Charity
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Special Autumn Lunch
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends Non Uniform Day – Wear your Pyjamas for Bottle Donations
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Launch of our 2017 Shoebox appeal
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos – Individual and family groups
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Term 1
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset day 2 – Staff only to attend
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Rock Steady Worship
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Books for Bugs
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends Non Uniform Day – Fancy Dress for Chocolate Donations
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents Afternoon 1.15 – 4.00
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Afternoon Performance
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Evening Performance
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Non Uniform Day – Christmas Jumpers for Jazzy Jar Donations
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu immunisations for Years R,1,2,3,4
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Visit
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Christmas Discos
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – Service at St Ethelberts Church
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	Start of Term 3

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