

FRIENDS of:

Littledean C of E Primary School & Pre-School



Loving one another, building each other up

15th April 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and your children are settling back into school life.

We wanted to reach out and give a little Friends update. To anyone who doesn't know the Friends committee is made up of a small number of parents who work together to raise vital funds for the school by organising and running events that create special experiences and memories for all of our children.

Below are just some of the amazing things we've been able to fund this academic year:

- **£540** for the transport for the whole school pantomime trip
- **£400** for the Doodlebug workshop (Art and growth mindset)
- **£900** samba and ukelele music lessons
- **£1500** class donations – this is where we offered £300 to each class. All we ask is that the money is spent on something that is beneficial to the children, enriches their learning and creates memories. Holly Leaves and Holly Berries combined their money and had a Roaming Reptiles visit. The remaining money was used for much needed classroom resources. Chestnut had a Roman workshop which supported their history topic. Maple class have a very exciting STEM workshop coming up! And Mrs Webb was also treated to £300 which she got lots and lots of fantastic new resources to use in her sessions!

Upcoming outgoings include: £80 for the DJ for the Leavers' disco, we have also offered to cover the cost of food and decorations for this event! Plus approximately £250 for the Year 6 Leavers' books which we cover the cost for each year.

To help raise money for the above upcoming outgoings we will continue our weekly Tuck shops in the hall on a Friday afternoon and we are currently in the process of planning a Summer Fun Day which will take place on Saturday 20th June. If you are able to volunteer either in the lead up, on the day of the event or if you have any of other fundraising ideas please do get in touch!

Are you interested in joining the Friends?

The Friends' committee is a great way to socialise and make connections within the school and the community. It's an extremely rewarding role - knowing the positive impact you're making on the school and the children! You may feel like you don't have the time but it can be done alongside everyday life and roles can be shared! You will be part of a team!

Here's why the Friends need you!

Three of our current committee members Myself, Sophie Gwilliam and Tara Tingle all have children in Year 6. This means they will be leaving in July ready to start their journey into secondary school

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

and we as parents will be moving on with them! This could leave the Friends in a very sad position unless we are able to recruit new members. Without new members then the committee will have no choice but to disband.

What would it mean if the Friends were to disband?

This would mean no more Summer Fairs, no Christmas events, no Friday Tuck shops, no Easter competitions, the cost of trips would have to rise, the Year 6 leavers' gifts and events may look very different and the extra funds that help provide much needed resources and opportunities for our children would be no more.

The reality is simple: We urgently need new members to join us, so that the Friends can continue into the new academic year and beyond! Whether you can spare an hour at an event, are able to send a few emails or social media posts or can simply bring some new ideas to the table, then we need you - *every little helps*.

How can you get involved?

If you are interested in joining the committee or would like more information, please feel free to approach me in school or leave a message with the school office.

Did you know?

The committee doesn't just have to be made up of parents. The role is open to grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, friends and even members of the local community. Everyone is welcome!

Why do we care so much about the future of the Friends committee?

Our children deserve the best school experience possible and to leave with lots of fond memories. With your help, we can keep that alive.

Let's work together to keep the Friends of Littledean C of E school alive for many years to come.

Thanks for reading and for all your continued support.

Amy Evans
Chair of The Friends of Littledean school

You can also contact us at: littledeanfriends@outlook.com