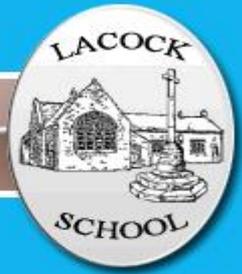




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Term 1 – Issue 3

FROM THE HEAD

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always great when the children take an active role in school – in lessons, in various roles around school such as Librarians or School Councillors or when we take part in events such as the football matches due to be played this week at Stanley Park. One brilliant example of taking an active role comes from one of our Oak children this week. He was very keen to share all about 'Jeans for Genes' day and explain how genes work in passing on characteristics from parent to child. We missed the actual 'Jeans for Genes' day which was earlier this month but we'll be holding our own version on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October (this week). Children (and staff) are invited to wear jeans for the day and bring a donation which we'll send off to the charity *Genetic Disorders UK*. Further information is available at <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/>.



Next week we have our first Parents' Evenings of the year. Please do sign up for an appointment as these meetings are one of the ways we can work together to support children's learning.

It will soon be time for our Harvest Service. We have already begun to receive donations of food to support the Corsham Foodbank. Please do send in any donations between now and the end of term as well as on the day of the Service. There will be a box in each classroom to place anything we receive over the next two weeks.

Thank you,  
**Richard Hearn**

### NEWS

#### FLS Curry and Quiz Night

Come and join us at 7pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October for a delicious curry at The George and a pub quiz. Raffle prizes and a prize for the winning team. £8 per person and max team size 6 people. Tickets are available from the school reception and from The George. Places are limited so get your tickets before they are gone. All money raised will be for the benefit of Lacock school. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to spending a fabulous evening with you.

# QUIZ

#### Parents' Evening

Three times during each year we arrange times for parents and carers to meet with class teachers to discuss children's progress and attainment. This is also an opportunity to share any concerns and to celebrate successes. We value all the informal opportunities to talk with parents at the start and end of the day but these evenings allow for a more formal appointment and we hope all parents and carers will make an appointment.

The first Parents' Evenings this year will be on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm – 6pm on both evenings. The timetable for appointments will be available from **2<sup>nd</sup> October** on the board outside the reception door – please add your name to a convenient time slot. You may call the school office on 01249 730271 or email [admin@lacock.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lacock.wilts.sch.uk) to make an appointment.

### **Instrumental and Vocal Lessons at Lacock School**

With nearly ten years teaching experience and a deep love of all musical genres I am pleased to offer tuition in a wide range of instruments and styles. Whether it is a one to one lesson or a group session, all tuition is catered to the individual students to suit their needs and interests.

Students will learn to read music and care for their instruments with a grounding in both technique and artistry. Once students have mastered the basics they are encouraged to improvise and compose their own melodies, giving them a much greater understanding of how their instrument works and putting theory into practise.

Lessons will be available in:

Voice,  
Recorders,  
Saxophone,  
Guitar,  
Piano,  
Violin.



At a cost of £12/half hour either as 1:1 sessions or joint lessons of up to 3 students and parents/carers will be invoiced directly by myself. Lessons will start week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October.

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Visiting Music Teacher

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### **Governor of the Month**

Our 'Governor of the Month' for October is Liz Banister. Liz is a co-opted Governor and she is Chair of the Educational Committee. She can be contacted via [l.banister@lacockprimary.org](mailto:l.banister@lacockprimary.org) and would love to hear from parents.

### **Deadline for Secondary School Applications**

If you **apply online** you do not need to complete a paper application. Admissions recommend that you apply online.

You can make changes to your application for a September 2018 intake place up until the deadline. The deadline date is **31 October 2017**.

If you apply online you will be able to log back into the online system on national offer date to view the outcome of your application. Please note, in order to log back on to the system and view the outcome of your application on national offer day, you will need your username and password.



### **FLS Annual General Meeting**

First of all, on behalf of the Friends of Lacock School, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and hope that you have settled into the new school year.

Like most schools we are a group of parents that work with the teachers to raise funds for the children so that they can enjoy different experiences to complement their learning, which would not normally be available from the school's core funding. If this isn't the first year for your children at the school you

will probably be familiar with our regular events that include the fireworks party, the Christmas pantomime, the Easter duck race and our main fundraiser, the Lacock Scarecrow Trail.

The money we raise during the course of recent years has allowed us to support the school in a number of ways, ranging from the provision of the school's computer equipment, library membership and pantomime trips through to contributions towards the costs of transport for school trips. To allow us to fund these activities and to make sure that we can use every penny we raise to support the children and school we are a registered charity. On the whole this is no more than a formality but it does mean that once a year we have to hold an Annual General Meeting, so that we can tell parents the details of our fund raising over the past year and what we hope to do in the coming twelve months.

Message from Mr Hearn

*'The work the FLS does to support the school is extremely valuable. As well as paying for a range of equipment and resources for use in the classroom – this year we have had a new whiteboard in Oak Class, replaced water trays for Willow, singing workshops for Beech. FLS also contributes towards the cost of the school trip to the pantomime and directly saves parents money by funding coach travel for class visits to museums and other places. Without the FLS we'd either have to ask parents to pay more towards the visits the children love so much or we'd have to reduce what we are able to do.*

*In addition, the events the FLS runs – firework night and the duck race in particular – are fantastic social events which bring the whole school community together.*

*Please consider giving a little of your time this year to support the FLS – it doesn't have to be a huge amount but it makes it easier for everybody if there are a few more names on the list of people prepared to help out. We would love to see you at the AGM but if you can't make that please talk to me or one of the FLS Committee to say you want to help keep the FLS going as strongly as it has over the last few years'*

This year's AGM will be **at 7:00pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017** at the school. Everyone is welcome and we would really appreciate it if you can join us. 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 the parents that currently get involved in the fundraising. 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 with our activities in a number of ways. You can follow us on Facebook (just search for 'FLS parents' and ask to join the group), you can join us at any of our monthly meetings (usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each term time month) or you can read about us in the fortnightly School Newsletter. If you'd rather, just come and have a chat: Tiff Hutchings, Emily Parry and Sarah Green are often at the school gate.

### **End of term arrangements**

School will end straight after the Harvest Festival service. Pupils will return to school with their class teacher and will be dismissed at 2.30pm. If your child attends after school club this will run from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Please speak to the class teacher if you need any further information.

**REMINDERS**

## Harvest Festival at St Cyriac's Church – All Welcome

The School Harvest Festival service will take place at 1.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in St Cyriac's church. Children from Beech Class will lead our service with other classes singing and leading particular sections.

As in previous years we will be collecting money for Corsham Food Bank. Food Banks provide a vital service, supporting those who need emergency help. Whilst all donations are gratefully received, particular items are always in high demand, especially those shown below:

- Fruit Juice (long life carton, 1 litre)
- Breakfast cereal (small packets, 1kg packets, variety packs)
- Soup (tinned, 400g)
- Baked beans (tinned, 400g and 200g)
- Fish (tinned, 100g)
- Fruit (tinned, 400g and 200g)
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Tomatoes (tinned, 400g and 200g)
- Tinned Vegetables (assorted, 400g and 200g)
- Instant Mashed potato
- Meat (tinned, 400g and 200g)
- Pasta (various, 500g)
- Cooking Sauces (tins or packets)
- UHT milk (long life, 1 litre and 2 litre)
- Sugar (500g)
- Tea Bags (40s, 80s, 160s)
- Biscuits (large packet, small packet)
- Snack Bars (e.g. cereal bars)
- Chocolate bar (single bars or multipacks)
- Baby foods (tinned, jarred)
- Sponge pudding (tinned, 400g and 200g)



It would be great if we could plan ahead and, between now and the end of term, pick up an extra item or two while doing the shopping which the children could then bring in for the Harvest Service.

### Letters sent home in the last fortnight

Subject	Children/classes	Date Issued
Parents' Evening	All	28 <sup>th</sup> September
Football Festival	Selected pupils	28 <sup>th</sup> September
Whale and Dolphin Conservation visit	Beech	2 <sup>nd</sup> October

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.

## Dates for 2017- 2018

All dates are subject to change. We will give as much notice of any changes as possible.

<b>October 2017</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whale and Dolphin Conservation visit to Beech class
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Football Festival at Stanley Park (selected pupils)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jeans for Genes Day (all pupils welcome to wear jeans to support the charity <i>Genetic Disorders UK</i> )
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	FLS curry and quiz night starting at 7pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival 1.30pm – all welcome
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 1 ends at 2.30pm for pupils
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	FLS AGM 7pm at school
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	TD day – no school for pupils
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins
<b>December 2017</b>	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas service 1.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 ends for pupils at 2.30pm
<b>January 2018</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 starts
<b>February 2018</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 ends
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	TD day – no pupils in school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 begins
<b>March 2018</b>	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service 1.30pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 ends for pupils at 2.30pm
<b>April 2018</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 begins
<b>May 2018</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bank holiday – no pupils in school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 ends for pupils
<b>June 2018</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	TD day – no pupils in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Term 6 begins for pupils
<b>July 2018</b>	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' service 1.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Term 6 ends for pupils at 2.30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	TD day – no pupils in school