



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 26

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Dear Parents

Book recommendation by Oakley



I recommend the book *White Bird* by R.J. Palacio because it is so interesting. The book is like a comic but it tells a great story. The story is about a grandmother telling her grandson about what it was like during WWII. At times it is a bit sad but there are happy moments as well.

All of R.J. Palacio's books are good, but this one is fantastic. For all the book lovers out there who love a graphic novel, *White Bird* is the book for you. I bet you will love it because I sure did!

Hope you have a great read!



The author
R.J. Palacio

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.

Parents Parking in Oak Way Car Park

Oak Way car park belongs to Two Rivers Housing Association and there has been a long standing informal agreement that parents can use the car park for a quick drop and go, as long as they do not interfere with the resident's use of this area. Two Rivers Housing Association have the right to block access to non-residents.

So that our parents do not lose the privilege of being able to park in Oak Way car park we ask that everyone is considerate to our neighbours and not block entrances, cars and garages. Also to remember that it is a quick drop / collect and go and not a place to leave your car while visiting the play park, friends, etc.

Also child safety is a big concern around moving cars, please drive carefully in the car park and supervise children at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

Holly Leaves and Berries visit to Hartpur University

The children from Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes had a wonderful morning exploring Hartpur University. Holly Berries came face to face with meerkats and prairie dogs and had great fun recognising animal noises as part of their topic on senses. Whilst Holly leaves were lucky enough to touch a snake, hissing cockroaches and stick-insects as part of their mini-beast topic.



HARTPUR

Sports for Schools – Monday 29th April 2024

This week, we revealed the Sports for Schools athlete that will be visiting us on Monday 29th April.

Jack Rutter will be running a fun fitness circuit, followed by an inspirational assembly and Q&A session.



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**GB PARALYMPIC
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JACK RUTTER**

TO OUR SCHOOL THIS TERM!

SCAN ME

JUST SCAN THIS QR CODE AND SEARCH
FOR OUR SCHOOL TO GET STARTED

- 👉 GET THE CHILDREN MOVING IN A FUN FITNESS CIRCUIT
- 👉 WITNESS THE STRENGTH, TALENT & RESILIENCE OF A TOP ATHLETE
- 👉 RAISE MONEY FOR NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The children should have brought home a sponsorship form on Monday, so make sure to check their bags for this. Please let us know if you do not have one. There are even some fun games on the back of the forms – don't forget to enter the Sports for Schools competition by emailing a photo of the completed sponsorship form to hello@sportsforschools.org.

If you would like to sponsor your child, you can bring in cash with the sponsorship form, or you can donate online by following this link and searching for the school name: <https://portal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing>

If you need help with setting up your sponsorship page, watch this short YouTube video on how to set one up: <https://youtu.be/e4lXMdNAzbl>



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Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection – 13th May 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 buy and 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 bags to school on the morning of Monday 13th May
and leave undercover by the rear entrance door



News from Pre-School

Acorns class topic this term is Under the sea, we had great fun playing with the parachute in P.E. The parachute was our ocean, it made big and small waves that made a bumpy trip for the ship that was in the middle.

Acorns class enjoyed some fishing, they caught fish with numbers to recognise, and enjoyed the dry warmer weather by making a start on the garden patch by digging up some weeds.



Coleford Walking Festival – Walking with Dinosaurs

As a part of the Coleford Area walking festival (which runs between the 11th and 19th May) my husband and I are leading a family walk called Walking with Dinosaurs. This walk is for families with primary aged children and follows part of the Deep Time walk along the linear park in Cinderford.

The walk takes place on Saturday 18th May. It is approximately 1.7 miles long. Some families with young children may not consider that the Coleford Walking Festival walks are appropriate for their young children, so we are trying to get the message out to them that this walk has been especially aimed at families with primary school age children

To book a place on this walk people can go to the following website <https://colefordareawalkingfestival.co.uk/> or they can also book in person by calling in at the Tourist Information Centre in Coleford.

Jane Baird

Walking with Dinosaurs
Family walk

Meet augmented reality
dinosaurs

Saturday
18th May

Hunt for
dinosaur footprints

Make a dinosaur
nest and eggs

Book at
www.colefordareawalkingfestival.co.uk Or at the Tourist Information Centre
Coleford

Coleford Area Walking Festival
11th to 19th May 2024

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/term_dates/198634

2023 / 2024

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

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

INSET Days 5 22nd July 2024

2024 / 2025 - Please note: INSET days have not yet been agreed

Term 1 Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 25th October 2024

Term 2 Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024

Term 3 Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Term 4 Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

Term 5 Monday 28th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 – Monday 21st July 2025

Diary Dates

Friday 26 th April	Wellbeing Champions visit to Viney Hill Centre
Monday 29 th April	Sports For Champions Sponsor Day
Wednesday 1 st May	Swimming Session 2
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8 th May	Governors Learning Walk – DT
Monday 13 th May	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
W/c Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 15 th May	Swimming Session 3
Tuesday 21 st May	Full Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday 22 nd May	Maple Class Visit to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Tuesday 4 th June	Maple Class Adventure Day – Wilderness Centre
Wednesday 5 th June	Swimming Session 3
Thursday 8 th June	Class and Leavers Photographs
Fri 9 th June – Weds 12 th June	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 14 th June	Friends Fathers Day Pop up Shop