



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 15

20th December 2023

Dear Parents

The children have taken part in a variety of Christmas activities over the past few weeks:

- ❖ Infant Christmas Nativity Play – Away in a Manger
- ❖ Rock Steady Concert
- ❖ Pre-School, Reception and Year 1 visit to Santa's Grotto
- ❖ Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 visit to Mother Goose Pantomime at The Savoy Theatre
- ❖ Christmas Jumpers – all very different designs
- ❖ Christmas Lunch

We do hope you are able to join us at St Ethelbert's Church tomorrow, details below. School closes at 2.00 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday 21st December 2023 for all children and pre-school.

On behalf of the staff and governors we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.40 a.m. for Term 3.



Christmas Selection Boxes



We would like to thank Littledean Parish Council for donating a Christmas Selection Box to each of our children and younger siblings.

Rugby World Cup Kit Bags

We would like to thank Dene Magna School for donating Rugby World Cup Kit Bags to the children.

A reminder: If you intend to bring them to school please put your name on them. Thank you.



Thursday 21st December - Last day of Term

Christmas Service at St Ethelbert's

Once again we look forward to returning to St Ethelbert's Church for our annual Christmas Service at 9.30 a.m. Parents, families, friends and neighbours are invited to join us too.



The children will return to school for some fun classroom activities followed by a normal lunchtime arrangements.

The School and Pre-School will close at 2.00 p.m. for the Christmas holiday, please arrange to collect your children from the normal doors.

We look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday 8th January 2024. Please remember our start time is 8.40 a.m.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and relaxing holiday.



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Churches

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Sunday 3 December

Christmas Tree Festival Service - 11.00 am, St Stephen

Looking for the Light - 6.00 pm, St Stephen's

Sunday 10 December

Christmas Messy Church - 3.00 pm, St Stephen's

Sunday 17 December

Christingle - 4.00 pm, St Stephen's

Carols by Candlelight - 6.00 pm, St Stephen's

Christmas Eve (Sun 24 Dec)

Christingle - 4.00 pm, St John's

Christmas Eve Communion - 10.00 pm, St John's

Christmas Eve Communion - 11.30 pm, St Stephen's

Watchnight Service - 11.30 pm, Littledean URC

Christmas Day (Mon 25 Dec)

Christmas Communion - 9.30 am, St Ethelbert's

All Age Christmas Communion - 11.00 am, St Stephen's

St Ethelbert's, Church St, Littledean, GL14 3NL

St John's, St John's Sq, Cinderford, GL14 3EX

St Stephen's, Belle Vue Rd, Cinderford, GL14 2AA



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

Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service at St Ethelbert's Church School Closes 2.00
Wednesday 10 th January	New Age Kurling Event at Newent Community School
Monday 15 th January	Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
Tuesday 16 th January	Slimbridge Visit Y1, Y2, Y3, Carbonfootprints
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
Tuesday 20 th February	Governor Finance Training
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
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