



*Loving one another, building each other up*

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 16

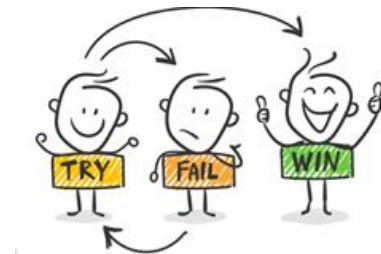
12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents

## Christian Value – Term 2

Our Christian Value for life this term is

**Perseverance**



## Years 1, 2, 3, and the Carbon Footprint Team

A reminder that the children in Year 1,2, 3 and the Carbon Footprint Team will be visiting Slimbridge Wetland Centre on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

It is forecast to be very cold next week again so we ask that the children wrap up warm, they will be spending a lot of time outside. We suggest: School Jumper and T-shirt, joggers or warm trousers, sturdy shoes or wellington boots, warm socks, warm waterproof coat, hat, gloves, scarfs.

A packed lunch is required, we know that some parents have already ordered one from Caterlink, a back pack would be useful if you have one.

Any queries or concerns please speak with your class teacher.



## Reception Children

We ask all reception parents to bring in a cardboard box on Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup> January 2024) please. Children will be completing a 'Cardboard box day'. They will use their cardboard boxes to create something using their imagination!

If you have spare boxes please bring those in too.

Thank you.



## Plans for this term

### Maple Class

Next Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, (weather permitting) Maple Class will carry out a Geography fieldwork study around the village. They will collect data regarding traffic flow, noise pollution and visual signs of littering. They will then analyse their results at school to help answer the question: How is population impacting our environment? If you have any questions or concerns please speak with Miss May

### Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have just finished their class book 'Varjak Paw' by our focus author S. F. Said. We are reading the book 'Oliver and the Seawigs' by our new focus authors Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. This term we are learning about The Romans and will be going on a visit to Chedworth Villa – information to follow shortly. We will also be looking at eating seasonally in DT, materials in science, sequencing sounds in computing and what it is like for someone to follow God in RE.

### Holly Leaves and Holly Berries

This term our topic is 'People who help us'. This week we have been looking at the Fire Service. We have learnt about the equipment they use, how they tackle a fire and how to become a firefighter. We have also completed some activities around this including exploring our fire engine and pretending to be firefighters tackling a fire!

### Pre-School

Our topic this term is 'People who help us', we will be talking about the police and fire services and we are trying to arrange for some of them to visit the school.

### After School Clubs

We are working on what clubs we can offer this term and will be putting out a letter shortly.

Richard Prescott has advised that Kids Club will start on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## 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.

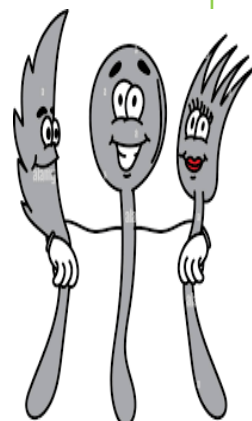
**Maple and Chestnut class will be doing their PE sessions outside this term. They will be running and jumping around so keeping as warm as possible. We ask that they wear warm clothing and extra layers. We suggest tracksuit bottoms (not leggings), PE t-shirt, school jumper, warm coat, hats, and gloves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

## School Census Day – Hot School Meals – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

18<sup>th</sup> January is the national schools census day. School funding for the next financial year (April – March) is based on number of children registered at school on this day, also numbers who are on the SEND register, free school meals register and even those who eat a school meal on this day. So as to maximise the amount of funding we can receive we will hold a special meal on the Thursday and encourage everyone to try a hot school meal.

### ***Thursday's Menu will be:***

**Sausage Chips and Beans or  
Vegetarian Burger with Chips and Beans or  
Jacket Potato with Cheese  
With Flap Jack for pudding**



The weekly menu slips will reflect these changes. Please ensure menu slips are handed in during registration on a Monday morning. A hot meal costs £2.54 daily £12.70 weekly, (Pre-school £2.55 daily £12.75 weekly) and should be paid for in advance through our online payment system [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Those children who are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are entitled to a free meal under the Universal infant free school meal scheme, as are those entitled to free school meals.

## House Points

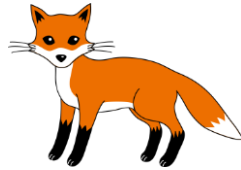
Each week our children work towards earning house points for their team. At the end of each seasonal term the house who have won the most times have an afternoon of fun.

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.



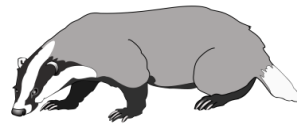
Squirrels

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Foxes

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Badgers

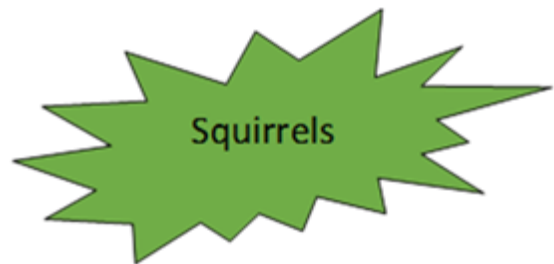
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Hedgehogs

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Congratulations to this week's winners: -



## 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 though 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](http://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.

## **Rags to Riches Clothing Collection – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 before 9.00 a.m. and leave in the covered area outside the boys toilets/rear entrance door.**  
**Thank you.**

## **Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?**

Rock Steady have offered a number of free spaces for this term, the children selected have had their first session today and all made some lovely sounds. We hope that they enjoy the sessions.

We still have some spaces left in the bands further information is available through this video

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

Rock Steady sessions take place every Friday morning in the Hall. For further information, please contact Rock Steady directly on 0330 1130330.





## Pre-School

This week 4 new children joined our pre-school and all have settled well.

We are still enjoying outdoor play despite the freezing cold weather, we have been digging in the sand and love giving lifts on the bikes. Can you please send in spare clothes in case we get a little wet.

Also, a reminder that our forest school's day is on Tuesday afternoon, can you please make sure your child has wellies, waterproofs and warm clothes as we go out whatever the weather. Thank you

We have a limited number of spaces available. If you know of any children who are turning three in the next few months please remind them that we run a pre-school for children who are aged three or four. Anyone who is interested in joining us, please contact us on 01594 822171 or email [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk)



## 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](https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term_dates/198634)

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

<b>INSET Days</b>	<b>4</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
	<b>5</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## Diary Dates

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Slimbridge Visit Y1, Y2, Y3, Carbonfootprints
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Governors Learning Walk – Geography
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Maple Class Geography Field Trip around Littledean
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	School Census, special hot lunch menu
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Governors Leadership Committee
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Cricket Taster Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Governors Learning Walk - History
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Governors Curriculum Committee
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Governor Finance Training
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Chestnut Class visit to Chedworth Roman Villa
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	National Allocation day for Secondary School places
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations – Afternoon
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations – Evening
W/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Maple Class Visit to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple Class Adventure Day – Wilderness Centre