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Term 3 – Issue 7

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's slightly belated but welcome back to term 3 and to a new year. I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

This term looks to be another exciting term with lots going on in the school. You can expect to receive a curriculum letter from your child's class teacher in the coming week detailing what your child will be learning this term. It's been wonderful to see the children really focused on their learning over the past week – we are proud of how they have settled back so quickly.

Willow Class are asking How they can keep Healthy. They are going to be looking at healthy eating and their bodies. They will be finding out about how Florence Nightingale helped people a long time ago and what nurses do for us today. They will be looking at keeping their teeth healthy too!

Beech are finding out about British Heroes. We have been very impressed with their home learning projects they have been creating. The children are now taking it in turns to present their project and talk about the Hero they have decided to investigate.

Oak class are learning about the first railways and are exploring how the first trains were developed, how they helped the Industrial Revolution and what impact the railways had on our local area. In Science they are focusing on electricity and are hoping to plan and create their own electrical quiz game. Keep an eye out for the termly parent letters which will be with you soon.

We are also busy planning our second exciting Fox Talbot Day on 10th February to celebrate Fox Talbot's 223rd birthday! This year we are focussing on Fox Talbot as a botanist. The National Trust are kindly helping plan the learning for the day and we are hoping to spend the morning at the abbey/museum and then back to school for further activities and a celebration. If you able to help as a volunteer for part of the day, please let your class teacher know so you can be included in our plans. We'd love a cake possibly in the shape of a flower – if anyone is talented in that way and are able to make a cake, please let Mrs Jackson know!!

You may have noticed that we have had the wall repaired recently. Many thanks to Dave Maloney who worked hard in pretty awful weather over the weekend to make the repairs, which will weather over time. All the children have been told, that they should not walk along or climb across the wall as this will cause further damage and is also dangerous. Please help us remind the children how to keep safe and look after our environment.

Online Safety

Many children will have received new devices for Christmas. Please see the following link to help you ensure that your children remain safe online: [Internet connected devices | NSPCC](#)



Afterschool Clubs Term 3

Mrs Morris is running an after school construction club every Monday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm during term 3.

Mrs Morris offers the children a number of construction opportunities, including Lego and the club runs on a Monday. The cost of the club is £2.50 a week and this term the total cost for **5 weeks (from Monday 9th January – Monday 6th February)** is £12.50.

Mrs Simms is running an after school art club every Thursday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm during term 3.

Mrs Simms will plan an art activity using a number of different art materials. The club runs on a Thursday and the cost of the club is £2.50 a week and this term the total cost for **5 weeks (from Thursday 12th January – Thursday 9th February)** is £12.50.

Both clubs are open to all year groups.

Please Refrain From Double Parking

At school drop off and pick up please park safely (**no double parking**) and ensure that pavements, garages and driveways are left clear.

Please also be reminded that the road outside school (and playground) can be icy in the mornings so please ensure your child takes care if crossing the road.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Admissions – Primary application deadline

Online applications for September 2023 entry

The parent portal is open for applications for 2023 entry. The national deadline date for Primary Reception is 15th January 2023.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place>

All applications submitted after the national deadline date will be treated as late applications. Late applications can be submitted using the parent portal.

If you have applied online you will be able to log back into the parent portal on national offer day to view the outcome of your application.

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 also 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 Parentmail.



TD (Teacher Development) Days 2022-23

These are days when teachers are in school but school is **closed to pupils**.

This year our TD days are:

- 20th February 2023
- 3rd July 2023

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
Dance Festival	Selected pupils	9 th January
Multi skills	Year 3 and 4	9 th January
Oak homework	Oak	10 th January
Kwik hockey sticks	Beech – selected pupils only	12 th January

Dates for 2022 – 2023

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.

January 2023	
Friday 13 th	Multi skills year 3 and 4
Friday 20 th	Kwik Hockey Sticks (selected pupils)
Tuesday 24 th	Wiltshire Football Finals (selected pupils) Letter to follow
Friday 27 th	Multi skills (year 1 and 2) Letter to follow
February 2023	
Friday 10 th	Fox Talbot Day – keep your eyes peeled for more info
Friday 10 th	Term 3 ends at 3.15pm
Monday 20 th	TD day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 21 st	Term 4 begins for all pupils at 8.45am
March 2023	
Friday 31 st	Term 4 ends at 2.30pm TBC
April 2023	
Monday 17 th	Term 5 begins for all pupils at 8.45am
May 2023	
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 26 th	Term 5 ends at 3.15pm
June 2023	
Monday 5 th	Term 6 begins for all pupils at 8.45am
July 2023	
Monday 3 rd	TD day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 25 th	Term 6 ends at 2.30pm TBC