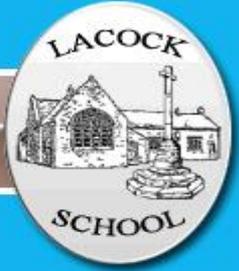




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Term 1 – Issue 4

FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems hardly possible that it is the end of term already. Tomorrow will be our Harvest Festival service in the church at 1.30pm. All are invited to share with us as we give thanks for all that we have. School will finish as soon as we return from church – this is usually about 2.30pm. This term the Christian value we have been focussing on has been *generosity* and it would be lovely to finish off the term bringing lots of donations to the service which we can pass on to Corsham and district FoodBank, showing our generosity to those in need in our community.

The Friends of Lacock School (FLS) have their AGM on Tuesday 17th October at 7.00pm in school. The AGM is always a good time to meet new people whilst eating cheese and drinking wine.

You'll notice below a plea for volunteers to come into school to support the children's learning. Cooking with children or listening to them read are always popular ways to help out. We do have a small but vital band of volunteers who help us out at the moment but we are always open to more offers.

I do also have a specific plea for volunteers – over the half term I am intending to re-decorate Beech classroom. We have extremely limited money in our budget and so we will be trying to do this work ourselves with the help of one or two parents and governors. If you can help on Monday 23rd October (moving furniture and preparing the wall) or Tuesday 24th (painting), both days from 9.00am, it would be great to see you. All materials and equipment will be supplied – all that is needed is enthusiasm. If you can help, please let me know via email or by leaving a message in the office.

Thank you,

Richard Hearn

NEWS

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 and would love to hear from parents.

FLS Annual General Meeting - Reminder

This year's AGM will be at **7:00pm on Tuesday 17th 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 3rd 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.

Volunteering in School

Do you have some spare time in the week? Do you enjoy working with children? We are looking for volunteers to help the class teacher in all classes.

You could listen to readers or help with art, ICT or cooking lessons or help out with general admin tasks. If you have a particular skill let us know.

If you would like to know more, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Hearn. If you have an hour or so to spare we look forward hearing from you.



Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes day. Together we raised over £100 and this will be sent to the charity Genetic Disorders UK.

Genetic Disorders UK is a registered charity with a vision to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by genetic disorders. Genetic Disorders UK is the leading source of information and support for both those affected by a genetic disorder, and the charities and patient groups that support them, by bringing together everyone's combined experience in a place it can be shared.



Road Safety on Lacock High Street

Please ensure that children are supervised at the beginning and end of the day crossing the road, due to the volume of traffic through the village, at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.



Photographer in School

The photographer will be in school on **Friday 3rd November** to take individual/family photographs.

If you would like your child to have photographs with any of their pre-school siblings, please bring them into school at 8.30am.

Thank you.

Willow class – Date for your diary

The Willow Class nativity will take place on Tuesday 12th December with an afternoon and evening performance. More details will be sent out soon. Keep your eyes peeled for a letter from Mrs Ley after the half term break.



Celebration Assembly

Every Friday we join together as a school to celebrate all that the children have done during the week and I'd like to remind parents that you are welcome to attend our Celebration Assembly each Friday at 2.45pm – it is often a bit of a squash but it is a great opportunity to find out what the classes have been doing and celebrate specific successes both in school and from outside clubs, events or classes.



REMINDERS

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.



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 football club this will run from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Please speak to the class teacher if you need any further information.

Harvest Festival at St Cyriac's Church – All Welcome

The School Harvest Festival service will take place at 1.30pm on Tuesday 17th 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)



Letters sent home in the last fortnight		
Subject	Children/classes	Date Issued
RE trip	Oak and Beech	3 rd October
FLS AGM letter	All	6 th October
Sheldon Taster Day	Year 5	3 rd October
National Child Measurement Programme	Reception and year 6	13 th 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.

October 2017	
Tuesday 17 th	Harvest Festival 1.30pm – all welcome
Tuesday 17 th	Term 1 ends at 2.30pm for pupils
Tuesday 17 th	FLS AGM 7pm at school
Wednesday 18 th	TD day – no school for pupils
Monday 30 th	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 31 st	RE trip to Swindon (Beech and Oak classes)
November 2017	
Wednesday 1 st	Sheldon Taster Year 5
Friday 3 rd	Photographer in school
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th	Anti-bullying week
Friday 17 th	Wear blue for Anti-bullying week
December 2017	
Wednesday 6 th	Whole school trip to Panto
Tuesday 12 th	Willow Class Nativity (afternoon and evening performance)
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas service 1.30pm
Wednesday 20 th	Term 2 ends for pupils at 2.30pm
January 2018	
Thursday 4 th	Term 3 starts
February 2018	
Friday 9 th	Term 3 ends
Monday 19 th	TD day – no pupils in school
Tuesday 20 th	Term 4 begins
March 2018	
Thursday 29 th	Easter Service 1.30pm
Thursday 29 th	Term 4 ends for pupils at 2.30pm
April 2018	
Monday 16 th	Term 5 begins
May 2018	
Monday 7 th	Bank holiday – no pupils in school
Friday 25 th	Term 5 ends for pupils
June 2018	
Monday 4 th	TD day – no pupils in school
Tuesday 5 th	Term 6 begins for pupils
July 2018	
Tuesday 24 th	Leavers' service 1.30pm
Tuesday 24 th	Term 6 ends for pupils at 2.30pm
Wednesday 25 th	TD day – no pupils in school