



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 19

14th February 2025

Dear Parents,

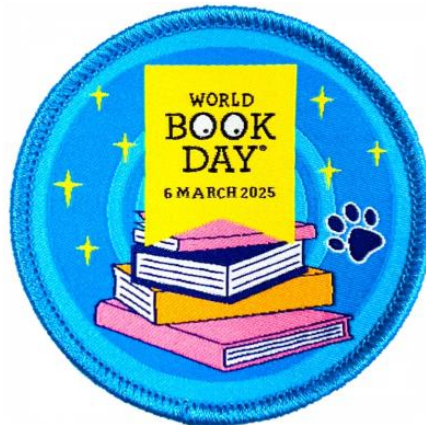
World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

This year for World Book Day we ask that children come to school in PJ's ready to have stories read to them throughout the day.

Parents are invited to join us from 9.00 – 9.45 to read with their child. Coffee and iced buns at 9.45.

In the afternoon each adult in school will have a book prepared to read – children will choose which book they want to listen to and will go, as a group to get cosy and listen to a story.

The children will be issued with their £1.00 world book day token nearer the date.



Families in Partnership

In this month's newsletter they share the latest updates, news and developments from around the county for families with SEND.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership-newsletters/families-in-partnership-newsletter-february-2025/?pageNumber=1>

Lunchtime League

32 children signed up to take part in a lunchtime football league. Four teams of eight have played a number of games over the last two weeks.

They played for points: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, and 1 point for a loss. All points will be converted to house points. The winning teams' points will be doubled.

The results are:

The Ballers - 18 points

Turnips- 12 points

The winners - 11 points

Ready, steady goal - 7 points.

Well done to everyone who took part and we will restart after half term.



Maple Class

Maple Class investigated transparency in science this week. After reviewing their results, they were able to categorise materials into opaque, translucent or transparent.



We wish all our families a very healthy and restful half term break. School reopens on Monday 24th February 2025 at 8.40 a.m.

Holly Berries Class

Holly Berries have had a very busy half term. We have really enjoyed learning about Toys from the past in History and were excited to have the opportunity to make our own Victorian style toys such as kites, dolls and cup and ball games using modern day materials.

In Computing, we have been creating our own pieces of music. We thought about rhythm, pulse and tempo and used the Chrome Music Lab on the ipads. We were able to talk about how the music we had created made us feel and suggest ways we could edit and improve it.

During RE we have learnt about life for Muslims. The children found out stories from Islam. As part of our work we designed prayer mats and discovered that many Muslims pray 5 times a day.



Chestnut Class - After School Sport Club

Chestnut Class having fun playing hockey in their after school sports club



Friends – Dates for your Diary

The Friends Committee have been planning some activities for this year:

- Good Friday 18th April - Easter egg hunt and Easter raffle
- Friday 20th June- Summer fair 3:10-6.00 pm.
- Friday 28th November- Christmas fair 3:10-6.00 pm.

As always we will require help to run these events, if you are able to help please contact Amy Evans or Sophie Greenhalgh Cook. Thank you. Further information to follow.

Holly Leaves Class

This week Holly leaves have been enjoying using the construction area to make models, build towers taller than we are and match our sounds to their capital letters. We've also been painting our clay sculptures and making caterpillars by following our friend's instructions.



Parents Afternoon / Evening Consultations

These will take place as follows:

Maple and Chestnut Classes – Tuesday 18th March 2025 from 1.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Holly Berries and Holly Leaves Classes – Wednesday 26th March from 1.30 – 7.00 p.m.

A letter will be issued at the start of next term.

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

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

INSET Day 4 11th April 2025

INSET Day 5 21st July 2025

2025 / 2026 – INSET days to be confirmed

Term 1 Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025

Term 2 Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 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://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/attendance_at_school/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 5th March

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Thursday 6th March

Tuesday 11th March

Thursday 20th March

Friday 21st March

Friday 18th April

Tuesday 25th March

Thursday 27th March

Wednesday 9th April

Friday 2nd May

Wednesday 7th May

Wednesday 7th May

Governors Learning Walk – Art

Governors Leadership Meeting

World Book Day Celebrations

Governors Strategic Safeguarding Training

Governors Learning Walk – Science

Comic Relief Non Uniform Day

Friends Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Full Governing Board Meeting

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

Leadership Governors Meeting

80th Anniversary VE Day

Swimming Session 1

Holly Leaves Visit to St Ethelbert's Church