



*"Learning Together, Playing Together, Succeeding Together"*  
*Supported by Christian values*

*Headteacher: Caroline Jackson*

14<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Class Organisation at Lacock School for Academic Year 2023 – 2024 and Future Plans**

#### **Class Organisation**

At this time of year, we decide on the structure of classes for the next academic year. The size of each year group can fluctuate quite significantly and so decisions as to the size and profile of each class have to be made each individual year.

I am pleased to announce that classes for the academic year 2023/24 will be arranged as follows:

**Oak Class:** Years 4, 5 and Year 6  
Teacher: Mrs White (Mon – Fri)  
Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Brady

**Beech Class:** Years 2 and 3  
Teachers: Mrs James (Mon, Tue and Fri), Mrs Whitbread (Wed and Thurs) until the end of September. Miss Crowe will then cover Wednesday and Thursday until Mrs Whitbread returns from maternity leave.

**Willow Class:** Early Years (Reception) and Year 1  
Teacher: Mrs Ley (Mon – Fri)

Although this is a change to the current structure, please note that the classes have been very successfully organised in this way previously and it means the numbers in each class will be as evenly spread as possible.

Mrs Brady will continue to work as our Parent Support Advisor and our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) on a Thursday and Friday.

As you know Mrs Whitbread is expecting a baby so will be due to go on maternity leave at the end of September. To ensure consistency and continuity for the class, from the start of September, we have appointed Mrs James to teach on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and Mrs Whitbread will teach Wednesday and Thursday. When Mrs Whitbread leaves to start her maternity leave, we have appointed a new teacher, Miss Crowe, who will continue to teach on a Wednesday and Thursday whilst Mrs Whitbread is away.

We are planning two transition visits which will allow children and teachers to get to know each other before the holidays and for teachers to set the expectations for their new class. The children will also have the opportunity to discuss and help plan their learning for the new academic year.

These will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1-3:15pm.

**On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm - 6.00pm (EYFS – Y5) Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm – 6.00pm(EYFS – Y4) we have planned an end of term Parent's Consultation evenings when you can look at your child's learning from this**

**year and discuss their targets/progress. Please see the letter for you to sign up for a time, which is being sent home today.**

### **Future Plans**

For the last two years we have enjoyed having Mrs Jackson as our interim head teacher. In a letter from the governors a few months ago you may remember that our plans were to continue with Mrs Jackson as our interim headteacher until the end of this school year.

In the recent months the governing body has been working hard to build on the successes we have had which Mrs Jackson has lead within the school. At a governor's meeting at the end of May, we looked at a number of options that would allow us to build on the achievements that all in the school community have helped contribute to. We looked at the goals we wanted to achieve, how we continue to develop the quality of education and how we can provide the staff with the best possible opportunities too.

The considered decision of the full governing body was that we should move to becoming a multi-academy trust school. We have examined a number of options and opportunities that have presented themselves and have decided that we will more fully consider an option to join the Diocese of Bristol Academy Trust. Our present planning assumption is that this is likely to be at the start of the 2024/25 school year although no firm decision has been taken at this time to academise – we are still determining the value it will bring to the school.

As we write this letter, we are starting a period of detailed planning that will allow us to look at the things that are important to the school. This will include specific conversations with the DBAT leadership team and also with you as parents; we will write to you soon with the details of how we'll meet with you.

One of the key opportunities that our plans allow is that we have been able to ask Mrs Jackson to remain as our interim headteacher through until Easter 2024 and I'm pleased to say that she has agreed to do so which I am sure you will be pleased to hear as we come to the last few weeks of the school year.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to a busy last few weeks of term at school.

Kind regards



Caroline Jackson  
Headteacher



Simon Winfield  
Chair of Governors