



*Loving one another, building each other up*

# Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 3

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents,

## School Photographs – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The photographer took some beautiful photographs of the children yesterday, packs were sent home with the children.

Please place your orders online by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October so that they can be delivered towards the end of October. Thank you



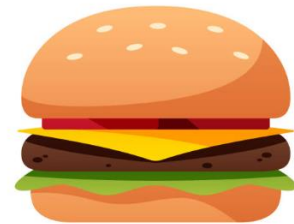
## School Census Day – Hot School Meals – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is the national schools census day. School funding for the next financial year (April – March) is based on number of children registered at school on this day, also numbers who are on the SEND register, free school meals register and even those who eat a school meal on this day. So as to maximise the amount of funding we can receive we will hold a special meal on the Thursday and encourage everyone to try a hot school meal.

### ***Thursday's Menu will be:***

**Beef Burger in a Bun or  
Vegan Burger in a Bun  
with Chips, Peas and Beans**

**Vanilla Shortbread, fresh fruit or  
yogurt for pudding**



The weekly menu slips will reflect these changes. Please ensure menu slips are handed in during registration on a Monday morning. A hot meal costs £2.71 daily, (Pre-school £2.72 daily) and should be paid for in advance through our online payment system [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Those children who are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are entitled to a free meal under the Universal infant free school meal scheme, as are those entitled to free school meals.

## Absences from School

### Absences

Children should attend school every day they are well enough to do so. Should you decide that your child will not attend school please remember to contact the school office on 01594 822171, before 9.15 a.m. An answerphone is available. We ask that you give a reason for your child being absent. Our safeguarding procedures will be followed if we do not know why your child is absent from school.

### Holidays in Term Time

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](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.

### Lateness

A reminder that school starts at 8.40 a.m. Gates are locked at 8.45 a.m. If children arrive after this they must report to the main reception doors for entry into school.

School ends at 3.10 p.m. or 4.10 p.m. when attending after school clubs. If you are going to be late or if someone different is due to collect your child please let us know. Thank you.

### Emergency Contact details

If you or your emergency contacts have changed your telephone numbers, moved house etc please let the school office know the new details. Thank you.

## Headlice

Unfortunately parents have advised that we have headlice and nits in the school community. Please help us to become nit and headlice free by tying long hair up whilst in school and checking your children (and other family members) on a regular basis. Further information can be found on the NHS direct website. Thank you.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

## Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Clothing Collection 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and leave undercover by the rear entrance door

## Beezebodies

BOOK YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE TODAY - Become A Healthier, Happier Family. Free, fun, family-focused programmes to help you and your children make healthy habits for life!

### A better future for your family

- Expert guidance on healthy eating and exercise from our family wellbeing specialists
- Take part online OR after school in your local community – whatever works for you
- Learn how to turn small, easy changes into long-lasting healthy habits
- Get moving every week with family-friendly fun and games
- Completely free – the government's picking up the tab!

We'll help you make long term sustainable changes towards a healthier lifestyle through weight management, fitness, nutrition learning and loads of top tips and handy strategies to crack those pesky bad habits and replace them with healthy ones.

For more information please visit - <https://beezebodies.com/blog/helloooo-gloucestershire/>

## Friends of Littledean School and Pre-School

Following their meeting earlier this week the officers have been elected as follows:

Chair- Sophie Greenhalgh-Cook

Secretary- Amy Evans

Treasurer- Kayleigh-Ann Matuszyk

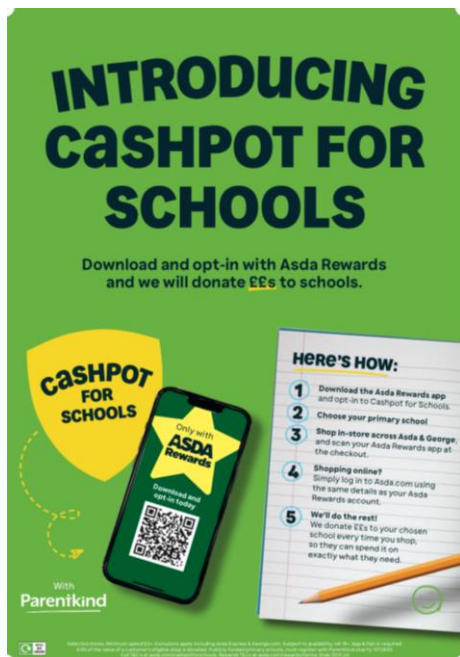
They also discussed many new and exciting ways to raise funds for the school. As soon as we have firm dates we will let you know.

As always if you are available to help with any of the prep work, help on the day or help clearing up after events please let a member of the committee know.

Their next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 p.m. at Littledean House Hotel, all welcome to attend.



## Friends – Fundraising idea



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops.

So, if you shop at Asda all you need to do is download the Asda Rewards app and select 'Littledean C of E Primary School' and then just do your normal shopping, and the school will get a percentage for no extra cost. 😊

## Maple Class

Maple Class began their new Science topic, Materials: Mixtures and Separation, with an experiment. They now have a good scientific understanding of a mixture.

Maple Class have also started the art and design unit, Craft and Design: Photo Opportunity. During this unit they will explore creative photographic techniques, create new images through photomontage, understand photorealistic self-portraits, and apply digital photography to art design, enhancing their skills in composition and editing. Last lesson they used the iPads to create macrophotography of fruit and vegetables.



## School Policies

All updated School Policies can be found on the school website at:

[https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/school\\_policies/321303](https://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk/website/school_policies/321303) Paper copies can be obtained from the school office on request.

## Free School Meals

*Why should I apply?* - For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

*What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?* Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

*Infant free school meals in England* -Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in: reception class, year 1, year 2. We still ask that you apply for this via the normal free school meals applications so as to prevent your child's school missing out on additional funding.

For further information and to apply please visit

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

### X (Formerly Twitter) account

Miss May has been very busy keeping our X (twitter) feed up to date and sharing our achievements with our twitter community. We can be found at @littledeansch.



## Term Dates

These are also available on our website

### 2024 / 2025 –

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

<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>3</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>4</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>5</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Curriculum Governors Meeting
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Maple Class visit to Robinswood Hill
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Census – Special Meal
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Full Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends Meeting 7.00 p.m. Littledean Guest House Hotel
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Leadership Governors Meeting
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation – Packed lunches required
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Heights and Weights for Year 6 and Reception
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Governing Board Meeting
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Visit from Bishop Robert
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School visit to Roses Theatre Tewkesbury
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day