

Welcome to Littledean C of E Primary School



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Welcome

Welcome to Littledean Church of England Primary School's 'New to School' booklet, we hope you find it useful and informative. We are a rural, village primary school of 105 pupils situated in the beautiful Forest of Dean, one mile outside of the small town of Cinderford and approximately 14 miles from Gloucester. Originally built in 1848, Littledean School was refurbished in 1994 to meet the demands of a modern education. It is situated in its own grounds which have been set up to encourage children's investigative skills and desire to explore their environment. It includes a garden, forest school area and trim trail.

At Littledean Church of England Primary School we place children at the centre of all we do and our school motto is '*Loving one another, building each other up.*'

Our recent Ofsted Report (March 2017) stated 'the leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection'. We are proud that it has been noted that through our partnership with parents, the local church and members of the community we have 'developed a very strong and positive atmosphere where everyone works well together for the benefit of the pupils'.

In May 2015 we were graded 'OUTSTANDING' in our SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The report commended us on the '*caring, nurturing ethos of the school*' and noted that the '*impact of Christian values, especially friendship and forgiveness leads to high levels of respect and exemplary behaviour*'

Entry and Exit Procedures:

Holly Leaves children enter school through the back playground. They will come through the wooden gate into Holly Leaves Garden. We encourage independence and would like children to enter school independently when possible.

Children will be released through the same doors.



Parking:

Parking is available at the back of the school through the estate. The school playground is not to be used for parking unless authorised by a member of the admin team.

Transition sessions

Children are invited to transition sessions on the following days:

Monday 17th June at 9:00 - 11:45

Tuesday 25th June at 1:30 - 3:00

Wednesday 3rd July at 9:00 - 11:45

Start dates for September:

Week 1

8:45 - 11:45

Week 2

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:45-11:45

Thursday and Friday 8:45 - 1:15

Week 3

8:45 - 3:00



Clothing, Trays and Pegs, Toys and Donations



Clothing: Please ensure that all clothing worn or brought into school is named. On Fridays, Holly Leaves will do Forest School. They will need to come into school in old clothes and bring wellies which can stay in school. School do have some waterproof trousers available but if you would rather purchase some for your child, please bring these in a separate bag with their name on. Children must have arms and legs covered at all times during Forest School sessions. Please ensure PE kits are in school at the beginning of every term. They should include clothes for outdoor PE (jogging bottoms) and gymnastics (shorts). During warmer days, children will need hats and suncream that can only be applied by themselves. We have found that roll on suncream is easier for children to apply independently.

Trays and Pegs: Every child will be provided will a peg in the cloakroom where they can hang their coat, school bag, PE kit and any Forest school kit. They will also have a drawer in the classroom where they will put their reading record and book, any work they complete that can go home and personal items such as reward charts if required.

Toys: We try to avoid children bringing toys into school as if it gets lost or broken it can cause lots of upset. However, if there is a specific reason that you feel this is required, a member of staff will be happy to discuss this.

Forest School: We complete forest school every Friday morning. Children receive hot chocolate and biscuits around our log circle for their snack time. Any donations of hot chocolate powder and biscuits would be greatly appreciated!

Cooking: In Holly Leaves, we have cooking lessons every week. To be able to continue to do this we rely on donations of ingredients. Letters will be sent out asking for donations which would be very much appreciated.

Food, Drink and Health

Food and Drink: Children receive free school dinners in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. However, you can provide a packed lunch if you prefer. Through the Cool Milk Scheme, children under 5 receive free school milk. If you would like to pay for milk after this time, this is possible and something you can discuss with staff. Children receive free fruit which they have access to daily. If your child only likes a certain type of fruit you can provide this to ensure the child is having something to eat. Children will need to bring in a water bottle which has their name on.

Health: Staff need to be aware of your child's medical background, in particular, any allergies (e.g. bee stings, dairy food) any dietary restrictions and any other medical conditions (e.g. asthma or eczema).

Children can suddenly become ill and therefore it is important that we know we can contact you or another adult relative/friend at all times. Please ensure that the school is kept up to date with your contact details. If your child is unable to attend due to illness, please telephone us before 9:00am to let us know. In cases of vomiting or diarrhoea, your child should remain at home until 48 hours have elapsed since the last episode. In all cases of contagious diseases, the school should be informed immediately and medical clearance must be obtained before your child returns to school.

Headlice are an unfortunate recurring problem in school life. If discovered, please notify staff and treat as soon as possible.

If your child has to be treated for any medical needs at school, they will come home with a bump note.



EYFS Curriculum and Learning Journeys

Early Years Curriculum: Activities in Holly Leaves are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. Individual records are kept by staff to record the activities your child participates in and undertakes, as well as their progress in specific skills.

Planning for each week is carried out using a topic-based approach, following the children's interests and responding to specific events.

There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) that activities are planned around:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Physical Development**
- **Communication and Language**
- **Literacy**
- **Mathematics**
- **Understanding the World**
- **Expressive Arts and Design**



Learning Journeys: Throughout the year staff will record your child's learning in a folder called a Learning Journey and through an online programme called Tapestry. This will form a unique record of your child's learning and development throughout the year. It will contain samples of work, photographs and staff observations. These folders enable staff to track your child's progress and attainment, as well as plan future activities. We also value your comments about your child's progress and attainment. WOW vouchers will be provided so you can share achievements at home.

Parent Voices: Every time we start a new topic, we will send home a parent voice. This is a document where you can provide ideas of activities/trips around the topic that you feel that your child would enjoy. They are very useful so please do fill them in with any ideas you have. It will also provide some information so do have a read!

We hope that this pack is useful - should you have any questions please feel free to speak to a member of staff. We aim to ensure that your child's experience in Littledean C of E Primary School is a happy and rewarding one. We look forward to working with both you and your child.

