



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 12

1st December 2023

Dear Parents,

Friends Christmas Fair

Wow! The Friends have announced that they made £862.11 profit from their Christmas Fair. Huge thanks to the committee who work tirelessly to put on such a wonderful event. Also may thanks to all those that helped, our families, staff, and community for supporting the school.



Emergency Closure Procedures

Hopefully we won't need to do this this year 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.

After School Clubs

A reminder that our after school clubs ended this week, week ending Friday 1st December 2023.

We will review the clubs that we are able to offer and give you more information in January.

School Visits

Friday 15th December 2023 – Pre-School, Reception and Year 1



We have organized a visit to Santa's Grotto at Flanesford Priory. If you haven't already please complete the permission slip and visit www.parentpay.com to contribute towards the cost of the visit. The children will return to school for normal lunchtime arrangements

Tuesday 19th December 2023 Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Will visit the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth to watch the Pantomime Mother Goose. We will leave school at 12.15 so an early lunch will be taken so we ask children to bring a packed lunch. Caterlink can provide a packed lunch, these must be pre-ordered before Monday 11th December. If you haven't already please complete the permission slip and visit www.parentpay.com to contribute towards the cost of the visit



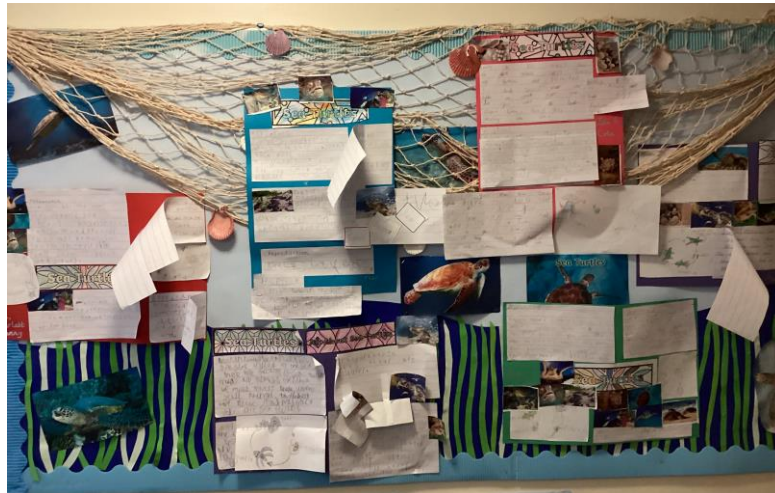
A big thank you to the Friends committee for subsidizing both of these visits.

We also ask that children in Pre-School Reception and Year 1 bring or order a packed lunch on Tuesday 19th December, they will join together for the afternoon and take part in some fun Christmas activities.

Holly Berries Class



This term Holly Berries have been excited to welcome Little Grey into their class. The children have been learning about the importance of preserving our oceans and caring for the creatures that live there. After some very convincing persuasive writing the Carbon Footprints have decided to donate some of their funds to the WWF to adopt a sea turtle. We are looking forward to keeping you updated on all of the amazing work that the charity are doing.



Christmas Lunch Menu

Once again Caterlink will be offering a Christmas Lunch Menu. Meals cost £2.54 for years 3 – 6, £2.55 for Pre-School and are free for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Payment for meals should be made through www.parentpay.com and should be paid for in advance of the meal being taken.

It's not too late to order, please return your choices before Monday 4th December 2023.
Thank you.

A choice of:

or
with
followed by

Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes, stuffing and sausage
Cheddar, Spinach and Cranberry Puff Pastry Roll
Peas, Carrots, Chef's Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
Chocolate Frosted Christmas Sponge

Sports Leaders

We would like to introduce our new Sports Leaders! Every week they will be busy supporting the Key Stage 1 children during their lunchtime play.



X (Formerly Twitter) account

Miss May has been very busy keeping our X (twitter) feed up to date and sharing our achievements with our twitter community. We can be found at @littledeansch. The feed is also available on the school website www.littledeanprimary.co.uk



Christmas Tree Festival at St Stephens Church Cinderford



Acorns have been very busy and used a ton of glitter the last couple of weeks making Christmas decorations for St Stephens Church.

Our decorations will be displayed at the Christmas Tree Festival this weekend at St Stephens Church so pop along and have a look at our Festive Nursery Rhyme Christmas tree!

Chestnut Class

Chestnut class have wowed Mrs Richards this term with their amazing botanical, observational drawings. Look how hard they are concentrating!



House Points

Each week our children work towards earning house points for their team. At the end of each seasonal term the house who have won the most times have an afternoon of fun.

House points are earned for a good attitude to learning, contributions to class discussions, good manners, ready to learn, growth mindset just to name a few.



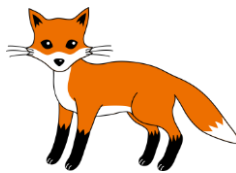
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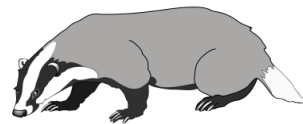
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Foxes

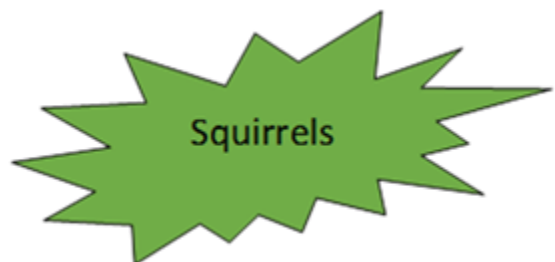
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Badgers

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Congratulations to this week's winners: -



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 2	Monday 6 th November 2023 – Friday 22 nd December 2023
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	3	22 nd December 2023
	4	8 th April 2024
	5	22 nd July 2024

Diary Dates

Monday 4 th December	Visit from the Bishops Visitor
Wednesday 6 th December	Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday 13 th December	Infant Christmas Performance – afternoon
Thursday 14 th December	Infant Christmas Performance – evening
Friday 15 th December	Santa's Grotto visit – Pre-School, Reception and Year 1
Friday 15 th December	Rock Steady Concert 9.30
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime at Savoy Monmouth for Years 2,3,4,5,6
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church School Closes at 2.00
Monday 15 th January	Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
Tuesday 16 th January	Slimbridge Visit Y1, Y2, Y3, Carbonfootprints – details to follow
Tuesday 18 th January	School Census, special hot lunch menu
Tuesday 23 rd January	Governors Leadership Committee
Wednesday 24 th January	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Wednesday 28 th February	Governors Curriculum Committee
Friday 1 st March	National Allocation day for Secondary School places
Tuesday 4 th June	Maple Class Adventure Day – Wilderness Centre