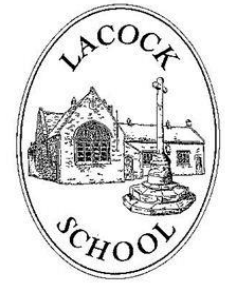


*“Love each other as I have loved you”
John 15:12*



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9th November, 2023

Term 1 issue 4

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carers

The children have all enjoyed telling me what they got up to during the half term break and it has been great to see them all come back to school with such enthusiasm last week. They have already enjoyed finding out about their new areas of learning in Term 2. Please see the class information letters.



Beech Class are diving deep into the Rainforest. They will be finding out about different parts of the rainforest and the animals that live there. Jonathan’s Jungle Roadshow school came into school this week bringing his animal friends with him.

Oak Class are exploring Space and thinking what it is like to be an astronaut. They will be learning how to describe features of our solar system and find out about time zones around the world. We are planning an exciting evening of stargazing and space exploration. Keep eyes peeled for more information.



Thank you to the Friends of Lacock School for another wonder night of fireworks, bonfire and hot chocolate. The evening really is a highlight for the pupils, staff and parents of Lacock



School. The FLS go the extra mile with this event to make it fun for everyone involved.

This term’s value is Service. The children have already started to find out what this means for their behaviour and choices in life. We will be looking at stories from the Bible and exploring what Jesus meant when he said “I did not come to be served, but to serve.” (Mark 10:45).

Parents Evenings 20th and 23rd November. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so by this Monday so that teachers can

agree timings and send home the slips with your child. Wherever possible we will try to arrange consecutive times for parents with siblings.

Caroline Jackson

Further dates for your diary – details to follow.

Willow Class - Nativity Play – Tuesday 12th December 1:30pm and 6.00pm. Mrs Ley will send out more details soon.

Xmas Fair and Lantern Parade - 14th December - This year we have decided to have the Xmas Fair at 3:30pm followed by Lantern Parade.

Panto – 7th December – cost £11 to pay (approx.) More details out next week. (Thank you to FLS for part funding the trip)

Whole school Christmas Service at St Cyriac's – probably 20th December – to be confirmed.



Certificates Awarded in Assembly

Willow

Rory 'serving others' certificate for sweeping up the classroom after lunch and making sure it was clean and tidy. Gabriella for phonics and writing and Aayden for handwriting.

Beech

Livvy A and Sienna special award for their work in Science
Gracie for serving others and Annie for handwriting.

Oak

Theo and Lily for enthusiasm towards their learning
Zoey for serving others.

Narcolepsy Awareness Day

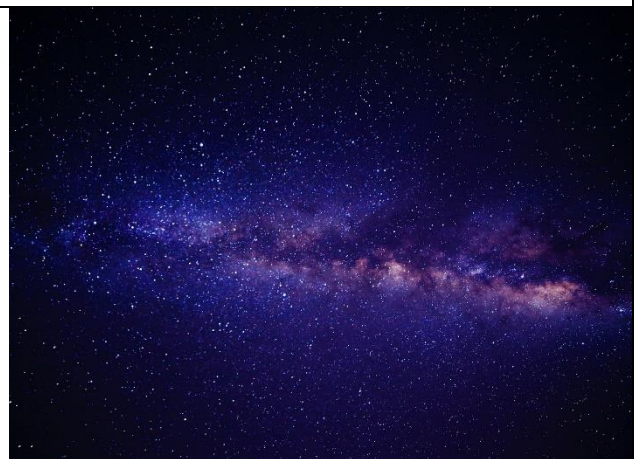
A **big** thank you to everyone who supported crazy hair day last term. We managed to send over £80 to the Narcolepsy charity.

Oak Class Evening star gazing event - Monday 4th December 5pm – 7.00pm

We are so pleased to be able to tell you about a star gazing event, which Mrs White has organised with Bath Astronomy Club, for the evening of Monday 4th December. Please note, this date may change in the event of bad weather being forecast.

Timetable:

5.00pm	Hot dogs and hot chocolate - Lacock School
5.30 pm – 7.00pm	Planetarium show – Village hall
	Rocket investigation – Oak Classroom
	Star gazing – Village playing field



It would be useful to have 3 or 4 parent volunteers, to help with the food and logistics of this event. If you would be able to help, please let Mrs White know through tapestry or via the school office. We are hoping this will be a highlight of Oak's Science topic this term.

Please complete a permission form via ParentMail. Paper copies are available from the school office.



Reminder BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 17th November 2023

We will be inviting pupils to come into school on Friday 17th November **wearing stripes and / spots**. Suggested donation of £2.

Thank you for your support.

Whole School Christmas Lunch 13th December

This year, our whole school Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 13th December. You will need an account with Lataca to order.

We encourage parents and carers to order the Christmas lunch as this is an opportunity for all the children to eat together as part of our Christmas celebrations.

We usually have 2 sittings with the children mixing with their peers. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day as part of the celebration. All the staff get involved serving lunch to the children.

As you know, we have recently moved our lunch supplier to Lataca and the number of children booking lunches has increased due to the quality and variety of food on offer.

If you have any issues or questions about ordering lunch, please call Lataca on [01380 502335](tel:01380502335).

This December
Lataca will be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch

Roast Breast of Turkey or Quorn Roast

served with

Pigs in blankets, homemade gravy, sage and onion stuffing, crispy roast potatoes, carrots, peas & of course, Brussels sprouts!

Followed by

Mince pies, satsumas or novelty ice cream

Accompanied by
Orange/blackcurrant squash

Christmas cracker and festive nappins
The cost for this meal is £3.75, no payment is required if your child is KS1.

Please complete your order via Parentmail if you would like your child to enjoy the Lataca Christmas lunch.
You can email us at info@lataca.co.uk if you need to register for a Parentmail account.

REMINDERS

Safeguarding

At Lacock Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. As the issues involved in safeguarding our children are so important and seem to be ever increasing I plan to be sending home a separate monthly letter about all aspects of keeping children safe. The newsletter is designed to support parents in deepening their understanding of topical safeguarding issues that may affect their child, themselves or members of their local community.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, every day'

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK OR PARK ON PAVEMENTS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

At 8:40am and 3:15pm there are children crossing the road and drivers cannot see them if our narrow High Street is obscured by parked cars taking up space in the middle of the road.

IF THERE IS NO SPACE TO PARK WITHOUT DOUBLE PARKING, please park in the Red Lion Carpark.

Teacher Development Days

The following dates are teacher development days (no pupils in school) but are subject to change

- Monday 3rd June 2024
- Monday 8th July 2024

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
NCMP letter to parents	Reception and year 6	30 th October
Parents' evening	All	1 st November
Star Gazing	Oak	9 th November

Dates for 2023 - 2024

Some events (*in italics*) are run by Friends of Lacock School (FLS) and some may not confirmed.

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

November 2023	
Friday 17 th	BBC Children In Need – Wear Spots and Stripes (£2 suggested donation)
Monday 20 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd	Parents' Evening
December 2023	
Monday 4 th	Oak Star Gazing Evening
Thursday 7 th	Whole School Trip to Panto
Tuesday 12 th	Willow Nativity 1:30pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 13 th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Fair and lantern parade
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Service (TBC) Term 2 ends
January 2024	
Thursday 4 th	Term 3 begins
February 2024	
Friday 9 th	Term 3 ends
Monday 19 th	Term 4 begins
March 2024	
Thursday 28 th	Term 4 ends
April 2024	
Monday 15 th	Term 5 begins
May 2024	
Monday 6 th	Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 24 th	Term 5 ends
June 2024	
Monday 3 rd	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 4 th	Term 6 begins for all pupils
July 2024	
Monday 8 th	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Wednesday 24 th	Term 6 ends