

Littledean Church of England Primary School

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People with time for Children

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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

We hope that you had a fantastic break and made the most of the good weather. The children have settled into school life well and it is lovely to see them all looking so smart.

We would like to welcome Miss Amy Evans who will be working as a teaching assistant in Holly Leaves Class. Also Mrs Foster will be absent from school for a few months as she recovers from an operation. Miss Mace will be covering her absence in Chestnut Class and Miss Grey will be teaching recorders to the Juniors on a Friday morning.

The building works to remodel the infant area are mostly complete leaving us with two bright, spacious classrooms. Miss Pearson has also been working on a bid to improve the outside area and we should know if this is successful in the next few months.

We have also been making improvements to the pond area and would like to thank Miss Pearson, Jim and Alyssa Swanson and family for making a good start to this. We have further plans and will be seeking help in making these a reality in the coming months.

Christian Values for Life

Our Christian Value for Life this term is 'Respect'.

Contact Details

It is important that we have up to date contact details for your children – you never know when we might need to contact you in an emergency. If you have changed address, phone number, email address please let the office know as soon as possible. Data collection sheets will be sent out later this term.

Free school meals

The school receives additional money (currently £1300 per child) to support children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits. This includes children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. In our school it is used to support children with their learning.

If you claim Income Support, income based job seekers allowance or child tax credits where the household income is less than £16190 then you may be entitled. Gloucestershire County Council has a new on-line portal for all applications. This can be found at:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If you do not have access to a computer please contact the office and they will assist you with your application. All applications are treated in confidence.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will start towards the end of September, a letter will be sent out shortly.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Pre School

We have a few vacancies in our Pre-School for children who are 3 or 4. Our opening hours are: Monday, Thursday and Friday - 8.45 – 2.45, Tuesday closed all day and Wednesday 8.45 – 1.15.

Nursery funding for 15 hours is available for all children from the first term after their third birthday. The Government's new 30 hour funding is also available for parents who work or those entitled to certain benefits. Alternatively we are able to invoice you for the sessions.

If you are interested in your child attending our Pre-School, or would like to put your child's name on the waiting list for when they turn three please contact the office.

Emergency Closure Procedures

We all remember the chaos the snow caused last year – hopefully it won't be needed this year – but just in case!

If we need to close the school we will:

- Send you a text message
- Announce the closure on Radio Gloucestershire – 104.7 fm
- Post the closure on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/
- Post the closure on our school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

Vacancy for Handyman

We are currently looking for a replacement Handyman or woman who can help us with maintenance issues around the school. The job will include: painting, minor plumbing jobs, replacing light bulbs, general gardening/tidying outside areas etc. The position will be for 10 hours per month, working outside of school hours and will be subject to a clear DBS check. If you are interested or would like further information please contact Mrs McGoldrick or Mrs Worgan.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11 th September	Stay and Play Starts 9.00 – 10.30
Wednesday 12 th September	Sports for Schools Assembly
Thursday 13 th September	First Rock Steady Session
Tuesday 18 th September	Visit from the Life Bus, Packed lunches only
Wednesday 26 th September	Bags to School Collection
Wednesday 26 th September	Sports for Schools Sponsor Event
Monday 8 th October	Forest of Dean Lions Spectacles Collection
Tuesday 9 th October	Immunisation Flu Programme for Years R,1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Wednesday 17 th October	Individual and Sibling Group Photographs
Friday 19 th October	Harvest Service at St Ethelberts Church
Thursday 15 th November	Height Weight and Vision Testing Years R, 6
Wednesday 21 st November	Parents Afternoon
Thursday 22 nd November	Parents Evening
Monday 10 th December	Whole School and Pre-School Pantomime at Roses Theatre
Tuesday 11 th December	Infant Performance Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 12 th December	Infant Performance Afternoon
Thursday 13 th December	Infant Performance Evening
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church

Term Dates 2018/19

Term 1	Wednesday 6 th September 2018 – Friday 19 th October 2018
Term 2	Monday 29 th October 2018 – Friday 21 st December 2018
Term 3	Monday 7 th January 2019 – Friday 15 th February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 th February 2019 – Friday 5 th April 2019
Term 5	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 – Thursday 24 th May 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2019 – Friday 19 th July 2019

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