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Term 4 – Issue 11

FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we are focussing on a new school value – forgiveness. We'll be looking at what forgiveness is and the importance of forgiving people when something goes wrong. We are coming up to Easter and in the bible Jesus says about the soldiers who crucify him; "Father forgive them because they don't know what they are doing". Forgiveness is a very important concept for Christians, both God forgiving us as people and people forgiving each other.

A big part of what we'll be talking about as we think about forgiveness is reconciliation – the idea that when we acknowledge something has gone wrong and forgive someone who has harmed us, we can rebuild relationships and move on from what has happened.

There are lots of things planned for the term - this week is World Book Day (look out for the £1 vouchers towards a new book) and science week is coming up. Later in the term we'll have our usual Duck Race and Easter Egg Hunt and our Easter service will take place as usual at the end of this term.

You'll have heard lots about Coronavirus in the news - we are getting updates regularly from the Department for Education and we will pass on anything to parents. The advice is very much at the moment to carry on as usual while making sure that we do all the usual things in case of coughs and colds - specifically washing your hands regularly and thoroughly and catching coughs and sneezes in tissues which then go in the bin. We'll be reminding the children about this and if we get any different advice from Public Health England we will be sure to let you know.

Richard Hearn

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

At Lacock School we love celebrating books and reading. We would like to mark World Book Day by asking the children to bring in one favourite book from home. It could be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, instructions, biography - their choice. However, we will be learning about the list of Top 100 children's books from the last 100 years and it would be amazing if your child could bring in one of these.



It would be great if your child was prepared to talk to the class about why they like their book and even be ready to read a small section aloud to the class.

Each child will go home with a World Book Day voucher which can be exchanged for a World Book Day book at participating book shops or used off the cost of another children's book.

We will not be dressing up for this event.

Many thanks and happy reading.

Calling all Scientists!

Does your job involve science? Do you know anyone that works with a science background?

During the week starting the 16th March, we will be running our third Science Week.

On top of the exciting activities and experiments that we will be doing throughout the week, we also want the children to meet real-life scientists and learn all about the things they get up to.

This will be a great opportunity for the children to get inspired by and put science into a real-life context.

This is where you come in:

Each day we are hoping that a parent/ grandparent/ family member could come and share their wisdom with groups of children and tell them about what they do and what inspired them to work in the Sciences. If you think this is something you would be interested in, or you know someone that may be able to help then please do let me know as soon as possible. If you came two years ago, when we did this before and you are happy to come in again then please do - that would be fantastic!



Space Odyssey 360° 3D Dome

Space Odyssey is a 360° 3D space and biology learning experience for children using high resolution images, movies and sophisticated computer simulations throughout an inflatable dome, above, behind and all around the audience to create a breathtakingly immersive and inspirational learning experience.

The visit will take place on Tuesday 17th March and all our pupils will take part in this exciting event. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £5.90. The school budget is not sufficient to cover the costs of visits and unfortunately, visits cannot take place without sufficient voluntary contributions being received. If we do not receive enough contributions, unfortunately this visit will have to be cancelled. In the event of a visit being cancelled, all contributions will be returned.

Please return the slip with the voluntary contribution **by Tuesday 10th March** to indicate permission for your child to take part in the visit.

Science Week – Message from Mrs Ley

Monday, 16th March marks the beginning of our Science Week this year at school.



Last year's Science Fair was so successful and I know that many of you enjoyed the event. I asked the children if they'd like me to run it again and they were very keen. I'd like you once again to engage in a science project at home with your child/children and then create a tabletop stand where your child/children can present their science.

Hands-on scientific investigation is the focus for our fair. The sky's the limit for ideas! If you enter science fair ideas into youtube, google, Facebook, pinterest etc you'll find loads of ideas to give you and your child inspiration. Siblings can work together if they'd like to and present a family project rather than one each.

The science Fair will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 20th March from 2.30pm and I'd like to invite you all to come along and see what the children have been doing with their family. There will be no celebration assembly on that day.

Please would you fill in a slip so that I have a rough idea of how many children/families are happy to take part.

Multiplication Tables Check Meeting



You may be aware that from June 2020 there is a new test for year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check". The test will judge how well each child knows their multiplication tables up to 12x12, using an online testing tool which we can administer during the summer term. The results will be shared with us to help us best support the children.

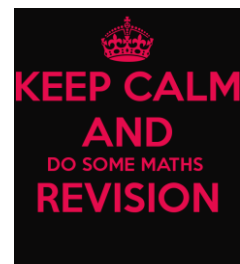
I am going to be holding a parent meeting after school on Thursday 19th March all about the multiplication check, what it will look like for the children, how they are being supported in school to prepare for the test and how you can support your child at home.

This is open to Year 3 parents as well as Year 4 parents in preparation for next year as well as this year.

REMINDERS

Revision Guides Year 6

The new updated revision guides and practice papers for the key stage 2 SATs have arrived in time for the half term holiday. The complete set, including practice papers, costs £11.00. Since last year there has been a price increase. If you would like a set of books, please see the office staff. Cash or cheque payments are fine but please have the correct money.



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast club runs Monday - Friday (term time only) 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



Letters sent by Parent Mail in the last fortnight

Subject	Children/classes	Date Issued
Science Week	All	26 th February
Science Fair at Bath University	Oak	27 th February
Space Odyssey Visit	All	27 th February
Math Event at Hardenhuish	Selected pupils	28 th February
Times Table Meeting	Year 3 and 4	3 rd March

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.

March 2020	
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Friday 13 th	Science Fair at Bath University - Oak
Friday 13 th	Sport Relief – details to follow
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Science Week
Tuesday 17 th	Space Odyssey Dome Visit
Thursday 19 th	Times Table meeting year 3 and 4
Friday 20 th	Science Fair
Monday 30 th	Parent / teacher Evenings TBC
Tuesday 31 st	Parent / teacher Evenings TBC
April 2020	
Wednesday 1 st	Parent / teacher Evenings TBC
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</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