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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting day we all had yesterday! Her Majesty The Queen Consort visited the village and came over to chat to the children, shake hands and was given a posy of flowers by Jasmin & Ryan.

The children enjoyed seeing all the preparations before the event, there was a team of sniffer dogs who were very entertaining!

It was not in the very detailed schedule for HM to come over to talk to the children but they did their best to lure her over with some excellent, enthusiastic cheering & flag waving! She couldn't resist!!

We were very excited for some children to be interviewed by BBC Wiltshire – I have posted the extract from the programme on Tapestry.

We also took lots of photos – these too will be on Tapestry but as always, these are for your use only and not to be posted on any social media sites. We were so proud of all the children; there was a great amount of excitement and enthusiasm balanced with respect for the occasion. A day we all will definitely not forget for a long time!

Some of Oak class also had an exciting day at the Small Schools County Football finals in Devizes on Tuesday. The matches were tough but the children worked hard from the first minute to the last!

The result did not go the way that our team would have wanted but we were, by far, the smallest school there. Although all schools were 'small' all this meant was that they are one form entry (30 children in each year group) where as we are almost a 1/3 form entry (10 children). Whereas they had 60 children to choose from in Year 5 and 6, we only had 19 to choose from, with Sophie being the ONLY girl from all 11 schools! She's our very own Lacock lioness! Congratulations must go to Southwick who go on the represent Wiltshire at the South West finals, hopefully they can make it all the way to the National finals and represent the South West all the way!





As you know we have **our Fox Talbot Day coming up on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. We have some activities planned at the abbey in the morning and then further activities in the afternoon back at school. We would love some volunteers to help - if you are able to support for part of the day, please let your class teacher know.

As you may have seen in my recent email, none of the teachers at Lacock

Primary School are planning to take strike action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 so we will be open as normal. I will keep you informed of any impact of the NEU's Strike Days planned for March.

#### Visit from Life Base

Beech and Oak classes were treated to a visit from the Life Base last week. Beech's learning focused on 'What's Going on in my body' whilst Oak class learned about Healthy Decision Making in terms of drugs, smoking and alcohol.

#### Reminder Health and Safety

Again, many thanks to Dave Maloney for repairing the playground wall. A reminder that 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.

A reminder that we are a no smoking site and please dispose of litter in the bins provided in the village. Thank you for your help keeping the environment around school safe for pupils and staff.



#### Buttons

We are asking all parents/grandparents & relatives to raid their button boxes as we'd like to do some art with buttons! Please can we politely ask for colourful ones not just black or brown!

#### Attendance

Things you can do to help your child achieve!

- Ensure your child attends school EVERY DAY unless your child is ill.
- If they are ill please ensure that you inform the school **by 9.00am**. Call the school office on **01249 730271**. Only keep them home if they are really unable to attend.
- Let us know with as much notice as possible if your child / children have appointments at the doctors or dentists. Appointments should be made outside school time although we recognize this is not always possible, when an appointment might be needed urgently or your child needs to attend a hospital appointment.
- Phone school **EVERY** morning that your child is absent, so that our attendance records are accurate and up-to-date.

- Make sure your child arrives on time! Remember, doors close promptly so do not be late to arrive! Late comers not only miss vital lesson time but also disrupt learning for other members of the class too.
- Make sure that we have all the correct contact details for you so that we can contact you about illnesses or absence.

### 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:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
Multi Skills	Year 1 and 2	19 <sup>th</sup> January
Industrial Action	All	23 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

<b>January 2023</b>	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Multi skills (year 1 and 2)
<b>February 2023</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cricket key stage 1 (letter to follow)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fox Talbot Day – keep your eyes peeled for more info
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 ends at 3.15pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	TD day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Term 4 begins for all pupils at 8.45am
<b>March 2023</b>	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Term 4 ends at 2.30pm TBC
<b>April 2023</b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 begins for all pupils at 8.45am
<b>May 2023</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 ends at 3.15pm
<b>June 2023</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Term 6 begins for all pupils at 8.45am
<b>July 2023</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TD day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Term 6 ends at 2.30pm TBC