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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term this will be our last newsletter before Christmas. I very much hope you have a lovely Christmas break and that you manage to spend some time with family and friends while keeping Covid-safe. I think everyone's Christmas will be very different to normal – I am not travelling to see family as I usually would so will have a much quieter time and I suspect I am not alone in that.

With the prospect of vaccines being rolled out in the new year to wider groups of people I do believe we will be seeing less of the constraints we have had to live under over the last year and we can start to get back to normal. We know there will be changes to assessment routines already but we are still expecting Year Six children to take the SATs tests. We'll have to wait and see what other changes there are.

The children and staff have been amazing this term and while it has been tiring, we have got through lots of learning and everyone seems to have bounced back from the time off in the summer, right back into very positive attitudes and keenness to learn. Thanks to all the staff team and to you at home for adapting so well to the routines we have put in place to minimise the risks of Covid transmission.

Richard Hearn



Cards and Gifts

Each year at Christmas time many of you very kindly pass on gifts to the teachers and TAs. This year, we need to do things slightly differently. If you do wish to give a gift to any of the school staff (and of course there is no obligation to do so!) we'll put a box in the classroom which children can place gifts into – we'll then leave them for 72 hours before staff taking them home.

Lacock Playing Field Potential

A questionnaire went home yesterday from Lacock Parish Council about future plans for the Lacock Playing Field. Please return your form to school by next Monday 14th December. This is an opportunity to shape future plans for the Lacock community.

Thank you.



Formal Consultation on Co-ordinated Schemes 2022/23 and Admission Arrangements for VC and C schools 2022/23

I am inviting comments on four documents and would be grateful if responses could be made on or before Tuesday 19 January 2021.

1. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Primary Admissions 2022/23
2. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Secondary Admissions 2022/2023
3. Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C primary schools for 2022/23
4. Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C secondary schools 2022/23

Full details of the proposals can be found at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation

Should you wish to provide any comments, then please email admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk

Christmas 2020 at St. Cyriac's



17 December 1330 Lacock School Christmas Service (pupils and staff only - sorry)

20 December 1030 Morning Worship with Carols (recorded)

22 December 1900 Evening Service - come and listen to the Christmas story and some recorded Carols

24 December 1600 'The Greatest Story ever told by Puppets' available to watch from 1600 <https://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/lacock-puppet-show/>

Also clues for a short trail around the village, and a picture to colour in will come home in the last week of term

25 December 1030 Family Holy Communion Service for Christmas Day.

All the services in St. Cyriac's will need to be booked because of our limited capacity as we seek to keep people safe in these difficult times.

This can be done at office@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk or by ringing 01249 712935.

We are unable to sing in church and must wear masks etc

Any queries please ring (07847583005) or email (vicar@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) me.

There are also other services within the rest of the Corsham and Lacock Team, including Zoom services, where you can sing along at home! Details can be found at corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk or by contacting me (see above).

May I take this opportunity to pray God's rich Christmas blessings for you and for all your families, whatever this Christmas season holds for you.

Mary (Team Vicar)

REMINDERS

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is open this week until Friday 11th December. Cards will be then left in quarantine over the weekend to be sorted and distributed next Monday.

The post box is in the corridor area at the bottom of the stairs for pupils to post their cards. 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!

Christmas Jumpers – Thursday 10th December

As part of our Christmas celebrations, pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday 10th December. We do not want a Christmas jumper to be a burden on parents or the environment. Adapt old jumpers rather than buy new. Here are some ideas to help create a Christmas jumper.

- Recycle old newspapers and junk mail into snowflakes and stick / sew onto jumpers.
- Cut out reindeer / Christmas trees out of old bits of material / paper and stick / sew on tree twigs, bells and tinsel.
- Once you've had your cereal, keep the box - a few quick snips and you've got your own reindeer antlers!
- Sequins, tinsel and Christmas baubles stuck / sewn onto jumpers makes a jumper sparkle.
- Use fabric pens / paint to write a Christmas message on your Christmas jumper.



Beech Class Reverse Advent Calendar

This year Beech Class will be running a reverse advent calendar. Starting on 1st December, a donation box will be on Beech door every morning to support Shelter. We will be doing a sponsored fun run on Wednesday 9th December and a non-uniform day on Friday 11th December.

Anti-Terrorism Information

Latest information suggests that increasing numbers of young people are being radicalised by extreme-right groups. Whilst we are locked down and people spend more time online there is some evidence the situation may be getting worse. This is more relevant for parents of older children but we know lots of you have children at secondary school and the message is important for all of us.

The government has launched a website to support parents in spotting early signs of radicalisation and working out what to do if they are concerned. The site is here: <https://actearly.uk/> and stresses the need to act early if anyone has concerns, not just about far-right extremism but any form of radicalisation.



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.



We have been using Easyfundraising for some time now. We recently received a payment of £53.53 for funds raised up to 30 September 2020. In the last 30 days purchases by our supporters have raised £14.70.

If you do lots of online shopping please consider joining easyfundraising to help raise money for Lacock Primary School.

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 4,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com. Retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause. Please register using this unique link – just click sign up.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lacockprimaryschool/?invite=3W5XKY&referral-campaign=c2s>

Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation. There's no catch or hidden charges and Lacock Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you.

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
In2sport clubs	All	30 th November
FSM support over Christmas	All	3 rd December

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.

December 2020	
Wednesday 9 th	Beech Class Sponsored Fun Run
Thursday 10 th	Wear a Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 10 th	Christmas Dinner – whole school
Friday 11 th	Beech Class non-uniform day
Friday 11 th	Last posting day for school post box
Thursday 17 th	Christmas Service (school staff and pupils only)
Friday 18 th	Term 2 ends
January 2021	
Monday 4 th	Term 3 begins for all pupils
February 2021	
Friday 12 th	Term 3 ends
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 4 ends
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