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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our last newsletter was dated 17th March – just a few days before we had to (mostly) leave school and stay at home for weeks and weeks. We have had three months of change after change and we still don't know what tomorrow will bring! In school we have adapted to new ways of working and staff and children have been getting used to keeping their distance and having only a few of us around.

We have welcomed back lots of our children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 – at this time, we don't have the staff or the space to open our doors to any of the other year groups although this may change as we go through the rest of term.

Whilst I have no crystal ball, my feeling is that we will open school pretty much normally in September. At this time we have a plan to invite all children to spend the first two weeks in their current classes so they can spend a bit of time in a familiar space with familiar adults before moving on to their new classes in mid to late September. This plan may change depending on government guidance so watch this space!

We will have two teacher training days at the start of the new year so term will start on Thursday 3rd September. We are setting other TD day dates soon and will let you know as soon as possible.

We were all very sad to miss out on the annual Easter Egg hunt in Mrs Naylor-Leyland's garden at the end of the spring term. I am sure you'll all be pleased to know that Mrs Naylor-Leyland recently delivered all the eggs to school so that we can distribute them to all the children. We are hoping to arrange that in the very near future so don't be surprised if you find a little treat on the doorstep. Thank you very much to Mrs Naylor-Leyland and we all look forward to next year's hunt.

We hope to hold some kind of virtual assembly soon so we can get everyone back together at least in cyber space. In the meantime, take care and enjoy the chocolate eggs when they arrive.

Richard Hearn

Latest advice from Public Health England . . .

We are following all the latest guidance and advice from PHE and the Department for Education. Wiltshire Council have also provided lots of advice and support over the last few months. We will continue to follow all the guidance on hygiene and cleaning to make sure we keep all the staff and children as safe as possible.

News from the Chair of Governors

Some of you may have heard via the grapevine but I want to share the sad news that Adam Beaumont will be leaving over the summer to take up a new post as Rector of Gauzebrook, a group of eight parishes to the Southwest of Malmesbury. You will all know Adam as parent of Dylan and Amelie and the vicar who leads our end of term services. He has also been Chair of Governors and provided great support to me and the school over the last few years.

I hope you'll join me in wishing Adam and his family all the very best in this new adventure.

Changes to teaching of PSHE

The Government have put in place a series of changes connected to how we teach Personal, Social and Health Education. The changes were due to come into effect from September 2020 but have been delayed for a year due to the current lock down. During this term we would have been carrying out some consultations with parents about this often emotive subject but this is hard to do effectively with school only partially open.

It will become obligatory for us to teach a new subject – Relationships Education and Health Education (actually an old subject with a new name!).

I hope to send some more information out in the next week or two and ask for any questions you might have – in the meantime, here are some useful links which you might find of interest.

The new Relationships Education curriculum:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

A guide for schools on engaging with parents about Relationships Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/engaging-parents-with-relationships-education-policy>

A guide for parents about Relationships and Health Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

Reports and Parents' Evenings

We were due to hold our mid-year Parents' Evenings just after the lock down started – while these didn't take place, I know the teachers, ably assisted by our wonderful TAs, having been keeping in touch regularly to offer any advice and support we can. We will be sending end of year reports out, probably by email, towards the end of July. These reports will of course be slightly different to usual as the teachers only taught part of the year and there will be no end of year assessments to report.

Dates for 2020 / 2021

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.

June 2020	
July 2020	
August 2020	

September 2020	
Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd	Teacher Training Days
Thursday 3 rd	School opens for pupils