



Loving one another, building each other up

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 10

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

## Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Thank you for your kind donations which will go directly to Children in Need. You can still make a donation if you wish through [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)



## Friends Christmas Fair – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The Friends Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 3.10 – 6.00. As usual they are looking for volunteers to help either before the day, on the day setting up, running stalls, or helping to clear away. All money raised goes to the school.

Please ensure all raffle tickets, whether sold or unsold along with any money is returned to school by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Thank you

Please see separate poster regarding the advert calendar raffle.



## News from Maple Class



Maple Class attended Stroud Book Festival (virtually) last Thursday morning. They attended a workshop by Joseph Coelho who talked about his book Poetry Prompts and Maz Evans who talked about her new book Oh Maya Gods! Maple Class enjoyed both workshops and were inspired to write their own poetry. Check out twitter for videos of Maple Class performing their poems.

## The School Office

A reminder that due to budget cuts the School Office is not manned on a Tuesday afternoon or a Thursday afternoon.

At all times please be patient if ringing the gate buzzer or telephoning the school, we may be dealing with other people, on the telephone and not able to answer you as soon as we would like, or with children who we cannot leave at that particular moment. We will get to you as soon as we are able to.

Please do not send an email advising absences / or collection arrangements as these may not be checked until later in the day or the next day. Please telephone and leave a message on the answerphone, this will be checked throughout the day.

Thank you for helping us to help you.

## New to Reception - September 2024

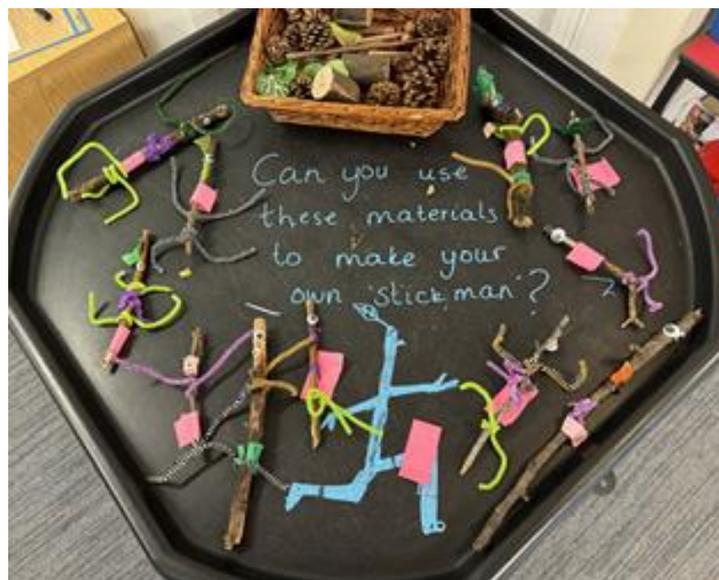
Information packs have been sent out by Gloucestershire County Council to all families that have a child due to start school in September 2024. (Child will be aged 4 on or before 31/8/2024)

We would like to invite parents to visit the school, to meet the staff, and see the classes in action. If you would like to visit please contact the school office on 01594 822171 or email [admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) to arrange an appointment.

The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

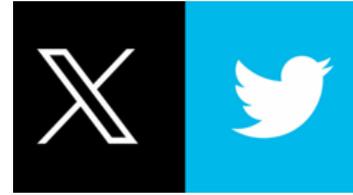
## News from Holly Leaves Class

Holly Leaves have been enjoying Julia Donaldson's 'Stick Man'. We have been very busy completing lots of different writing tasks linked to this story and had great fun making our own 'Stick People'.



## 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](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)



## Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to invite you to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, which we support every year. A leaflet has been sent home that explains what this involves and how you can take part. Alternatively a shoe box can be donated by visiting [www.shoeboworld.co.uk](http://www.shoeboworld.co.uk).



## Christmas Lunch Menu

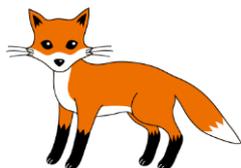
Once again Caterlink will be offering a Christmas Lunch Menu, forms have been issued this week, please return your choices to school as soon as possible. Meals cost £2.54 for years 3 – 6, £2.55 for Pre-School and are free for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Payment for meals should be made through [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and should be paid for in advance of the meal being taken.



## House Points

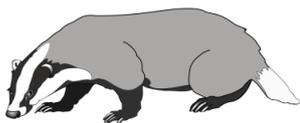
Each week our children work towards earning house points for their team. At the end of each seasonal term the house who have won the most times have an afternoon of fun.

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.



**Foxes**

**447**



**Badgers**

**421**



**Squirrels**

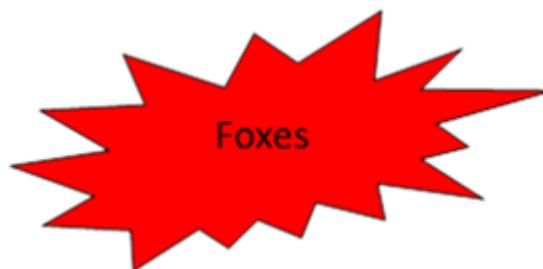
**301**



**Hedgehogs**

**251**

**Congratulations to this week's winners: -**



## Scholastic Book Club

Our Scholastic Book Shop for the Autumn collection of books is now open. If you would like to place an order please order online before 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Books will be sent to school and we will let you know when they arrive. All orders will earn free books for the school.

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/littledean-primary/digital-book-club>



## 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)

**Term 2** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

**Term 3** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Term 4** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

**Term 5** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Term 6** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

<b>INSET Days</b>	<b>3</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
	<b>4</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
	<b>5</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Governors Working Party Meeting
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends Christmas Fair 3.10 – 6.00
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit from the Bishops Visitor
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Christmas Performance – afternoon
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Christmas Performance – evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa’s Grotto visit – Pre-School, Reception and Year 1
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Rock Steady Concert 9.30
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime at Savoy Monmouth for Years 2,3,4,5,6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church School Closes at 2.00
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 – details to follow
Tuesday 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