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People with time for Children

2nd November 2018

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents,

Harvest Service

Thank you for your kind donations of food which have now been sent to the Forest Food Bank.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal

Once again we will be taking part in the Operation Christmas Child, Shoe box appeal, our closing date is **Friday 2nd November 2018**. For further information please see the letter on the school website,

www.littledeanprimary.co.uk or www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

School Uniform

We have had a number of complaints about jumpers going missing in school. Please help us to help you by naming all uniform, PE Kits, bags and coats. If they are **named** we are able to return items to the correct child if they lose them. All unnamed items will be placed in the lost property basket. Many thanks.

Also now the weather is getting colder we ask that children bring a warm waterproof coat into school each day as they will go outside for break and lunchtimes most days.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Once again our children have been busy completing their designs for the Christmas Cards. If you would like to purchase cards please complete the forms and return to school. Payment is to be made through our online system www.parentpay.com or by barcode letter (please request one from the school office). Closing date for orders and payment is **Monday 5th November 2018**. Many thanks.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Once again we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal. We have a School Pack which includes the following items:

Eraser - 50p

Poppy Reflector - 50p

Pencil Sharpener - 50p

Pencil - 50p

Ruler - £1.00

The house captains will sell these items during morning registration.

Pantomime Visit – Roses Theatre – Monday 10th December 2018

The whole school and Pre-School will be visiting the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury on Monday 10th December to see the pantomime Dick Whittington. We ask for a donation of £10.00 per child to cover the cost of the tickets. We thank the Friends Association for paying for the transport to and from Tewkesbury which has reduced the cost for every child. If you have not already paid please visit our online payment site at www.parentpay.com or request a barcode letter from the school office and pay by Paypoint. We ask that all payments are made by 3rd December 2018.

Crochet After School Club

Crochet Club are looking for donations of wool for Christmas projects. We are happy with any colour but are particularly looking for Red, green, white, silver etc.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

School Photographs

These have been issued today. Please order online or return orders and payment to school before **Friday 9th November**. Thank you

Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play sessions restart this Tuesday, 6th November from 9.00 – 10.30. Pre-School children and their parents / carers are welcome to join us.

Pre-School

Our Pre-school has continued to grow and we have been asked by parents to increase our sessions. If we have enough interest we will open on a Wednesday afternoon from January 2019. Our opening hours will then be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.45 – 2.45. If your child is aged 3 or 4 and you are interested in your child attending our setting please contact Mrs Worgan in the school office. Many thanks

Artspace News

Mrs Webb, our Family Support Worker, has secured funding to enable some eligible parents to take part in a felting course. You will learn the basics of making 3D felt shapes to make jewellery, decorations and small animals. You will also have the opportunity to make 2D embellishments with wool, to decorate cards, make pictures or up-cycle. This will commence on Fridays 9th November, 9am to 10.30am, at the Chapel School Rooms in Littledean. It will run for 8 weeks, with a Christmas break. The cost to parents is FREE for eligible learners. To be eligible, you could be either: unemployed, or have less than 5 GCSE's, or earn less than £330 a month. Please see Mrs Webb in school or email swebb@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk to book your place.

Free school meals

The school receives additional money (currently £1320 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.

Diary Dates

Friday 2 nd November	Shoebox appeal – deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Monday 5 th November	Special Bonfire Menu
Monday 5 th November	Cauliflower Christmas Cards – Deadline for orders and payments
Thursday 8 th November	Pre-School visit to the War Memorial in Littledean
Thursday 15 th November	Height Weight and Vision Testing Years R, 6
Friday 16 th November	BBC Children in Need Celebrations
Wednesday 21 st November	Parents Afternoon – No after school clubs
Thursday 22 nd November	Parents Evening – No after school clubs
Tuesday 27 th November	Open afternoon for Reception September 2019 parents
Friday 10 th December	Friends Christmas Market
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	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 13 th December	Infant Performance Evening
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day, School Discos
Thursday 20 th December	1.30 Pre-School Party and Singing around the Christmas Tree
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church

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