

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

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## Newsletter 14

Dear Parents,

Today is the end of Term 4 and it really isn't the end of term we had planned, we hope that you and your families are staying safe and well and enjoying the challenge and enjoyment of home learning.

### Twitter / Website

Miss May has been working very hard to keep the twitter feed up to date with new ideas and daily challenges. We are really enjoying seeing the work that the children are doing at home, please continue to share your achievements with us.

The twitter feed can now be seen on the schools website, if you are not already following us on twitter now is a great time to see what fabulous families we have. @littledeansch

The Class Teachers have put a selection of tasks and ideas on the class pages of the school website. If you have any concerns regarding these, please contact the teachers on the following email addresses:

Maple Class	<a href="mailto:mapleclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk">mapleclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
Chestnut Class	<a href="mailto:chestnutclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk">chestnutclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
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### Attendance at School

The Governments advice is still: **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

However the school will remain open during the Easter Holidays for children who have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP), those who have a social worker allocated to them and those children who have parents who are key workers.

Key workers have been defined as working within:

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Key Public service (justice systems, those responsible for the management of the deceased, those delivering front line service, journalist and broadcasters who are providing a public service broadcasting)
- Local and National government (only administrative occupations essential to the delivery of the COVID 19 response, working in benefits, arms length bodies)
- Public Safety and National security
- Transport (Those who keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport operating)
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you fall into one of these categories and would you like your child to attend school please email us on [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. Please do not telephone the school as the office may not be manned.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

### **Free School Meals (FSM)**

We have been working with our Catering Company, Caterlink to provide a packed lunch for the children entitled to free school meals. As from today we hope to have changed to providing a hamper of food that will provide a meal for each child entitled to FSM's for 10 days.

If your circumstances have changed over the past few weeks and you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals you can check you 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.

The Government have announced a National Voucher scheme for children entitled to free school meals. This does not currently include the Co-op or Lidl so for the moment we will continue with the food hampers, however this may change in the next few weeks.

### **Scams**

There has been a number of scams identified over the past few days. If you are entitled to vouchers, free meals, hampers etc, a member of school staff will contact you. We will not be asking you for banking details or any other personal information. Please do not give this to anyone.

### **Easter Gallery**

Miss May has kindly uploaded on to Twitter some Easter activities for the children to do, you may also have your own ideas.

As we were not able to have our Easter celebrations in school or the church this year we would like you to upload a picture of your creations / artwork to our Twitter feed so that the school community can share and celebrate with us. If you are unable to upload this to twitter please email Miss May on [mapleclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:mapleclass@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk).

### **Maple Class Residential visit – 22-24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

At present we do not have an answer as to what is likely to happen with the residential visit, all we can assume is that due to present circumstances it is unlikely to go ahead as planned. We have been in contact with In2action and are waiting for a response as to whether we can reschedule the visit or if refunds will be made. We will keep you informed.

### **Rags to Riches Clothing Collections**

I'm sure most of you will be taking the opportunity to have a sort out over the next few weeks as we start to wear more summer clothes and less winter clothes. If you do have any good quality shoes, clothes, bags etc, please keep them and bring them into school when we return, we will be taking part in the Rags to Riches clothing collections to raise much needed money for the school funds.

### **Reading Challenge**

Thank you to the children and parents who have taken part and donated towards our reading challenge. To date we have not raised as much as we hoped but under the circumstances we are grateful for all donations received. If you would still like to donate please do so through our online payment service [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) – Thank you.

### **Covid -19 Updated Guidance**

The Government have updated their guidance for parents and carers to include a section (6.3) on keeping children safe online. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

### **The Governments advice continues to be:**

#### **Stay at home**

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick