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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

Sports Day

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the sports day, we hope you enjoyed your time with us. Congratulations to everyone who took part. The results were extremely close!

- 1st - Foxes
- 2nd - Badgers
- 3rd - Hedgehogs
- 4th Squirrels

Complaints about Parking / Supervision of children in Oak Way Car Park

Once again we have received complaints about parents not being considerate when they park cars during drop off and collection. This has been from residents of Oak Way who have had cars and garages blocked in, and parents being abusive when asked politely not to do this.

Oak Way car park belongs to Two Rivers Housing Association and there has been a long standing informal agreement that parents can use the car park for a quick drop and go, as long as they do not interfere with the resident's use of this area. Two Rivers Housing Association have the right to block access to non-residents.

So that our parents do not lose the privilege of being able to park in Oak Way car park we ask that everyone is considerate to our neighbours and not block entrances, cars and garages. Also to remember that it is a quick drop / collect and go and not a place to leave your car while visiting the play park, friends, etc.

Shoes

We ask that children do not wear open toed sandals or sliders into school, it is not safe for them when they are running around in the playground. Shoes or trainers are ideal.

Parent Governor Election

We have a parent governor vacancy. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else a copy of the letter is on the school website, alternatively call into the office for a paper copy. Please note that the closing date is noon Monday 27th June 2022.

Help Required

We are all concerned about the recent increase in the cost of living and this has affected the school too. Between March 2022 and June 2022 our paper prices have increased by a massive 48%. This increase has not only been seen with good quality paper but also exercise books, toilet paper, hand towels, tissues etc. along with price increases for many other products. This means our budget does not go as far as it used to.

Did you know that paper should be used within a certain time period? If you work for business / company that has paper past it's use by date please ask if it can be donated to the school. We don't mind what is donated, colour, size, shape, as we plan for this paper to be used as scrap paper, drawing paper, making paper aeroplanes etc.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

We are also looking for people to volunteer as reading partners in the school. We know that the children benefit greatly from extra sessions of reading with an adult in school. If you are interested please let us know. You will require an enhanced DBS check to carry out this role.

Summer Reading Challenge @ Gloucestershire Libraries!

This year's challenge is called 'Gadgeteers', and was designed by The Reading Agency to shine a spotlight on STEM as well as reading. With resources and activities from the Science Museum Group, the Challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone. The Challenge will show that imagination can unlock endless possibilities, and the library is where this starts.

There are a lot of fantastic events in the planning stages, to run alongside the challenge, but the core Challenge remains the same. 8 weeks, 3 visits to the library, 6 books - any books at all!

You can find out more about the challenge on a national level here:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-reading-agency-partners-with-science-museum-group-for-innovation-themed-summer-reading-challenge.html>

Friends

Please see separate letter from the Friends

Diary Dates

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, 9.30 Rock Steady Concert, Friends Pizza Event
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

Term Dates 2021/22

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

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