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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we get further into the new year we are getting used to working in a Covid friendly way and in school it feels very much as if we are back to some sort of normality. Some things remain a bit different but on the whole lessons are working much as they would usually and we are covering almost every aspect of the curriculum as we usually would.

One place where there is too much normality is drop off and pick up times. Part of our risk assessment means making sure large groups do not gather together. We have planned pick up and drop off arrangements so that there is no need to arrive early or remain on site. **PLEASE, don't arrive at school until the entry time for your class and as soon as your child/ren has entered school, please leave the playground. The same at pick-up time, please don't arrive early and as soon as you have your child/ren, leave the playground.**

I know this sounds unfriendly but I worry that we are all becoming a bit too complacent and, while Wiltshire has so far had lower rates of infection from Covid, if we aren't careful, the rates will increase rapidly and I really don't want us to end up in lockdown like some other parts of the country are now experiencing.

School lunches – do remember ***ALL children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 can have a free school lunch.*** Order online from Sue Brady catering and it gets delivered to school each day. We are hoping to re-start the lovely hot lunches soon but in the meantime there is a choice of cold options including sausage rolls and wraps with a range of fillings. Ordering details are below.

This newsletter is quite busy with information this week. Please do join the FLS AGM on Tuesday 13th October. The FLS do so much for our school and without their great work the children wouldn't have been able to visit the pantomime every year or have a new set of laptops or a new floor in the library or so many new resources.

As we approach the winter months, children will no doubt be suffering from the usual colds and runny noses. Remember, it is *only* if they have a persistent cough, a high temperature or a change in taste or



**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

smell they need to stay off and get a corona test. If they have a bit of a headache, a cold / runny nose or are feeling a bit under the weather they should come to school as normal.

If a child does need to stay off school I'd encourage you to download the Studybugs app and use that to report their

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

absence. Several parents have already been using it and report that it is quick and easy. We see the report immediately and can respond to let you know we have received it.

I am looking forward to our trip to Braeside this week with Oak and Beech classes – hopefully we'll be able to share some of the children's reports on that trip in the next newsletter.

Richard Hearn

Friends of Lacock School (FLS)

This year's AGM will be **at 7:00pm on Tuesday 13th October 2020 via Zoom**. Everyone is welcome and we would really appreciate it if you can join us virtually.

Please don't be concerned that if you come along you are letting yourself in for a formal role in running the FLS, the main purpose of the evening is for you to come and meet other parents and understand what we do at the FLS. During the course of this year we do hope that more parents, old and new, will help us run some of our events just as informal members of the FLS.

If you cannot make the AGM then you can keep up to date via our closed Facebook page (FLS parents group – charity no 1120405), or speak to a member of the FLS (from a distance) in the playground.

Kind Regards,

Emily Parry

Chair

Beech and Oak Class Braeside Trip

A reminder about our trip to Braeside this Thursday. The day will run from 9.15am until 3.00pm and the children will doing a range of activities. All pupils will need to bring a **packed lunch and wear PE kit (trainers rather than daps)**. **A hoody and waterproof coat may well be needed depending on the weather.**



The **coach will leave school promptly at 8.45am**. The coach will **return to school at approximately 3.30pm**.

+Parent Pay

Thank you to those parents that have used +Parentpay to pay for the Braeside trip taking place this week. We have also received bookings for After School Club sessions and we hope you have found the process easy to use. Please see the attached flyer for information on the After School Club sessions this term. If any of you need help or guidance please come and ask in the school office.

Primary and secondary school places for September 2021



The primary school and secondary school application process is now underway for September 2021 entry. Parents can apply using the online system, which is available through <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-online> or by obtaining a paper application through our customer contact centre.

Parents who apply online do not need to complete a paper application form and their application will be acknowledged electronically, they will also be able to login to their account on national offer date to view the outcome of their application. Applicants who submit a paper form are asked to contact the Local Authority if their receipt is not received within fifteen school days. Parents who submit a paper application will receive the outcome of their application by letter. This will be posted out to them, 2nd class on national offer date.



As in previous years Wiltshire Council is actively promoting online admissions, it is for this reason that we are no longer providing schools with copies of the application forms.



We appreciate that some parents may not have access to the online application system and therefore, should they require a copy of the paper application form, please ask them to call 01225 713010 and a copy will be sent out to them. Alternatively, copies of the application form can be downloaded and printed from <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-forms-guides-policies>

The deadline for secondary school applications for 2021 is **midnight on 31st October, 2020.**

The deadline for primary school applications for 2021 is **midnight on 15th January, 2021.**

REMINDER



Nasal flu vaccination – Electronic consent

As last year the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to **all Primary aged children**. This will take place between October - December 2020 across Wiltshire/BaNES/Swindon and as last year the consent will need to be completed electronically.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link: <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/wilts>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 7 – 14 days prior to the session in school on **Monday 19th October**. This link is secure, please **carefully** select your child's school from the drop down menu and this will ensure that the consent is in the right place. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

If you have any difficulties or queries with this process please do not hesitate to contact the team on 0300 247 0082.



Appointments in School Time

A reminder that only emergency and hospital appointments should be booked during school hours.

If your child needs to see the optician, dentist or doctor routinely, please make these appointments after school.

Thank you.

School Lunches and Universal Free School Meals

All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. If you would like your child to receive a school meal, orders must be made on line **by 9.00am Friday** for the following week. Orders cannot be accepted after this deadline. If you miss the deadline, your child will need to bring in a packed lunch.

To order please visit <https://www.suebradycatering.com/page26.html>

The School Meals Order form has an option that will allow parent's contact details and children's meal profiles to be 'remembered'. If this option is selected the next time you use the order form relevant fields will automatically fill with your details.



If your child is in reception, year 1, year 2 or is entitled to FSM enter the following code: **sbc18**

If you have any issues ordering on line, please call Sue Brady on 01672 519200 or email services@suebradycatering.com

Studybugs App



We have introduced a new way to report a child's absence from school. It takes just a few taps in the free Studybugs app to let us know your child will not be in school.

No need to ring school and find the line is busy!

We can also see at a glance the numbers for any given reason for absence – so we can quickly see if there are several cases of flu for example and we can then let you know if there are any infectious

outbreaks.



I'd like to remind everyone we are registered with Easyfundraising which allows you to make a donation to school when shopping online. Just changing my broadband provider raised £40 for the school. I was going to change anyway and it didn't cost me anymore. Please look out for websites which allow you to make donations through Easyfundraising and raise money for school at no extra cost to you! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Please be aware that from time to time we are asked to publicise events from other groups / organisations. While we are happy to advertise events and distribute letters from third parties, we do not endorse them and it is for parents / carers to check the reliability and safety of these events / companies.

Letters sent home via ParentMail in the last fortnight

Subject	Class / year group	Date
+ParentPay	All	23 rd September
FLS AGM	All	24 th September
Topic web	Willow	28 th September

Dates for 2020 / 2021

Some events (*in italics*) are run by Friends of Lacock School (FLS) and are not yet confirmed.
All dates are subject to change. We will give as much notice of any changes as possible.

October 2020	
Thursday 1 st	Braeside Beech and Oak Class
Tuesday 13 th	Friends of Lacock School (FLS) AGM 7.00pm via Zoom – link to follow
Wednesday 21 st	Harvest Festival Service (1.30pm)TBC
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of term (finish 2.30pm)
Thursday 22 nd to Friday 30 th	Half term holiday
November 2020	
Monday 2 nd	First day of term 2
December 2020	
Friday 18 th	Christmas Service (1.30pm)TBC
Friday 18 th	Last day of term (finish 2.30pm)
January 2021	
Monday 4 th	First day of term 3
February 2021	
Friday 12 th	Last day of term 3
Monday 22 nd	TD Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd	Start of term 4 for pupils
March 2021	
April 2021	
Thursday 1 st	Easter Service (1.30pm) TBC
Thursday 1 st	Term ends at 2.30pm
Monday 19 th	Term 5 begins for all pupils
May 2021	
Monday 3 rd	Bank holiday (no pupils in school)
Thursday 27 th	Term 5 ends
Friday 28 th	TD Day – (no pupils in school)
June 2021	
Monday 7 th	Term 6 begins for all pupils
July 2021	
Friday 23 rd	Leaver service (1.30pm) TBC
Friday 23 rd	Term ends at 2.30pm