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Dear Parents,

After School Sports Clubs

The last week for After School Sports Clubs was last week Monday 16th May for all children. We will not be running After School Sports Clubs week commencing Monday 23rd May or in term 6.

Cake Sale – Prom Fundraiser

Cake sale to take place in school on Wednesday 25th May, 50p for a cake & glass of squash. All proceeds towards the Prom. If you are able to provide cakes, please bring them into school on the morning of the sale.

Any cakes left over will be sold after school on Thursday 26th.

Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 26th May we ask that children come to school wearing red, white and blue. We will be having a picnic as a whole school, so ask children to bring a celebration packed lunch on that day. Packed lunches can be ordered if required. Hot meals will not be available on Thursday.

On Friday 27th May Caterlink, our school meal provider, have organised a special street party meal.

Menu

Selection of sandwiches

Crudités & dips

Mini vegetable spring rolls

Chicken goujons

Followed by

Chocolate & Vanilla Cupcakes

Fruit Platter

If you are interested in having a school meal on Thursday 26th or Friday 27th May please order in the usual way by completing the menu and returning to school on Monday 23rd May. All meals cost £2.34 and should be paid for in advance through our online payment system www.parentpay.com. Children entitled to Free School Meals and those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be ordered a free meal.

School Uniform, Coats, Hats, Sunscreen

Can we ask that all school uniform is labelled with your child's name including shoes, PE kit and Forest Schools clothing. Thank you, we know that school uniform is not cheap and want to return items to the correct family.

Can children bring in a waterproof coat each day, we do like the children to have as much fresh air as possible even if the weather is a little bit drizzly or cold. Also when warm and sunny please remember to use sunscreen and send a hat. Thank you.

If you are planning to purchase uniform with a school logo for September, Macron Store Gloucester and Price and Buckland, our uniform providers, have asked that orders are placed before 1/8/22 to ensure delivery for 1/9/22.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Young Voices Concert

Our children and staff had a fantastic time at the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham earlier in the week, a long day but well worth it.

Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme May Half Term

Gloucestershire County Council have asked that we share the following information.

This May 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 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 May half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

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 parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please ask them to contact us so we can update their amount, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 24th May. Voucher emails will be sent out between 25th and 26th May. Please encourage parents to also check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by then please encourage them to get in contact with us by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already, please visit our website: the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/?msclkid=192e0c5acf9b11eca8734a25a47c2046>

Attendance

In line with Government guidance following the Covid-19 pandemic we will be renewing our focus on children's attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please telephone the school office on the number above, an answerphone is available if you ring before 8.15 a.m. If your child is absent and you have not contacted us, we will contact you as part of our safeguarding procedures. Attendance will be monitored daily, weekly and termly, we will be contacting you if attendance falls below expected standards. The Governors Attendance policy states that the expectation is that every children on roll should attend every day when school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. The Governing Board have set a whole school attendance target of 96.5%.

Holiday Requests

We all look forward to a holiday away from home but, before you book, please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time. Any requests submitted will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Term Dates 2021/22

Term 5 Monday 25th April – Friday 27th May

Term 6 Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July (Inset day 21st July)

Term Dates 2022/23

These are also available on our website https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term_dates/198634

Term 1	Tuesday 6 th September 2022 – Friday 21 st October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 st October 2022 – Friday 16 th December 2022
Term 3	Wednesday 4 th January 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023
Term 4	Monday 27 th February 2023 – Friday 31 st March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 th April 2023 – Thursday 25 th May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 th June 2023 – Friday 21 st July 2023

Inset Days – Staff only to attend

Inset day 1	Monday 5 th September 2022
Inset day 2	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Inset day 3	Friday 26 th May 2023
Inset day 4	Monday 24 th July 2023
Inset day 5	Tuesday 25 th July 2023

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24 th May	Governors Learning Walk
Wednesday 25 th May	Chestnut Class – Swimming
Wednesday 25 th May	Cake Sale
Thursday 26 th May	Red, White & Blue Jubilee Day – see separate letter
Friday 27 th May	Special Jubilee Menu
Friday 27 th May	Last day of term – school ends 2.55 / 3.05 as normal
Tuesday 7 th June	Leavers and Class Photographs
Wednesday 8 th June	Book Fair – details to follow
Wednesday 8 th June	Womens Tour of Britain go past the school
Friday 10 th Jun	Friends Meeting 9.00 a.m. Staffroom
Tuesday 14 th June	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral and Bowling
Wednesday 15 th June	Chestnut Class – Swimming
Thursday 16 th June	Friends Fathers Day Pop up Shop at 3.00
Tuesday 21 st June	Non Uniform Day for Donations of Jazzy Jars
Thursday 23 rd June	Sports Day – More information to follow
W/c 27 th June	Year 6 Transition week to Forest High and Dene Magna
Monday 27 th June	Year 4 – In the Net Play at Westbury on Severn School
Wednesday 29 th June	Chestnut Class – Swimming
Thursday 30 th June	Non Uniform Day Donations Infants – Chocolates, Juniors - Bottles
Saturday 2 nd July	Friends Summer Fair
Wednesday 6 th July	Maple Class Prom
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition to John Kyrle
Monday 11 th July	Leavers Play – dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12 th July	Leavers Play – afternoon performance
Wednesday 13 th July	Leavers Play – evening performance
Wednesday 13 th July	Chestnut Class – Swimming
Friday 15 th July	Reports issued
Friday 15 th July	9.30 Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 20 th July	Leavers Service / Last day of Term, Packed Lunches, School closes at 1.30
Thursday 21 st July	INSET Day 5 – staff only to attend