



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 20

Dear Parents

9th February 2024

Wraparound Childcare Survey 2024

You will be aware that the Government is aiming to ensure that all local authorities and schools have adequate wraparound childcare options from September 2024 onwards. For this reason we need all primary schools and parents to complete a survey that will provide data for analysis so that any gaps in provision can be identified.

We would be grateful if you would complete the Schools survey by 6pm on Friday 23rd February 2024.

[Parents Survey](#)

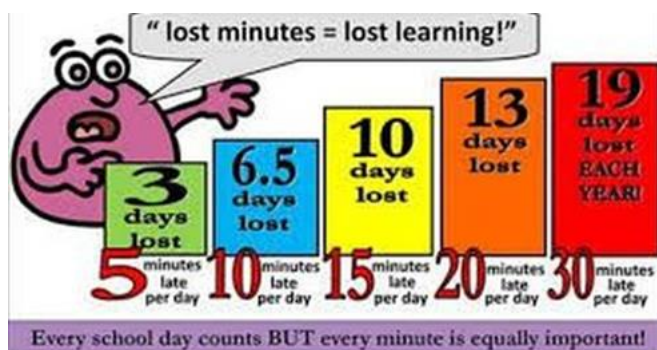
Lateness

We continue to be concerned with the number of children arriving in school after our start time of 8.40 am. Gates are locked at 8.45 am, all children and parents arriving after this time must report to reception so that children can be signed into school.

Lateness can cause distress and anxiety for the children and disrupts teachers and pupils who are already in the classroom.

We ask that you all make a big effort to arrive in school on time, ready to walk through the doors at 8.40 a.m. A chat with friends in the playground is a great way to start the day.

Thank you.



Holly Leaves Class

Children have done some baking in preparation for Valentine's day next week. Children have made a jam pastry in the shape of a love envelope. We enjoyed making our bakes and hope who ever receives them enjoys them too!



Changes to PE Sessions w/c 19th February 2024

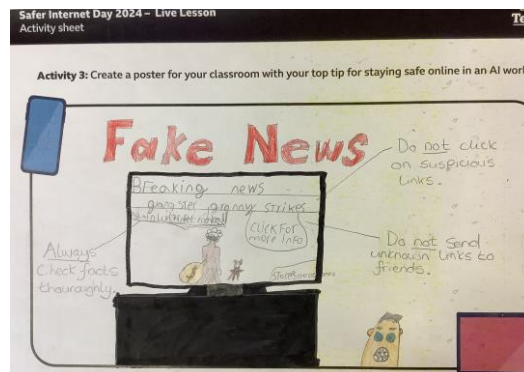
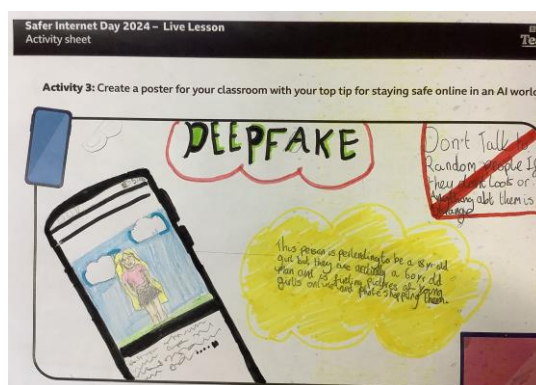
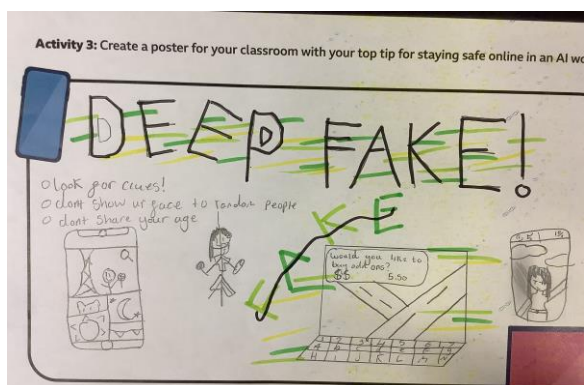
Due to Chestnut Class being on a trip, Maple Class and Chestnut Class will be swapping PE sessions the first week back.

Monday 19th - Chestnut Class PE - (Maple Class after school club as normal)

Tuesday 20th - Maple Class PE - (Chestnut Class after school club as normal)

Chestnut and Maple Classes

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day 2024. Maple and Chestnut Classes joined many other schools around the country for a BBC Live Lesson where they became digital detectives, exploring the exciting world of Artificial Intelligence and learning how to stay safe online. After the lesson, they produced posters which will be displayed around the classroom.



Slimbridge Wetlands Trust

If you enjoyed the recent visit to Slimbridge remember to log-on to the Slimbridge website using the passwords that came home for the fun nature activities to keep you busy over the holiday. Mrs Richards is looking forward to giving out lots of certificates and badges to children who complete the nature activities.

Holly Leaves Class

Children had a visit from two of our local PCSO's today. Children first learnt about the different people that help in the community and also what type of jobs a PCSO might complete. We were able to ask questions including what they have to carry for their job. They then showed us their car and the equipment they carry. The children thoroughly enjoyed it when they were shown the police car and siren.



Football Tournament

On Monday, some of our Key Stage 2 children took part in the 'Girls GPJ Soccer 6' indoor football tournament at Forest High School. They played 4 games in total and all worked incredibly hard to work as a team whilst showing great sportsmanship and resilience throughout.



After School Club - Archery

This week Chestnut After School Sport Club have been honing their archery skills.



Maple Class

Maple Class have enjoyed developing their tennis skills in PE this term.



Chestnut Class – Science Lessons



Chestnut Class - Can all children please bring in a jar with a lid for a science experiment for after half term

Pre-School and Holly Leaves Class

The children had a surprise visit from Cinderford Fire Service last Friday morning. This was part of their 'People who help us' topic. Children learnt about the different jobs that firefighters do and were able to look at the equipment they use. Children were able to sit in the fire engine and try on a helmet. We also had a go at using the hose which was lots of fun!!



World Book Day – Date to be confirmed

We are currently waiting for our virtual event date to be confirmed but this opportunity is too good to miss.

On our World Book Day we will be asking our children (and adults) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will invite parents to our parade in the hall and have a great day celebrating reading and all things related to books.

We will let you know dates and times as soon as we have them.




The poster is framed by a colorful border of squares in yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, and green. At the top right is the Gloucestershire County Council logo. Below it is a yellow banner that reads 'WORLD BOOK DAY 7 MARCH 2024'. The main title 'The Library' is in a large, black, sans-serif font, followed by 'World Book Day Costume Swap' in a larger, bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the title are two green circular icons: one showing a clothes rack with two hangers and arrows indicating a cycle, and another showing a hand holding a globe with the text 'Greener Together'. Below these icons, the dates '5 February - 19 February' are listed in green, followed by 'DONATE a costume to any library' in black. Below that, the dates '19 February - 7 March' are listed in green, followed by 'SWAP an old costume for a new one!' in black. On the right side of the poster is an illustration of a young girl with orange hair, wearing a tiger-striped shirt and skirt, standing on an open book.

The Library

Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

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7 MARCH 2024

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Costume Swap**

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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 4 Monday 19th February 2024 – Friday 22nd March 2024

Term 5 Monday 8th April 2024 – Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June 2024 – Monday 22nd July 2024

INSET Days 4 8th April 2024

5 22nd July 2024

Diary Dates

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	Governors Leadership Committee
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
Friday 12 th April	Governors Learning Walk - PSHCE
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

We wish all our families a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February at 8.40 a.m. for a busy Term 4.