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Term 2 – Issue 5

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to another newsletter everyone!

Term 2 is now well underway, and is proving to be a busy and industrious one for us all! Last Thursday, the whole school came together, to commemorate Remembrance Day, honouring those who have lost their lives in combat during wartime. All children and staff joined me and Rev Gubbins outside as we led our short ceremony from the playground. Photos from the ceremony have been shared on our Tapestry pages if you wanted to take a look. Well done and thank you children for marking this occasion so thoughtfully and respectfully.



This week it's been lovely to see parent/carers around the school as they visited class teachers for their parent's evening to talk about their child's learning, progress and targets for the next few terms. If any of you were unable to make these important meetings, please contact your child's teacher and they will try to meet you at a convenient time.

Caroline Jackson
Interim Headteacher

Lantern Parade

As you may have seen in recent newsletters, we are planning a Lantern Parade around Lacock Village on Tuesday 7th December 2021 which will start from the school playground at 5:30pm. We will return to school for Christmas Carols (and hopefully mince pies & some mulled wine!) **Children will need to be accompanied by an adult to the Lantern Parade please.**



We were hoping to host a Lantern Making Workshop, which has sadly, had to be cancelled. We are so sorry to have to do this, but the guidelines state 'no large gatherings inside'. Therefore we are selling 'Lantern kits' to take and make at home. I am planning a demonstration video which will be posted on Tapestry &/or the website, so that you can follow the (very simple) steps at home!

Lantern kits will comprise of:

- Withies (willow sticks)
- PVA glue
- Battery tea light
- Wet strength tissue paper

You will need from home:

- Strong scissors or secateurs
- Masking tape (if you don't have this we have a roll you can borrow in school & return!)
- Bamboo cane

- Large paint brush

You can of course still join the parade with a lantern made from your own design at home. For safety reasons, no naked flames please.

The cost for a lantern kit = £1.50 cash only to the office please. We look forward to seeing your fantastic creations on the night!

Please park in the Red Lion car park as it is likely to be busy around school.



Christmas Post Box Opens Monday 6th December

The box will be in the corridor area at the bottom of the stairs and post will be sorted and delivered by year 6 children.

If children choose to use this service please make sure they write the recipient's name in full – first name and surname – and class on the envelope. This makes the sorters' job much easier!

Whole School Visit to Pantomime Thursday 9th December

Due to the generosity of the Friends of Lacock School, we will be taking the whole school to see Snow White and the Happy Ever After Beauty Salon at Salisbury Playhouse.



Letters will be sent out next week and a voluntary contribution of approximately £9.00 will be needed to cover transport costs. We will add this to +Parentpay, our preferred method of payment, next week.

Christmas Lunch Menu 2021

From **12.00pm tomorrow, Friday 19th November**, parents and carers can order a Christmas lunch online. Please order option 1 on our whole Christmas lunch day Wednesday 8th December.

Please note that the normal menus for Wednesday 8th December will be displayed for your school but a Christmas lunch will be sent. Sadly, under no circumstances will we take late orders. This will be the only meal available on your chosen day. All children on our advanced ordering system will automatically be sent a Christmas meal if they have ordered option 1 for that day.

Roast Turkey
Roast Potatoes
Stuffing Balls
Cocktail Sausage
Carrots
Peas
Gravy

Christmas Chocolate Cake



If you have a child in reception, year 1 or year 2 or if you are eligible for FSM please use the code **sbc18**

If you do not want your child to have the Christmas lunch please call Sue Brady on 01672519200.

Message from Mrs Ley – Willow Class Nativity

Our Christmas Nativity Performance this year is 'Shine Star Shine'. Sadly, it is looking very unlikely that I will be able to invite you to come and watch the live show due to recent school's Covid-19 restrictions but I will keep you posted.

If this is the case I will create a filmed performance for you as we did last year. How can we celebrate Christmas without Willow's Nativity? The children are working really hard learning the songs that I'm sure you are hearing at home. I've been so impressed with them. Next week letters will be sent home detailing parts and costume requirements so do keep an eye in book bags for these and let us know if there are any problems finding any of the items required.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ley

Awards

We celebrate each week in assembly a child from each class who has been displaying the School Value of the term. This term the Value we are learning about is Compassion. We also celebrate each week a child who has displayed extra special learning or behaviour in another way.

Well done and congratulations to the following children:

Oak: Max, Thomas, Lilly-Rose, Ellie

Beech: Anson, Maisie, Finley

Willow: Sanika, Theo



To reduce spread of covid 19, we have been advised by the Local Authority to temporarily suspend whole school assemblies, therefore certificates will be awarded in class.

In order to celebrate your child's achievements beyond school, if they win any awards or trophies, they are welcome to bring these into school on a Friday and they can be presented to them as part of Celebration Assembly on Friday.

Christmas Service and End of Term Arrangements

Sadly, due to Wiltshire still experiencing high cases of Covid, it is unlikely that parents and carers will be able to attend our Christmas service. We are looking into a way of filming / broadcasting the service to parents and carers and will update you once we know if this is possible.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We very much hope 2022 will be a little more 'normal' but until then, we must keep everyone safe.

Term 2 ends Friday 17th December and term 3 begins on Tuesday 4th January, 2022.

BBC Children in Need

We will be inviting pupils to come into school on Friday 19th November wearing stripes and / spots.
Suggested donation of £2.



Thank you for your support.

LACOCK ATTENDANCE STATS

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:45 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close at 08:45. It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

We are celebrating attendance each week in our assemblies. The class with the highest attendance that week gets to move on our Attendance-Monopoly board and they receive a small reward.

We are currently monitoring our attendance figures and following our Attendance Policy, will be contacting parents whose child/ren's attendance has fallen below our target. We are taking in to account absences due to positive PCR tests or positive LFTs.

ATTENDANCE TARGET: 97%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR SO FAR: 94%

Covid Update

You may have seen on the news that Wiltshire has seen some of the highest cases of covid in the country and in particular in the 11-16 years age group and also 4-11years.

We continue to adopt the measures put in place last year to minimise infection at Lacock School including increased cleaning of classrooms & toilets, children & adults washing hands regularly and keeping rooms well ventilated. As mentioned previously, although we now have the heating on in school, rooms are getting chilly so please make sure children are wearing layers to keep warm. (Please label all clothing!)

Please continue to help by being vigilant at home and being aware of covid symptoms and getting children tested if necessary.

Thank you for all your help!



CAR PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL:

Please can we politely remind parents not to double park in the mornings or at 3:15pm. It is getting very congested in the road and we do not want any accidents to happen. If you can, please use the Red Lion car park.

Communication Matters ...

Please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant.



If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance. We also encourage you to sign up to your class Tapestry page. We post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

For your convenience, in each newsletter we include this reminder of everything sent out in the past fortnight.

Letters sent home via Parentmail in the last fortnight

Subject	Class / year group	Date
Oak Class Visits Term 2	Oak	11 th November
Lantern parade	All	18 th November

Dates for 2021 – 2022

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.

November 2021	
Friday 19 th	Children in Need – wear spots / stripes
Thursday 25 th	Rainforest Roadshow Beech
December 2021	
Tuesday 7 th	Lantern Parade 5.30pm
Wednesday 8 th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 9 th	Whole School Trip to Pantomime
Friday 17 th	Christmas Service
Friday 17 th	Term 2 ends
January 2022	
Tuesday 4 th	Term 3 begins for all pupils
February 2022	
Friday 18 th	Term 3 ends
Monday 28 th	TD Day (no pupils in school)
March 2022	
Tuesday 1 st	Term 4 begins for all pupils
April 2022	
Friday 8 th	Term 4 ends
Monday 25 th	Term 5 begins for all pupils
May 2022	
Monday 2 nd	May Day Holiday (no pupils in school)
Friday 27 th	Term 5 ends
June 2022	
Monday 6 th	TD Day (no pupils in school)
July 2022	
Monday 4 th	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Friday 22 nd	Term 6 ends

Children and Young people – keeping you safe in your home and online

These are difficult times. You may be feeling anxious or feeling unsafe in your home. Here are some people you can talk to or places you can go to for support and advice.

Child line is a free, private and confidential service where you can be you. Whatever your worry, whenever you need help, however you want to get in touch. They are there for you online and on the phone

Call Child line on : 0800 111

(open from 9am each day for calls and [1-2-1 counsellor chats](#))



Child line can also offer advice about how to ask for help:

[Asking an adult for help](#)

Are you worried about what is happening in your family? Are there arguments or violence at home? Go to www.thehideout.org.uk for advice and guidance and [watch this video to find out about what domestic abuse is.](#)



provides free, safe and anonymous online support for young people
<https://www.kooth.com/>

Young Minds can help with anxiety and mental health support including if you are struggling with self isolation and the impact of coronavirus

The Samaritans can be contacted at any time and you can talk to them in your own way, and off the record – about whatever's getting to you. You don't have to be suicidal. Call anytime, day or night 116 123.



Staying safe online

You are likely to spending more time on line than usual. Keeping yourself safe on line is really important. Here are places you can go for advice and to report something you are worried about online.

CEOP help children stay safe online. Has someone acted inappropriately towards you online, or to a someone you know? It may be sexual chat, being asked to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable or someone being insistent on meeting up.

You can report it here: <http://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>



Thinkuknow has advice for all ages about staying safe on your phone, tablet or a computer – have a look

Support for children and young people

