



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 17

19th January 2024

Dear Parents

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection – Wednesday 24th January 2024

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.
If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.



Please bring your donations to school on the morning of Wednesday 24th January 2024 before 9.00 a.m. and leave in the covered area outside the boys toilets/rear entrance door.

Thank you.

Whole School Cricket Taster Session



On Friday 26th January, coaches from Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation will take each class for a cricket session. Children will need to wear their PE kits to school with warm layers as we aim to do the sessions outside.

Maple Class

This week, as part of their Geography unit of work on population, Maple Class went out into the village to carry out a range of fieldwork data collection activities to help them answer, "How is population impacting our environment?"



New Age Kurling Event

On Wednesday 10th January, 4 children from Chestnut Class went to Newent Community School to take part in a 'New Age Kurling' event. They had a fantastic time learning a new sport, meeting new people and working hard as a team. They placed 5th in their group. They also got to enjoy a few games of 'Table Cricket'.



Reception Children

On Tuesday 16th January the Reception children took part in a cardboard box day. We went through our ideas and made a plan of what we were going to make and what we needed. Our creations included a pumpkin dragon, rocket, unicorn and a bed! The children had lots of fun using different materials and skills for their creations.



PE Days and Forest Schools

PE

Maple Class	Monday
Chestnut Class	Tuesday
Holly Leaves (Reception and Year 1)	Wednesday
Holly Berries Class	Wednesday
Pre-School	Thursday



Forest Schools

Holly Leaves Class (YR) and Pre-School	Tuesday afternoon
Holly Berries Class (Y1 and Y2)	Thursday afternoon

Please come to school dressed in your PE and Forest Schools clothes.

Maple and Chestnut class will be doing their PE sessions outside this term. They will be running and jumping around so keeping as warm as possible. We ask that they wear warm clothing and extra layers. We suggest tracksuit bottoms (not leggings), PE t-shirt, school jumper, warm coat, hats, and gloves (fingerless if you have them).

Emergency Closure Procedures

Hopefully we won't need to do this anytime soon but just in case we need to close the school, here is a reminder of 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 / email through Eschools
- Announce the closure on Radio Gloucestershire – 104.7 fm
- Post the closure on <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> (please note new address)
- Post the closure on our school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk
- Post the closure on our X/twitter feed - @littledeansch
- If possible a member of staff will be on site to advise of the closure.

Holiday Requests

We all look forward to a holiday away from home but, before you book, please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time. Any requests submitted will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. You may also be fined for taking your child out of school during term time.



Term Dates 2023 / 2024

These are also available on our website

https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term_dates/198634

Term 3	Monday 8 th January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 th February 2024 – Friday 22 nd March 2024
Term 5	Monday 8 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2024 – Monday 22 nd July 2024

INSET Days	4	8 th April 2024
	5	22 nd July 2024

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23 rd January	Governors Leadership Committee
Wednesday 24 th January	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Thursday 25 th January	Governors Learning Walk - History
Friday 26 th January	Whole School Cricket Taster Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Visit from PSCO
Wednesday 7 th February	Governors Learning Walk - Science
Tuesday 20 th February	Governor Finance Training
Tuesday 20 th February	Chestnut Class visit to Chedworth Roman Villa
Wednesday 28 th February	Governors Curriculum Committee
Friday 1 st March	National Allocation day for Secondary School places
Tuesday 5 th March	Parental Consultations – Afternoon
Wednesday 6 th March	Parental Consultations – Evening
Friday 22 nd March	Last day of term, Easter service at St Ethelbert's Church
Wednesday 17 th April	National Allocation Day for reception pupils
Wednesday 17 th April	Swimming session 1
W/c Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 22 nd May	Maple Class Visit to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Tuesday 4 th June	Maple Class Adventure Day – Wilderness Centre