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...supported by Christian values... every child matters to God.

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## FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the daffodils start to show themselves after their winter sleep and the mornings seem just a *little* bit lighter as I drive to work, I am reminded how enjoyable the season of spring is. It is easy to forget as we live through the cold and dark of winter that there is always warmth and light around the corner.

Next week marks Children's Mental Health Week (<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org/>) Living with any kind of mental health issue can seem like living through winter – perpetually. It can be a cold, dark, and above all, isolating place to be.

We hear it reported often that children are increasingly suffering mental health issues and from an increasingly young age. No-one knows why this is the case (although many people are quick to blame phones and social media) but whatever the causes, everyone agrees communication is key to supporting children. Encouraging them to speak up and taking the time to listen are so important and we'll be reminding everyone of this over the next few days.

Richard Hearn

## Advice about Chickenpox



We have several cases of chickenpox in school. Chickenpox usually begins with the onset of a slight fever, feeling generally unwell for a couple of days before the spots appear. The spots can appear everywhere, they usually begin on the scalp/face and back. The spots look flat and red; these later become raised and filled with fluid. Most children become free from chickenpox in less than two weeks.

Chickenpox is spread from person to person; the virus is shed from the nose or throat as droplets or by direct contact. The fluid inside the spot is infectious. Chickenpox is highly infectious during its early stages from one - two days before until five days after spots first appear. Individuals should be kept away from school for at least five days from onset of rash AND until all lesions have crusted over.

The following groups of people should seek advice from their GP if they are exposed to chickenpox and do not remember if they have been previously infected with the virus:

- Pregnant women
- Babies whose mothers developed chickenpox in the first 28 days of their life.
- People who are immunosuppressed.



## FLS Curry and Quiz Night

The FLS are holding a Curry and Quiz Night on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm (First question at 7.30pm).

£12 per person (includes curry and quiz entry) at the George, Lacock. Teams of up to 6 members. Tickets are available from FLS and school office.

All welcome.

## Bikeability Year 6 Only

As in previous years we will be running Bikeability training on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February for year 6 pupils.

Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme based on the National Standard for Cycle Training. Cycling is a life skill with many benefits; it encourages independent mobility, is great for the environment and improves physical and mental health. Bikeability improves the skills and confidence of people who can already ride and prepares them for a lifetime of cycling. Evidence shows Bikeability helps more people cycle, more safely, more often.

Bikeability is funded by the Department for Transport and is delivered by trained professional and DBS-checked Bikeability instructors.

Bikeability trains riders to make independent decisions and practice safe and responsible cycling, through:

- Making good and frequent observations
- Choosing and maintaining the most suitable riding positions
- Communicating intentions clearly to others
- Understanding priorities on the road, particularly at junctions.



Bikeability is offered at three levels:

- **Level 1** develops mastery in cycle handling skills in traffic-free environments
- **Level 2** develops skills for cycling on single-lane roads with simple junctions and moderate traffic

Riders must demonstrate all National Standard assessment criteria independently before they progress to the next level. All participants receive an official Bikeability certificate including a personal cycle skills profile.

### Course information:

<b>Course dates</b>	<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Bikeability Level(s)</b>	<b>Level 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£5.15</b>

Places are limited and permission forms together with the £5.15 payment should be returned to school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## Message from St Cyriac's

This Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, is Candlemas at St Cyriac's at 10.30am. If you have a Children's society collecting 'candle' from the Christingle service before Christmas, then we will be collecting them on Sunday (if you cannot make it then do bring them back at any time). The service will be for all-ages, and as always everyone is welcome!

## Music Lessons

Hi all, my name is Sarah-Jane and I offer instrumental lessons at Lacock Primary School every Monday afternoon in term time.

I offer fun, individually catered tuition in Voice, Guitar, Recorders and Piano/Keyboard in a variety of styles and I currently have some spaces available for new students. Lessons will cost £15/half hour and can be individual or shared with up to two other students.



If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons, please complete an enrolment form and email it to [sjadlington@gmail.com](mailto:sjadlington@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## REMINDERS

### Chippenham Sports Partnership Dance Festival

This year's performance for Lacock School is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 starting at 6.30pm with doors opening at 6.00pm. The show will finish at approximately 7.45pm. Rehearsal for the performance starts at 4.30pm.

Please be aware that children performing are not able to leave until the end of the show.

The nearest parking for the Neeld Chippenham:  
Borough Parade, Gladstone Road, Chippenham, SN15 3DW  
Charges apply Monday – Saturday 8.00am-6.00pm

We look forward to sharing our amazing performances with you.



### Toy Donations

We'd very much like to have some more Lego in school which could be used in class and at After School Club. If you have any boxes in the loft or just hanging around which are no longer being played with, we'd love to have them in school. We would also very much appreciate any toy cars in, good condition, which are no longer needed at home.  
Thank you.

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast club runs every day school from 7.45am. The cost is £3.50 per child or £3.00 per child for brothers and sisters attending together.

We also have an after school club which runs every school day from the end of school until 5.30pm. If you need any information, please speak to a member of the office staff or go to our website:

[www.lacock.wilts.sch.uk/clubs](http://www.lacock.wilts.sch.uk/clubs)





### Milk Provision in School

Children are provided with free milk in school until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday although in order to receive milk parents do need to register at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)  
Alternatively, registration forms are available from the school office.

Once your child has reached 5 years parents and carers can order and pay for milk via the Coolmilk web site. If your child is entitled to FSM, milk can be ordered via school. Please speak to a member of the office staff.

### 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](http://www.lacock.wilts.sch.uk). We will also send a message by text and email via Parent Mail.



### Letters sent by Parent Mail in the last fortnight

Subject	Children/classes	Date Issued
Maths Master Class	Selected pupils	15 <sup>th</sup> January
Wiltshire Council term dates 2021/ 2022 consultation	All	17 <sup>th</sup> January
Homework	Oak	20 <sup>th</sup> January
FLS Curry and Quiz Night	All	22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Bikeability	Year 6	28 <sup>th</sup> January

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 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.

<b>January 2020</b>	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class to Sheldon DT
<b>February 2020</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Festival 6.30pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	FLS Curry and Quiz Night
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 ends
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 begins for all pupils
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 6 only
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Year 6 only
<b>April 2020</b>	

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Service at 1.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Term 4 ends at 2.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Duck Race and Easter Egg Hunt TBC</i>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 begins for all pupils
<b>May 2020</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday (no pupils in school)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Term 5 ends at 3.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	TD day (no pupils in school)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Scarecrow Trail TBC</i>
<b>June 2020</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Term 6 begins for all pupils
<b>July 2020</b>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Leaver service at 1.00pm TBC
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Term 6 ends at 2.30pm