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Lunchtimes at Leckhampton

Now that the wintry weather is upon us, we would like to inform parents of a few changes that we are making to lunchtimes to ensure that the children continue to have engaging and active lunchtimes over the winter months.

From Monday 2nd December the following changes will be in place:

- **Slight changes to timings:** Reception and KS1 lunchtime will be from 11.45am to 12.45pm. Year 3 lunchtime will be from 12.30pm to 1.30pm (with Y4, Y5 & Y6).
- **Old School Hall:** This will be open four days a week for games, crafts & colouring, please see the timetable below for when your child can access this:

	12.15pm – 12.35pm	12.50pm – 1.15pm
Monday	Reception	Years 3 & 4
Tuesday	Years 1 & 2	Years 5 & 6
Wednesday	Closed due to Junior Choir	
Thursday	Reception	Years 3 & 4
Friday	Years 1 & 2	Years 5 & 6

- **KS2 Midday Laps:** At 1pm each day, pupils in Years 3 – 6 will have an opportunity to run laps of the school field. If you would like your child to take part in this, they will need to change their school shoes for outdoor shoes (old trainers will be best) before they go to lunch. They will need to label their school shoes just in case shoes are misplaced. They need to store their muddy trainers in a labelled carrier bag on their peg until the end of each week. If Midday Laps prove successful, we will consider rolling this out to the younger children in the new year.

A few lunchtime reminders:

- Lunchboxes must be labelled on the outside of the box so that they can easily be returned to children.
- No lunchboxes should be left on the shelves after school or over the weekend please.



Year 3's Hamper Scamper 2024

Each year, our Year 3 pupils arrange for a collection of Christmas foods to be donated to CCP (Caring for Communities and People). During their PSHE (Vision) lessons, the children learn about compassion and kindness and about how they can play an active role in the life of the school and wider community.

If you would like to donate one or more of the following items between **Monday 9th and Friday 13th December 2024**, please send items in with your child. Year 3 pupils will collect the items each morning from classrooms to prepare them for collection by CCP.

Items on the wish list include:

- **A festive dessert**
- **Tasty biscuits or mince pies**
- **Chocolates**
- **Savoury snacks**
- **Hot drinks**

*Food items donated need to be in date until **26th December 2024**. Out of date items cannot be accepted.*

If you would like to find out more about this amazing charitable event, please follow the link below:

[Hamper Scamper](#)

Spelling Update from the English Team

We wanted to say 'hello' and update you about some tweaks that we're going to make to supplement our spelling curriculum.

In the new year, we will launch the fabulous and fun platform that is 'Spelling Shed'! This is an online system to support the practising of spelling at home through interactive games and activities. Teachers will share a range of specific words through the children's 'Spelling Shed' platform to enable the children to practise at home.

In addition to this, we will also be developing the half-termly spelling letter that we send out within year groups. You'll see some small changes to the letter that will hopefully support you further when practising with your children at home.

To challenge the children in Years 3-6, we will also be holding a ten-word spelling quiz at the end of each week. This quiz will include words from the games and activities the children will have experienced, using 'Spelling Shed' and in class. These quizzes will not start until we have launched this online resource.

Login details for 'Spelling Shed' will be shared within the half-termly guidance. We plan to start using this resource in the new year...so keep your eyes peeled for further instructions!

The English Team

Mrs Sarah Head (Phonics Lead)

Mrs Jane Manning (KS1 English Lead)

Mrs Hannah Bennett (KS2 English Lead)

Children in Need 2024 – Grand Total

On Friday 15th November, our school family came together wearing their colours for Children in Need. It was a very special day in school and raised a staggering £1012! We would like to thank everybody for their support.

Headlice Guidance

A few families have kindly let us know that they have discovered headlice in their children's hair. Please see below the guidance from the NHS on how best to deal with headlice, should your child have them:

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

Upcoming Dates

Monday 2nd December

Last week of teacher-led clubs until 2025

Tuesday 3rd December

Hornbeam Class cooking trip

Wednesday 4th December

Lime Class Carol Singing at The Hamptons

Thursday 5th December

Aspen Class cooking trip

Hawthorn Class cooking trip

Thursday 5th December

Willow Class Worship at 9.00am

Thursday 5th December

Non-uniform day in return for tombola prizes

Friday 6th December

Osprey wear house colours (light blue)

Friday 6th December

FoLPS Christmas Fair 5 - 7pm

Monday 9th December

Year 3 Hamper Scamper begins

Tuesday 10th December

Year 1 Nativity at 2pm

Holly Class Carol Singing at The Hamptons

Wednesday 11th December

Year 1 Nativity 9.30am

Thursday 12th December

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

(donations via ParentPay)

Friday 13th December

Year 5 Project Runway 2.40pm – 3.10pm

Friday 13th December

Last day for Year 3 Hamper Scamper donations

Tuesday 17th December

Rotary Carol Concert. 6pm rehearsal. 7.30pm concert.

Sycamore Carol Singing at The Hamptons

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December

Last day of term

FoLPS Update

Christmas Jumper and Nativity costume market: Thank you to all those who donated and bought festive jumpers and nativity costumes yesterday. We raised £114 for the school.

Christmas Fair

The FoLPS Christmas Fair is on Friday 6th December 5 - 7pm. Below are a few things to note:

Non-uniform day: On Thursday 5th December children are invited to wear non-uniform to school - in return for donating a prize for our tombola at the fair - please bring your donations into the Conference room* on Thursday morning from 8:35am.

Cakes: We kindly ask that Reception and KS1 children donate a small plate of homemade cakes. We have found previously that we have lots left over so only need these years group to do this please. The homemade bakes are the ones that sell first - so we would like to ask that if you, or your children, are a keen baker we would be delighted if you could bring in a few goodies - just a small plate - but there is no need to bring in any shop bought cakes this year. Please donate these to the Conference room* on the morning of Friday 6th from 8:35am. If you would like your tin/box/container returned please make sure it is labelled with your child's name and class so if not collected at the fair - we will return to your child's class on Monday.

Storytime with Santa: Come and visit Santa and his elves at the North Pole. When you enter our magical grotto you will enjoy an enchanting story from Santa, and then you will receive a small gift. There are a limited number of places and all children entering will need a ticket, costing £4 which can either be purchased here**:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofleckhampton/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=87595> or there will be tickets on the day if they are not sold out.

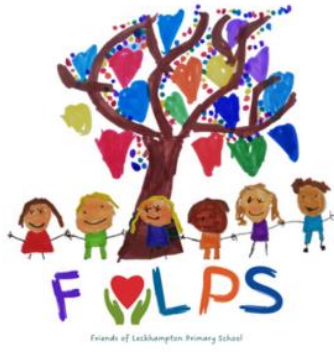
FoLPS needs you! Events such as this are unable to run without enough volunteers to help man the stalls - we have 2 time slots - 16:45 - 18:00 or 18:00 - 19:15. If you are able to help, please email chair@folps.com with your time and stall preference.

What will be there?: Bar, hot dog stand, tombola, tea and cakes, glitter tattoos and hair chinks, sweet stall, games and a grotto! Cotswold Pizza Van will also be returning. Everything (except the pizza van) is being run by FoLPS this year so we need more volunteers this year please!

Don't forget your re-usable mugs for the mulled wine and hot drinks!

* Conference room has 2 entrances; one by the Reception outdoors area and the second from the Upper playground - it is the room between the Y1 classrooms and the Studio (Sidney's House).

**You will need to register with pta-events site to purchase tickets - but this is how FoLPS sell all our tickets now.



Kind regards,
Rich and Clara
Joint Chair of FoLPS PTA



Join us at your **School Nurse Hub** for parents

We provide confidential, professional support with any concerns you may have for your child including healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise, self-esteem and resilience, sleep, dental health and hygiene, anxiety and behaviour

Drop in for an informal chat or take the opportunity to meet other parents with similar worries

Your local hub: Glenfall Community Primary School, GL52 6XZ

- 11/12/24 from 9:30 – 10:30
- www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/school-nursing



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**Mon 23
Dec
6.30pm**

Meet at War Memorial, Hall Road

Bring a torch and singing voices!

Free refreshments at The Dug Out café Burrows Field

All ages welcome

Route around Church Road, Hall Road, Charnwood Road & Arden Road

Free community event. Not for cash, just for Christmassy vibes

6.30pm carol singing

7.10pm (approx.) refreshments at The Dug Out

Christmas Treecycling



Recycle your real Christmas tree this January.

Our reliable and friendly team of volunteers will collect your real Christmas tree directly from your front door, front garden or driveway.

Search **Sue Ryder Christmas Treecycling** to book your collection today.

**Bookings close
8th January 2025.**

We'll be collecting from 13th to 17th January 2025 from the following postcodes:

GL2 0, GL2 8, GL2 9, GL3 1, GL3 2, GL20 5, GL20 6, GL20 7, GL20 8, GL50, GL51, GL52, GL53, GL54 1, GL54 2, GL54 4, GL54 5, GL55 6 and GL56 0

With an optional donation, your Christmas tree could become the gift of expert care and support for seriously ill people and their loved ones.



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BOXING DAY FUN RUN



Keep the holiday spirit alive this Boxing Day with our annual 5K Fun Run! There will be a prize for the best costume and post-run refreshments available at The Dug Out Cafe.

26th December 2024

Run starts at 10am

FREE - All ages welcome

Burrows Field, Moorend
Grove, Cheltenham GL53 0HA

➤ For more information
and to sign up, head to
our website.

Hosted by Sportily &
Leckhampton Rovers
Football Club



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