



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 5

4th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection 3rd October 2024



Thank you for your donations yesterday. We collected 32 bags and raised £55.72 for the school. Our next collection will be on 27th March 2025

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 which explains what this involves and how you can take part. Alternatively a shoe box can be donated by visiting www.shoeboworld.co.uk.



Cauliflower Christmas Cards – Deadline Tuesday 15th October 2024



The children have produced some lovely work for their cauliflower cards art work and this and the order forms have been sent home. Please place orders and return your artwork and order form to school before Tuesday 15th October 2024.

Young Minds – Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day Thursday 10th October

The Friends of Littledean School are supporting the Young Minds, wear yellow for World Mental Health Day. Children are invited to wear yellow and make a donation to Young Minds on Thursday 10th October.

Come together in yellow.

10 October 2024

Every year, thousands of schools, companies and communities come together to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to YoungMinds.

Right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

This World Mental Health Day, wear yellow with thousands of others across the UK and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Because we stand brighter, together.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

YOUNGMINDS

Introducing our new Wellbeing Champions

Following some fantastic presentations the following have been elected as our new wellbeing champions:

Aaliyah

Daniel

Ethan T

Lilly J

Maddy

Freya

Ella Lou

Lilly Mai

Freddie

We will hear more from them over the next few weeks

Harvest Celebrations

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

PASTA SAUCE

TINNED POTATOES

UHT FRUIT JUICE

BISCUITS

UHT MILK

SPAGHETTI HOOPS

CRISPS

DEODORANT

SHAMPOO

SHOWER GEL

INSTANT NOODLES

SOAP



[Find out what's in a food parcel](#)

Once again as part of our harvest celebrations will ask our school community to donate, if possible, towards the Forest Food Bank. We know what an essential service they provide not only to our community but across the Forest of Dean.

Please bring your donations into school before Tuesday 22nd October 2024.

Thank you



Further information about the Forest Foodbank can be found at

<https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/>

Flu Immunisation – Consent

Last week we sent an email with details of how to consent for your child to receive the nasal flu immunisation. This will take place on Monday 4th November, first day back after half term.

Consent is now through an online form only:

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>, Our Unique Code: GC115631

We ask that you complete the forms as soon as possible. Thank you

As the hall will be in use all day we will require the children to have a packed lunch that day. These can be ordered through Caterlink if needed

Maple Class Visit to Robinswood Hill

Maple Class very much enjoyed a trip to Robinswood Hill Country Park this week. They took part in a 'Habitat Discovery Day' which involved becoming wildlife detectives in Squirrel Wood and pond dipping. Many thanks to the Wilder Learning Bursary through the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust for funding this amazing trip. The children (and staff) really enjoyed being out of the classroom and learning about the nature around us. The children did a great job of showing off their science knowledge - #veryproudteacher!



Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 1	Monday 2 nd September 2024 – Friday 25 th October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024 – Friday 20 th December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2025 – Friday 14 th February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 11 th April 2025
Term 5	Monday 28 th April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Monday 21 st July 2025

INSET Day	3	20 th December 2024
INSET Day	4	11 th April 2025
INSET Day	5	21 st July 2025

Holiday Requests

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office: https://littledean.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/169684 You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9 th October	Full Governing Board Meeting
Thursday 10 th October	Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 15 th October	Friends Meeting 7.00 p.m. Littledean Guest House Hotel
Wednesday 23 rd October	Leadership Governors Meeting
Monday 4 th November	Flu Immunisation – Packed lunches required
Wednesday 6 th November	Heights and Weights for Year 6 and Reception
Tuesday 12 th November	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 13 th November	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 20 th November	Full Governing Board Meeting
Thursday 28 th November	Visit from Bishop Robert
Friday 13 th December	Whole School visit to Roses Theatre Tewkesbury
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day