

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*People with time for Children*

8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Newsletter 11

Dear Parents,

### Staff News

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Pam Bayliss has returned to her role of Pre-School Leader this term. We would like to thank Mrs Rimmini Hopkins for covering the role in her absence.

We also welcome the return of Mrs Foster, Teaching Assistant in Chestnut class, following her operation. Mrs Foster will be working in Chestnut Class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Miss Mace will work Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Bonser, Teaching Assistant in Holly Berries Class, has also returned to work this week.

### Snow Closure

The closing of the school due to staff being unable to travel safely to the school site was not as straight forward as we hoped. We, and many others in the County, had difficulty accessing Gloucestershire County Councils closure website so that we could post that we were closed. Also due to the high numbers of visitors to the site we also had difficulty accessing our own website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk) so that we could send text messages to you and post a notice on the site. We apologise and understand just how frustrating this was for you. We are talking with both Gloucestershire County Council and our website provider ESchools to ensure that this does not happen again. We are also investigating setting up an official school facebook account. We will keep you informed.

### Emergency Closure Procedures

Just in case we need to close again, here are our procedures. Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you.

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 <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/> (please note new address)
- Post the closure on our school website [www.littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

### Young Voices Concert – Genting Arena Birmingham

The children and staff had an amazing time at the Young Voices Concert recently. Miss Haile has updated the school website with some photographs of the day and I'm sure you will be able to hear some of the songs over the next few months.

### Residential Visit

We have organised our next residential visit for our children currently in Years 4 and 5. This will take place in April 2020. The closing date for the non-refundable deposit of £10.00 is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019. If you would like your child to go and you have not as yet paid a deposit please contact Mrs Worgan, School Office, as soon as possible.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

## **Rags2Riches Clothing Collection – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Once again we are asking you to support the school by donating unwanted reusable clothing and accessories to school.

They will pay for all items donated to the school and will collect:

- Adult's and children's clothes
- Paired shoes and footwear
- Soft Toys and unwanted gifts
- Bath and hand towels
- Belts and handbags
- Jewellery and accessories
- Bedding and household linen.

They are unable to take school uniform but Mrs Webb will happily take this off you and use for our nearly new uniform shop.

All bags should be sent into school before 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Supervision of children in the Oak Way carpark**

A few concerns have been raised over children appearing unsupervised in the Oak Way car park during the morning and afternoon drop off and collection times. As we all know children and moving cars are not a good mix, and we do not want any accidents or near misses. Please supervise your children when in the carpark. Thank you.

### **Gamelan Music Sessions**

Chestnut Class have been having fun each Tuesday morning learning how to play Gamelan styled instruments. Gamelan is the traditional music of Indonesia. An ensemble includes gongs, metallophones and drums of various shapes and sizes, which are mounted on beautifully painted wooden frames. The instruments look and sound amazing and playing them is a unique and special experience. This will continue here at School for a few more weeks, the final week Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, the children will once again return to Gloucester Music for a final session. Details to follow. Photos of the children playing and enjoying this are posted on the school website.

### **School Meals**

Can we remind you that if you would like to choose the meal for you child, to return the menu slip each Monday morning. We have a number of children who are disappointed when they do not receive the meal that they are expecting as we have not received their menu choice. Thank you.

### **Lost Property**

Once again we have a rather large selection of unnamed lost property. Please check through the items located in the School Library and claim lost items. All items not collected will be passed to Mrs Webb for her nearly new uniform shop.

### **School Attendance and Sickness**

Our School Governors have set an attendance target of 96.5% for all children and whilst we expect every child to attend every day the school is open this is only when they are well enough to do so. We have had a few incidences where children have vomited the previous night and returned to school the next day. Current advice from the Health Protection Agency is that there should be 48 hours between the last episode and returning the school to prevent the spread of germs.

### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Maple Class Knex Challenge
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	8.30 – 9.00 Nearly New Uniform Sale – Willow Room
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term. School closes at 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Rags2Riches Clothing Collection
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Secondary School National Allocation Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Afternoon
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evening
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term – St Ethelberts Service at 1.00. School closes at 2.00
22-24 April 2020	Residential Visit for current year 4 and 5 pupils

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