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People with time for Children

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Newsletter 9

Dear Parents,

Thank you for bearing with us during the last few days while we have been closed due to the snow. Hopefully things will start to get back to normal in a day or so.

Our emergency closure procedure is detailed below. If you have not received a text message from us in the last few days we do not have your up to date contact details. Please advise the office staff of your new details as soon as possible. If you struggle to get a mobile signal try downloading the school app from eschools, our website and messaging provider, as messages can be received this way using the wifi signal. If you can't remember your login details the office staff can reset them for you.

Emergency Closure Procedures

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 advice of the closure.

Friends Fair

Thank you for supporting the Friends Fair on 21st February. We have been advised that approximately £400 was made in a very short time. Many thanks to our parents who helped us achieve this.

Staff News

Mrs McGoldrick will be absent from school from Monday 12th March until the end of term, Thursday 29th March as she is having an operation. Miss May will in charge in her absence. Should you have any concerns or queries during this time please contact Mrs Worgan in the School Office initially who will find the most appropriate member of staff to deal with your concerns. Miss May will continue to teach in Maple Class most days.

Parent Governor Election

We would like to thank Jim Swanson for volunteering to take the position of Parent Governor. We still have one more parent governor vacancy. If you are interesting in shaping the education for our children and have time to visit the school, read papers and attend one or two meetings per term please contact either Mrs Jones, Clerk to Governors or the School Office for more information. This is open to all parents of children who attend the school or pre-school. Thank you.

School Meals

We have been advised that the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.36 per day, £11.80 per week from Monday 16th April 2018. Please continue to pay for meals through our online payment system www.parentpay.com. Thank you.

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 have changed to: Monday, Thursday and Friday - 8.45 – 2.45, and Wednesday 8.45 – 1.15. Tuesday closed all day.

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. Priority will be given to children on our waiting lists.

Sponsor Miss Haile

Miss Haile is taking part in a runathon this year where she will be running 12 events over 12 months to raise money for St. Michael's Hospice who are currently providing support for her sister who has a life limiting illness. She will be running events from 10k's, mud runs, obstacle courses and half marathons. She would really appreciate your support. The group's target is £5,000 and her personal target is £500. She has currently raised £167. If you would like to donate, please visit her just giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lindsey-haile. Also you can follow Miss Haile and her team on Facebook - pictures are posted every time a team member completes a race. Search 12in12 Runathon in aid of St. Michael's Hospice. Thank you to all who have supported so far!

Friends Summer Fair

The Friends have also organised their Summer Fair date: **Saturday 23rd June 2018**. We will be holding our usual non-uniform days in the run up to the event for various donations. These will be held on:

- Wednesday 25th April PJ Day for Jazzy Jars
- Wednesday 23rd May Fancy Dress for Bottles
- Wednesday 20th June Beach Day Wear for chocolates

Also the Friends Dog Show at Littledean Community Centre has been organised for **Sunday 6th May 2018**. Further information will follow about these dates.

Swimming

Maple Class will have their last swim on Thursday 15th March to make up for the session missed on 1st March. Chestnut Class will start swimming from Thursday 26th April.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7 th March	World Book Day celebrations
Thursday 15 th March	Maple Class Swimming
Tuesday 20 th March	Parents Afternoon
Wednesday 21 st March	Parents Evening
Thursday 22 nd March	Chestnut Class visit to Carleon
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term 4, Friends Coffee Morning, Easter Service at St Ethelberts
Monday 16 th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 16 th April	National Allocation Day for Primary School Places
Wednesday 18 th April – Friday 20 th April	Residential visit for Maple Class
Tuesday 24 th April	Holly Leaves and Holly Berries visit to Over Farm
Wednesday 25 th April	Friends Non Uniform Day – Wear pyjamas for Jazzy Jars
Thursday 26 th April	Chestnut Class Swimming
Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SAT's week
Thursday 17 th May	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Wednesday 23 rd May	Friends Non Uniform Day – Wear Fancy Dress for Bottles
Friday 25 th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 4 th June, Tuesday 5 th June	Inset day – staff only to attend
Wednesday 6 th June	Start of Term 6 for pupils

Term Dates for 2017/18

Term 4	Tuesday 20th February 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018
Term 5	Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018
Term 6	Wednesday 6th June 2018 – Wednesday 25th July 2018

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