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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents / Carers,

Advent has finally begun, the Christmas Tree has arrived and there is a real sense of anticipation among both children and adults.

We have been thinking about Advent calendars and there are increasing examples of 'reverse' Advent calendars which encourage people to do something for someone else rather than to expect something. One which I saw had a lovely quote from Desmond Tutu alongside suggested acts of kindness for each day: "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world".

Some of these reverse calendars have a specifically Christian perspective and include prayers and Bible verses, some simply encourage us to be more thoughtful about those around us. In any event I think it is very important to try and be a little less materialistic as we are bombarded with adverts encouraging us to spend, spend, spend and think more about what is really important.

The youngest children have been busy preparing their nativity performances and they have already impressed me with their singing and acting. I am really looking forward to seeing them in action in a few days' time.

We are also looking forward to seeing acting, singing and dancing at the Pantomime next week – I am sure there will be opportunities for a bit of audience participation and sing-a-long.

Our Christmas Lunch is next week - please remember to sign up by Friday. All bookings need to be done through the website of Sue Brady Catering and all the details are below.

Finally, remember our Christmas Service takes place on the last day of term and we'd love to see you all there. Remember school finishes straight after the service at 2.30pm.

Richard Hearn

Deadline for Primary School Applications For September 2020

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 2020 intake place up until the deadline. The deadline date is **15th January, 2020.**

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.

Important Message from Willow Class

We are performing our Nativity play next Tuesday, 10th December at 2.00pm and then again at 6.00pm.

For the evening performance, your child needs to be dropped off at school, in their costume, at 5.30pm. Please do be punctual as we need to ensure that the children have enough time to have their faces painted. You can then make your way to the village hall to get a good seat. Children can be collected from the Village Hall after the performance.

Our rehearsals are going well but some children are still unsure of their lines. I'd be extremely grateful if you could keep going over these with your child at home. Do stress that they need a BIG voice!



Many thanks,
Mrs Ley

Emergency Closure of School Procedures

The school will make every effort to remain open for your children. However, in the event of bad weather, or other emergency, closure may be necessary.

School closure because of snow will be posted on BBC Wiltshire Sound Snow Line, and on our web site **www.lacock.wilts.sch.uk**. We will also send a message by text and email via Parent Mail.



Formal Consultation on Co-ordinated Schemes 2021/22 and Admission Arrangements for VC and C schools 2021/22

Wiltshire Council are inviting comments on four documents and would be grateful if responses could be made on or before Friday 17 January 2020.

1. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Primary Admissions 2021/22
2. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Secondary Admissions 2021/2022
3. Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C primary schools for 2021/22
4. Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C secondary schools 2021/22

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

The results of the consultation will be considered before the Cabinet Members of Wiltshire Council are asked to adopt them as the determined policies. This will be at the meeting prior to 28 February 2020.



Christmas Post Box is now OPEN

The box is 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

Willow Class Nativity

The Willow class nativity play will take place on Tuesday 10th December at 2.00pm and again in the evening at 6.00pm in the village hall. All are welcome and no tickets will be issued.

Willow class will be holding a raffle and are looking for donations of chocolate, biscuits, wine, chutney etc. to make up hampers. If you can donate a raffle prize, please send it into school by Friday 6th December. Thank you.



Lacock School Christmas Lunch Wednesday 11th December



Parents / Carers should follow the instructions on the website www.suebradycatering.com about how to order the special Christmas meal – it should be noted that the normal menus for Wed 11th December will be displayed on the website but a Christmas lunch will be sent.

- Roast Turkey***
- Roast Potatoes***
- Stuffing Balls***
- Cocktail Sausage***
- Carrots***
- Peas***
- Gravy***
- Christmas Chocolate Cake***

Sadly under no circumstances will Sue Brady take late orders. All children on our advanced ordering system will **automatically be sent a Christmas Meal and do not need to reorder.**

Ordering opens on **Friday 22nd November at 12.00pm and closes Friday 6th December at 9.00am.** Please select option 1 and pudding of the day for 11th December. Please indicate special dietary needs when ordering. Please note that this will be the only option available on our Christmas Lunch Day (dietary needs will be catered for).

Christmas Jumper

Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper as part of our Christmas lunch celebrations on Wednesday 11th December.



Whole School Trip to Panto

As in previous years, the Friends of Lacock School (FLS) have again very generously agreed to help fund a whole school trip to the pantomime. This year, we will be going to 'Robin Hood' at the Salisbury Playhouse.

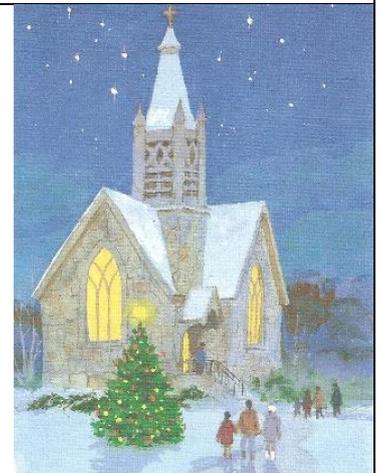
This trip will take place on Friday 13th December. We will leave school straight after lunch and return to school at approximately 5.30pm. We will use the Parent Mail system to let you know an accurate time of return as we leave Salisbury.

Please complete and return the slip by **Wednesday 27th November** to give permission for your child to attend the trip. All payments should be sent in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the amount enclosed clearly stated on the front.

Christmas Service and End of Term Arrangements

We plan to finish school straight after the Christmas service on Friday 20th December. Our Christmas Service will take place at St Cyriac's Church on **Friday 20th December** at 1.30pm. Parents and friends are welcome to join us at the church. Children will walk back to school with their class teacher and can be collected from their usual classroom door at 2.30pm.

Term 3 starts for pupils on Monday 6th January at 8.45am.



Letters sent by Parent Mail in the last fortnight

Subject	Children/classes	Date Issued
Attendance	All	3 rd December

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 2019 / 2020

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 2019	
Friday 6 th	Oak and Beech class Christmas Fun Run
Tuesday 10 th	Willow Class Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 11 th	Whole School Christmas Lunch – see above for details
Wednesday 11 th	Christmas jumper day
Friday 13 th	Whole school trip to Pantomime
Friday 20 th	Christmas service 1.30pm
Friday 20 th	Term 2 ends at 2.30pm
January 2020	
Monday 6 th	Term 3 begins for all pupils
February 2020	
Friday 14 th	Term 3 ends
Monday 24 th	TD day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 25 th	Term 4 begins for all pupils
April 2020	
Friday 3 rd	Easter Service at 1.30pm
Friday 3 rd	Term 4 ends at 2.30pm
Friday 3 rd	<i>Duck Race and Easter Egg Hunt TBC</i>
Monday 20 th	Term 5 begins for all pupils
May 2020	
Friday 8 th	Bank Holiday (no pupils in school)
Thursday 21 st	Term 5 ends at 3.30pm
Friday 22 nd	TD day (no pupils in school)
Saturday 23 rd – Monday 25 th	<i>Scarecrow Trail TBC</i>
June 2020	
Monday 1 st	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 2 nd	Term 6 begins for all pupils
July 2020	
Wednesday 22 nd	Leaver service at 1.00pm TBC
Wednesday 22 nd	Term 6 ends at 2.30pm