

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

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## Newsletter 28

Dear Parents,

### Rags to Riches – Clothing Collection

Our next collection of good quality clothing/shoes and accessories has been booked for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Please bring your donations to school on the morning of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and leave under the covered area by the main entrance door. Thank you, all your donations will go towards raising funds for the school.

### The Big Ask

The Children's Commissioner is running the largest ever survey of children in England – [The Big Ask](#) – to inform society's recovery post-pandemic. The Big Ask is keen to hear from children in all parts of the country and hoping schools will support with getting as many children to respond as possible.

### Free School Meals during the May half term holiday

This May half-term, Gloucestershire County Council are providing holiday free school meals again. The portal for parents and carers to sign up is open from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May here:

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/holiday-free-school-meal-application-form>

Further information is available at the link below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/holiday-free-school-meals/>

### Fencing Works to the Rear of the School

Our new fencing will be installed next week, we have been assured that this will not disrupt the children arriving and leaving school. Should you have any concerns please let us know.

### Pre-School

We have vacancies in our pre-school from September for children who are aged 3 or 4. Parents are able to use the Government grants of 15 or 30 hours funding, alternatively we are able to provide an invoice. Currently we plan to be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.45 – 2.45. If you are interested please contact us for further information.

For those who receive invoices for Pre-School sessions, as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, our prices will increase to £4.35 per hour.

## **Illness / Absence from School**

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 becomes ill during the school day, we will ask to you come and pick them up as soon as possible. We will request that you access a Covid-19 test and follow the government guidance [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#).

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

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

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Information on how to access a test can be found online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).

Please note that the guidance is clear that if you have symptoms you should book a PCR test at a testing site. The Lateral Flow Device (LFT) tests that are freely available are designed to be used on symptom free people so should not be used to rule in or rule out Covid-19.

## **Residential Visit for Maple Class April 2022**

A letter was emailed yesterday to parents of children in Year 4 and Year 5 regarding a potential residential visit. Please respond to the survey by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5. School will end at normal times (3 p.m.)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day – staff only to attend
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple Class Knex Challenge
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Olympic Sports Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of Term

## **Term Dates 2021/22**

Term 1	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Term 2	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Term 3	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Term 4	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 5	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Term 6	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July