

## Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 17

Dear Parents,

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

## 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.

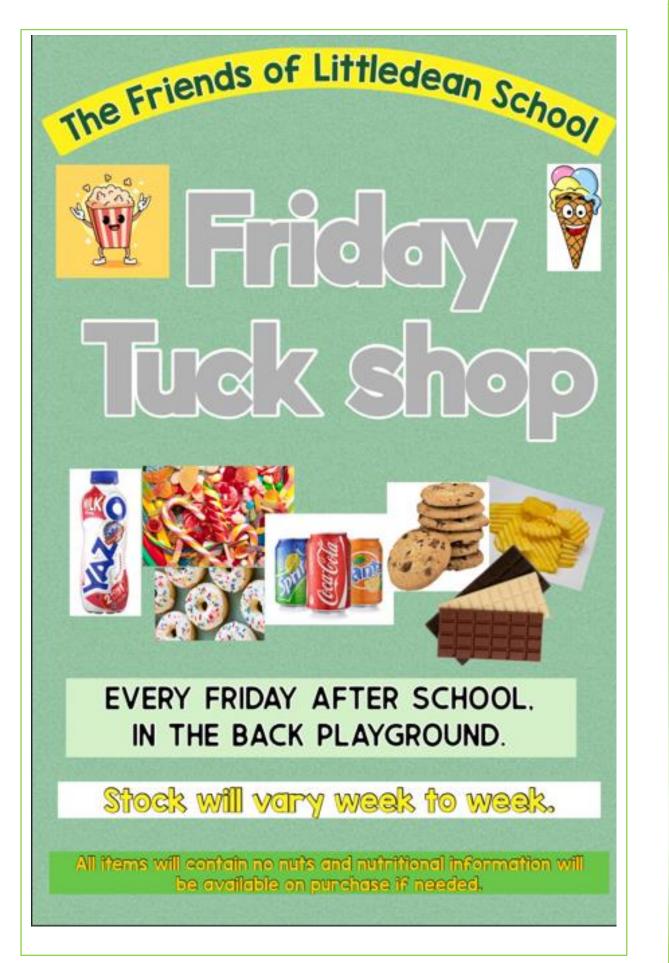
Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form HERE before the end of the holiday period.

## **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!







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Term Dates		
These are a	lso available on our website	
2024 / 2025	5 –	
Term 3	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	
Term 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
Term 5	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	
Term 6	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	
INSET Day	<b>4</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
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## **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 <u>each</u> parent for <u>each</u> 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 4<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April w/c Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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