



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 8

27th October 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been an extremely busy and long term, we hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable half term break.

[We return to school on Monday 6th November, please remember our start time is 8.40 a.m.](#)

We have lots to look forward to next term, our Christmas productions, Christmas lunch, wearing our jumpers, Children in Need day, our visits to the Pantomime for Years 2 – 6 and our visit to Santa's Grotto for Pre-School, Reception and Year 1, more about this after the holidays, our rock steady concert.

We have also been busy arranging visits and activities for all the classes which will take place over the next few terms. Also we have new after school clubs and activities on offer. Please keep a check on your email in boxes, the school website and copies of letters.

Friends Christmas Fair and Non Uniform Days

Thank you for your kind donations of Jingle Jars, our next non-uniform day is on Thursday 9th November 2023. The Friends will be holding their Christmas Fair on Friday 24th November from 3.10. As usual they are always looking out 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.

9th November
Infants – Chocolate
Juniors – Bottles



We will also be asking families to buy / sell for our Christmas raffle and for cakes for our refreshment stall.

Wellbeing Champions



Following the application process for the role of Wellbeing Champions, we are pleased to be able to announce, here are our Wellbeing Champions, two from each house.



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 20th 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>



Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal

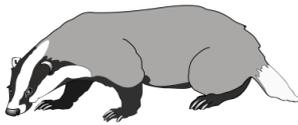
We would like to invite you to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, which we support every year. A leaflet has been sent home that explains what this involves and how you can take part. Alternatively a shoe box can be donated by visiting www.shooboxworld.co.uk.



House Points

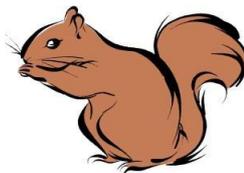
Each week our children work towards earning house points for their team. At the end of each seasonal term the house who have won the most times have an afternoon of fun.

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.



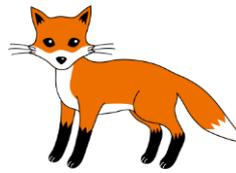
Badgers

150



Squirrels

97



Foxes

95



Hedgehogs

86

Congratulations to this week's winners: -

Badgers

Hot School Meals

Caterlink have introduced a new menu for the Autumn and Spring Term, this can be found on our website at:

https://littledean.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/178534

News from Chestnut Class

On Wednesday afternoon, Chestnut Class worked hard to explore composition and scale to create abstract drawings of flowers. We used different types of pencils, fine line pens, pastels and wax crayons to help us complete our final piece of art.



On Thursday afternoon, Chestnut Class learnt about the Suffragette movement. We re-enacted some of their protests including going on a march, smashing windows and obstructing the general public. They were shocked that women weren't able to vote and were all pleased that Emily Pankhurst managed to change the law.



Next term Chestnut class will be looking at 'Who lives in Antarctica?' in geography, 'valuing difference' in PSHCE, 'electricity and circuits' in science, 'desktop publishing' in computing and 'How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?' in RE. We will be using the book 'Lights on Cotton Rock' to inspire our work in English and have already started reading the book 'Varjak Paw' by our new focus author S. F. Said.

News from Maple Class

We have just finished our history topic - Why should we remember the Maya? Please talk to your children about this topic. Questions you could ask:

What is the region where the Maya people lived called?

What countries did the Maya people live in?

When did the ancient Maya people exist?

Why did the Maya people "disappear" in 900AD?

What was a Maya city-state like?

What was the Maya number system and writing system like?

Why did the Maya people build pyramids?



Next term we will work on our Geography skills and knowledge. Our topic will be - Why does population change?

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Once again we are supporting the Poppy Appeal. This year we have the following items in our box:



Zip Pull - 50p

Reflector Poppy – 50p

Silicon wristband – £1.00

Snap Band - £1.50

Traditional Poppy



If you would like to donate please send the money into school with your child and ask them to hand it to the class teacher during registration. Thank you

This week in Holly Berries Class

In Holly Berries we have completed a mini-topic based on The Titanic. We found out about how it was built and what it was like inside. We hope you like our paintings of The Titanic.



On Tuesday afternoon, Holly Berries had a special visitor from the Victorian times. We thought carefully about what we wanted to find out and planned lots of questions to ask her. Holly Berries thought she was very strict but very knowledgeable! She taught us lots about what school was like for children, what transport was used during this time and lots of facts about daily life. Thank you very much to Miss Goodall for all of her hard work and research!



TTRockStars Tournament

From Thursday 19th - Tuesday 24th October we held a TTRockStars tournament between Maple Class and Chestnut Class. Maple Class took an early lead on Thursday night but this didn't last long as Chesnut Class worked really hard over the weekend and by Monday morning Chestnut Class had created quite a large lead. Not to be beaten, Maple Class worked tirelessly Monday and Tuesday to catch up and by the end of play on Tuesday evening they had overtaken Chestnut Class once again.

Final Class Average Score:

19th October - 24th October 2023 09:00 - 19:00		Completed	
Maple 783 Chestnut 609			
Info	Class Results	Pupil Results	Certificates
Class Average Correct		Class Total Correct	
1	Maple	783	
2	Chestnut	609	

The three top scorers across both class are:

- 1st - Aaliyah with 5383 correct answers
- 2nd - Lilianna with 4073 correct answers
- 3rd - Hannah with 3496 correct answers



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 6th November 2023 – Friday 22nd December 2023

Term 3 Monday 8th January 2024 – Friday 9th February 2024

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 3 22nd December 2023

4 8th April 2024

5 22nd July 2024

Diary Dates

Thursday 9th November Friends Non Uniform Day for donations of bottles/chocolate

Friday 17th November Children in Need

Friday 24th November Friends Christmas Fair 3.10

Wednesday 13th December Infant Christmas Performance – afternoon

Thursday 14th December Infant Christmas Performance – evening

Friday 15th December Rock Steady Concert 9.30

Tuesday 19th December Pantomime at Savoy Monmouth for Years 2,3,4,5,6

Wednesday 20th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church School Closes at 2.00