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Term 5 – Issue 12

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to term 5!

Hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break with friends and family.

The classes have already enthusiastically started their new learning this term which has been wonderful to see.

Willow Class have already dived into their topic, all about Pirates. They've been following a treasure map to hunt for pirates and their treasure they've left behind! As well as reading the fiction book 'Night Pirates' (by Peter Harris) they will be investigating the life of real pirates in history like Blackbeard. Willow class will also be investigating floating and sinking in Science.

Beech Class are finding out about Anglo-Saxons and are going to be investigating what it was like to be an invader or a settler. They will be finding out about where the Anglo-Saxons decided to settle & why. They will learn about the early farming methods started by the Anglo-Saxons and look at what legacies they have left behind. Science in Beech will be taught discretely this term and will focus on investigating states of matter, in particular, solids, liquids and gases.

The theme in Oak Class is Crime and Punishment but will also be investigating the heart and the circulatory system in science. They will be finding out about how the 'rule of law' has changed from 1000AD to 1800AD and how our modern police force has developed over the years.

Please take time to look at more detail at the learning taking place term via Tapestry notices posted by your child's teacher. If you have any questions or feel you can help in any way, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.



Coronation Afternoon Tea 4th May 2023

We are planning an early celebration of the King's coronation on Thursday 4th May at 1:30pm. Children are invited to **dress as kings or queens** for the day and we will be enjoying an afternoon tea followed by a visit from the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, Mr Pradeep Bhardwaj, who will presenting all the children with a special Coronation Mug.

We are inviting other people from the village and would like children to design the invitation. Entries need to be on an A5 piece of paper. Entries in by Monday 24th April please.



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You may have noticed our lovely planters outside of school have been re-filled with some wonderful new spring plants. A huge big thank you to everyone at the village shop for doing these for us!

Caroline Jackson

Clubs in Term 5

We have a few places available for streetdance, construction, hockey, and rugby club. Payment can be accessed via +parentpay and to check if places are available. We are pleased to be able to offer a number of clubs this term so please do sign your child up.

For more information, check our website or visit the school office.

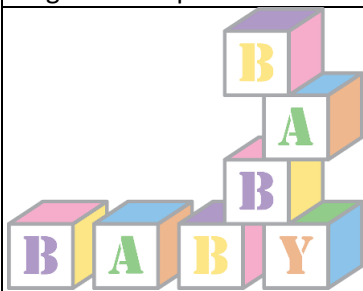
Watch Bath Rugby play at the Rec

As you know we are currently partnered with Bath Rugby for the year and have been provided with a number of opportunities. We have been invited to attend a LIVE Bath Rugby match on Saturday 6th May at the Rec, Bath.



We have booked a coach for this trip and have up to 50 places available to Lacock pupils and staff. Due to our partnership with Bath Rugby, the entrance ticket will be free to pupils but the coach will need to be funded by parents and carers. We have made every effort to keep costs down and the overall cost to parents is £9.50 per child and is open to all year groups. This trip is already subsidised and no further subsidy is available. The coach will leave school at 1.30pm and return approx. 7.00pm. More details about this trip will be sent out once we have numbers and payment.

This was an extremely popular trip last year and we all had a great time. The children will all receive a Bath Rugby flag and take part in a half time pitch parade around the ground with a photograph underneath the goal posts.



Exciting News!

We are very happy to hear and share the news that Mrs Whitbread is expecting a baby, due early October! We wish the Whitbread family a happy and healthy pregnancy and will of course keep you updated on the news.

We are in the process of securing a teacher to cover Mrs Whitbread while she is on maternity leave and will let you know when we have more news.

Oak Trip to Bath Rugby 28th April

As part of our partnership with Bath Rugby, Oak class will attend a training day at their training base in Bath.

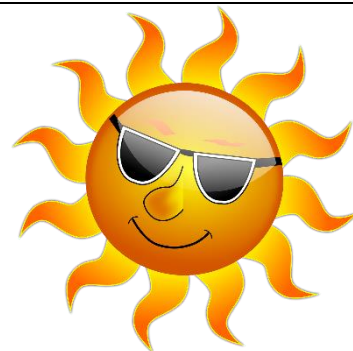
Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle and wear PE kit including a warm sweatshirt and jogging bottoms. They will need to wear trainers. The children will travel by coach leaving school just after registration but will not be back at Lacock School until approx. 3.45pm (depending on traffic). We will keep you updated as much as we are able on a pick up time.

Sun protection

Please ensure your child brings a suitable sun hat and their own sun cream to school

every day so they are available for those days when we do have bright sunshine.

Even if it doesn't feel very warm, the sun at this time of year can be very strong, especially in the middle of the day when children are playing outside and children need protection while out of doors.



REMINDERS

Music Lessons

We are delighted to let you know that we have a guitar teacher ready to start lessons at Lacock School.

Taking music lessons is a great way for pupils to take part in musical events and even join an orchestra or choir and we hope parents and carers will take up this opportunity.

For more information, please speak to Mrs Prater in the office.

Teacher Development Days

A reminder that **Monday 3rd July 2023** is a teacher development day (no pupils in school).

We can also confirm that **Friday 1st September and Monday 4th September** will be teacher development days (no pupils in school). We will confirm the other 3 TD days for 2023 /2024 as soon as possible.

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 |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Rugby training trip | Oak | 18 th April |
| Beech Topic Web | Beech | 19 th April |
| Rugby Match | All | 20 th April |

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.

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| April 2023 | |
| Monday 17 th | Term 5 begins for all pupils at 8.45am |
| Friday 28 th | Oak Rugby Trip |
| May 2023 | |
| Monday 1 st May | Bank Holiday (school closed) |
| Thursday 4 th | Coronation Afternoon Tea |
| Saturday 6 th | Trip to watch Bath Rugby play at the Bath stadium |
| *Monday 8 th | *Coronation Bank Holiday (school closed) |
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| 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) |
| <i>Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th</i> | <i>Scarecrow Trail</i> |
| Tuesday 25 th | Term 6 ends at 2.30pm TBC |

*Note new date added to the calendar