



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 17

31st January 2025

Dear Parents,

Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme – Children and Families Commissioning Hub



For February 2025 half term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. Families who sign up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per eligible child.

Voucher code emails will be sent from week commencing 10 February. If parents have not received their vouchers by 17 February, they should submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#). Please check emails including junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

Families not already registered to receive holiday FSM vouchers can make an application from midday 27 January until midday on 7 February. To make a new application please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#).

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. To update existing details please submit a request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#).

Vouchers need to be used and will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued.

Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) before the end of the holiday period.

Holly Berries Class

Holly Berries are continuing their unit of Materials: Everyday uses for Science. They have enjoyed completing experiments to test materials. We have been looking at a range of materials and tested which material is the 'stretchiest'. We then measured the amount it stretched using cubes and recorded our data. We found that an elastic band could stretch the most!



The Friends of Littledean School



Friday



Tuck shop



**EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL,
IN THE BACK PLAYGROUND.**

Stock will vary week to week.

All items will contain no nuts and nutritional information will be available on purchase if needed.

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

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

Tuesday 4th February

Wednesday 5th February

Thursday 20th March

Tuesday 25th March

Thursday 27th March

Wednesday 9th April

w/c Monday 12th May

Full Governing Board Meeting

Governors Learning Walk – Reading

Governors Learning Walk – Science

Full Governing Board Meeting

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

Leadership Governors Meeting

Year 6 SAT's