

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*Loving one another, building each other up*

26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Newsletter 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Site Security

Following the installation of new fencing, gates and a fob access system to the school site we will be activating the locking of gates as from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The gates at the rear of the school will be locked from 9.00 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. If you need to access the school during these times please use the intercom system located by the gate at the top of the slope. The gate at the top of the steps will be locked and does not have an intercom system. When using the intercom please be patient as the office staff may be on the telephone or in another area of the school and unable to answer immediately. If you know you are going to bring your child to school late or collect early please let the office staff so that they know what time to expect you.

The vehicle gates at the front of the school playground must be kept closed at all times. If you have permission to drive a car into the playground please ensure that the gates are closed after you drive in and when you drive out. Thank you.

### Children in Need – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Thank you for your kind donations, £89 was raised by the school.

### School Council and The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal

This week the school council launched a very special Christmas project. They are passionate about supporting others in the community who are not as fortunate as themselves. They believe everyone deserves to enjoy Christmas and have therefore decided to support The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal. Hopefully you received a letter from them (via email) earlier in the week and have seen their wonderful (pulling at the heartstrings) posters around the playground. If you are in a position to buy an extra gift this year, please consider supporting the appeal and send it in unwrapped by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### After School Clubs

All Sports Clubs will continue until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, they will restart week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Holly Berries Art Club will continue each Thursday until 9<sup>th</sup> December. Young Voices Club will continue each Monday until 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### Breakfast Club

The majority of children enjoyed their breakfast bagel this week during registration. Our breakfast club will start on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30 a.m. It will run each day for all the children in the school. The Junior children to use the main entrance door at the rear of the school, infant children to use Holly Leaves Class door. Please wait and a member of staff will let you in.

If you would like your child to attend the breakfast club please contact the office or complete the slip on the breakfast club letter.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

### School Meals

A reminder that school meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 under the Governments Universal Infant Free School Meal Programme (UIFSM), also free for the benefit related Free School Meals (FSM). For all other children there is a cost of £2.34 per meal (£11.70) each day. Payment can be made using [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), the schools online payment system. If you have forgotten your log in details please contact the office.

Please ensure that all meals are paid for before the day they are taken. Our Christmas Lunch (and Christmas Jumper day) is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Science Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

The whole school are taking part in a Christmas Science Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021. In order to carry out these investigations we are in need of a few different resources and would like to ask for your help in providing them. We need the following items:

Empty 2 litre plastic bottles with lids, Empty 500ml plastic bottles with lids, Cereal boxes, Bottle lids

### Holiday Activities Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE, is returning this December for children aged 5-16 years eligible for free school meals. The programme will be running for 4 days from 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> December. You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November. Activities will be available to book from 1 December. For further information please contact the team on:

[HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### Go Read

Thank you to the parents that have downloaded and used our new reading app. If you would like a reminder for your log in details or would like further information please contact Mrs McGoldrick.

### Cases of Covid 19 and self isolation

We have had several cases of confirmed and suspected Covid-19 illnesses in our school community. 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 has symptoms: persistent cough, high temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell please arrange a PCR test.

Your help is very much appreciated in helping us to keep our school community Covid safe.

### Closure of George Lane

We have been advised that George Lane will be closed from 7.00 – 15.00 on 30<sup>th</sup> November for patching sections of carriageway to repair localised faults and improve the condition of the road. Please see letter attached.

### Diary Dates

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| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November          | Start of Breakfast Club 8.30 a.m.                     |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November          | Maple Class – Parental Consultations                  |
| Week commencing 29 <sup>th</sup> November | Last week for Sports Clubs                            |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November         | Full Governing Body Meeting                           |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December          | The Science of Christmas – whole school science day   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December         | Andy Seed – Author Visit – Maple and Chestnut Classes |
| Week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Virtual pantomime                                     |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day              |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December          | Christmas Service                                     |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December          | Last day of term. Break up at 1.00 p.m.               |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022      | First day of Term 3                                   |