



Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 13

13th December 2024

Dear Parents,

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December 2024

We hold our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 18th December and look forward to enjoying either a traditional or vegetarian meal with all the trimmings.

Please remember to visit www.parentpay.com to pay for your meal in advance of the day.

Meals cost £2.71 for years 3 – 6, £2.72 for Pre-School and are free for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



Staff News

Mrs Bonser has decided to leave to spend more time with her family after almost 28 year with us. Recently she has worked as Chestnut Class Teaching Assistant but in her time at the school she has also worked in the school office, been a very active member of the Friends Committee, a parent governor and in the early days as a volunteer reader. We wish Mrs B much luck in the future.

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 18th December



Just for fun, we ask children to wear their Christmas Jumper into school on Wednesday 18th December.

Thursday 19th December – Last Day of Term

Pre-School

Our Pre-School will close at 12.45 for the holiday. Please arrange to collect your child from the normal door. You are welcome to join the rest of the school at St Ethelberts Church for our Christmas Service

Christmas Service

Once again we look forward to returning to St Ethelbert's Church for our annual Christmas Service at 1.00 p.m. Parents, families, friends and neighbours are invited to join us too.

End of the day

The children will return to school from Church to collect belongings and will be ready for home at 2.00 p.m. Please collect your children from the normal doors.

On the last day of term hot meals will not be available so the children will require a packed lunches. These can be ordered from caterlink on the usual weekly menu

On behalf of the staff and governors we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy new year.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8.40 a.m. for Term 3.



Friends Christmas Fair

Our Friends raised a total of £1095.22 at their recent Christmas Fair. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends Committee, volunteers and all those that attended and spent on the day.



A list of the raffle prize winners is posted on the school website.
[www/littledeanprimary.co.uk](http://www.littledeanprimary.co.uk)

Holly Leaves – Nativity Play

Thank you to those who were able to join us at St Ethelbert's Church last week for Holly Leaves Christmas Nativity Play. The children were amazing.



Holly Berries Christmas Performance

We hope you enjoyed Holly Berries performances of Bauble: A Tremendous Nativity earlier this week. They all worked very hard at learning their lines and songs. We are very proud of them.



Water Bottles in School

We have noticed that some children are bringing very large water bottles into school, unfortunately we are getting to the point where we do not have enough storage for these wider / larger bottles.

We ask that the bottles children bring into school hold a maximum of 70ml and are of the tall slim variety.



It is extremely important that children stay hydrated throughout the day, water bottles can be filled at school if needed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 2 Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024

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 3 20th December 2024

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

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Wednesday 15th January

w/c Monday 12th May

Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Service at St Ethelbert's Church

Young Voice Concert – Birmingham

Year 6 SAT's