

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Newsletter 26

Dear Parents,

Our Christian Value for Life this term is: **Friendship**

### A few reminders:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday, School will be closed for the day.
- Parental consultations for Holly Berries Class will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Parental consultations for Maple Class will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May

### School Premises / Security

Gloucestershire County Council have given us a grant to improve the security of the school. Over the Easter Holiday we have had some additional fencing fitted to the front of the school and new vehicle gates. Over the next few weeks we will have new fencing fitted to the boundary at the rear of the school, also we will have access control on the gates at the rear of the school. The gates will be open for a short time when children are coming into school and leaving at the end of the day. All other times it will be necessary to use an intercom system to access the school. We are also having additional security cameras fitted to areas of the school and will have the facility to record images from them.

### 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.

### Rags to Riches – Clothing Collection

Our next collection for good quality clothing/shoes and accessories has been booked for 25<sup>th</sup> May. More details to follow, please do not bring bags into school yet.

### Weather Appropriate Clothing

As the weather is warming up please can we ask that sun hats are brought into school, also sun cream is applied before school when it is really hot and sunny, as we are in England can we also ask that a waterproof coat is brought into school for the odd showers of rain. It is really helpful if anything brought in is labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

## **School Meals**

Caterlink continue to provide us with packed lunches rather than hot meals at present. We hope that this can change in the near future.

As from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, the price of a meal will increase to £2.34 per day, £11.70 per week for those that wish to pay for a lunchtime meal.

## **Holiday Requests**

We are all looking forward to a lovely holiday away from home but, before you book, please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests, so any requests submitted will not be authorised.

## **Contact Details**

As the vast majority of our communications will now be through email or postings on the website or twitter is it even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

## **Rock Steady Music**

Rock Steady have spaces in all their lessons, if you would like to join in the fun please contact them directly at [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com)

## **Free School Meals**

As circumstances change during lockdown please consider if you are entitled to free school meals. If in doubt apply, all applications are treated in confidence.

### **Why should you apply?**

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

### **What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?**

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If 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.