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Term 5 – Issue 12

FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is SATs week and the year 6 children have been busy each morning completing tests which are designed to assess how well they read and understand different types of text, how well they can complete mathematical calculations and use their knowledge of maths to solve problems and their understanding of various aspects of English grammar and punctuation. Oh, and there is a spelling test thrown in for good measure. Now I can't share anything about this week's tests as they have to remain confidential until next Friday but I can share some of the spelling, punctuation and grammar objectives the children have to cover in their preparation. Year 5 terminology includes: *modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion and ambiguity* while Year 6 additionally have the following: *subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon and bullet points*.

I'm not sure the last time I needed to know the difference between active and passive voice and I am pretty sure a poll of adults would find most people unsure what a *determiner* (that's from the Year 4 list of terminology) is! As of the school year 2020 - 2021, the government plan to introduce a Baseline Assessment when children join school in reception year which will then be used once SATs in Year 6 have been completed to judge schools' effectiveness. How to carry out an effective assessment of children's ability at age 4 is a big question in its own right, whether a test seven years later would be any good judge of a child's progress through school is possibly even bigger. Assessment and testing is an emotive subject and I could say lots more on the issue but enough for now I think to simply share a little and encourage people to listen when some of these things are discussed in the media.

As the summer term gets under way we have lots to look forward to - the Oak production and Sports Day are just two of the events coming up. We hope you'll join us for these exciting things and particularly for the Scarecrow Trail at the end of next week. As you know this raises lots of money for the school and is the result of a huge amount of work by the FLS - please support in any way you can, especially over the weekend possibly by manning a stall. If that's not for you, I am sure if you ask any of the FLS members they'll be happy to find you a job.

Richard Hearn

NEWS

FLS Scarecrow Trail

The annual scarecrow trail takes place from the 25th - 27th May. The FLS are in need of volunteers to help sell trail sheets over the weekend. If you could spare any time over the weekend, even an hour would be greatly appreciated, please let the school office, Emily Parry or Alexandra Creed know.

Thank you so much in your support of this great event which raises valuable funds for our school.

Thank you.

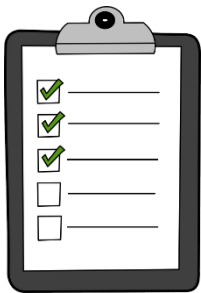
FLS (Friends of Lacock School)



Governor of the Month

The Governor of the month for May is Mrs Ashleigh Whitbread. Mrs Whitbread can be contacted via email a.whitbread@lacockprimary.org

Data Collection Forms



Over the next couple of weeks we will be updating the contact information we hold for your child. Teachers will ask you to check the information is correct, make any changes, sign and return to the class teacher.

It is important that we have all the latest contact details for your child.

Thank you for your help with this.

Latest Sport News

On Tuesday 23rd April, 10 Oak Class pupils represented the school in the Chippenham Sports Partnership Tag Rugby Festival 2019.

The team played games against Frogwell, Monkton Park, Bybrook Valley & St Peters throughout the day. They won 5 games, drew once and lost 2 games. Lacock finished 13th out of 19 teams which was a fantastic achievement for the school against much bigger primary schools in the Chippenham area. Mr Watts was particularly impressed with the determination and attitude to never give up in any games. The children demonstrated excellent team work as well as great sportsmanship and respect to other schools. We are hoping to enter the festival again next year.





End of Term 5

A reminder that term 5 ends on Friday 24th May. Monday 3rd June is a Teacher Development Day (no pupils in school). Pupils return to school on Tuesday 4th June.

REMINDERS

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.



Lost Property

We have a number of items of uniform, PE kit etc. in the lost property box at school. If you have lost anything at school, please check the box which is located in reception. At the end of this term, any items left will be sorted and either donated to charity or the school uniform sale. Remember to label uniform with your child's name so that clothing can be reunited with its owner. Thank you.

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons at Lacock School

With nearly ten years teaching experience and a deep love of all musical genres I am pleased to offer tuition in a wide range of instruments and styles. Whether it is a one to one lesson or a group session, all tuition is catered to the individual students to suit their needs and interests.

Students will learn to read music and care for their instruments with a grounding in both technique and artistry. Once students have mastered the basics they are encouraged to improvise and compose their own melodies, giving them a much greater understanding of how their instrument works and putting theory into practise.

Lessons will be available in:

Voice,
Recorders,
Saxophone,
Guitar,
Piano,
Violin.



At a cost of £12/half hour either as 1:1 sessions or joint lessons of up to 3 students and parents/carers will be invoiced directly by myself.

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Letters sent by Parent Mail in the last fortnight

| Subject | Children/classes | Date Issued |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Topic Web | Willow | 3 rd May |
| Summer letter | Willow | 3 rd May |
| Kwik Cricket | Selected Oak | 9 th May |
| Hardenhuish Taster Day | Year 5 | 9 th May |
| Kwik Cricket (Girls) | Selected Oak | 14 th May |

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 2018- 2019

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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| May 2019 | |
| Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th | KS2 SATs |
| Friday 17 th | Kwik Cricket (selected Oak) |
| Thursday 23 rd | Kwik Cricket (selected Oak girls) |
| Friday 24 th | End of Term 5 |
| Saturday 25 th to Monday 27 th | <i>Scarecrow Trail</i> |
| Saturday 25 th to Sunday 1 st June | Half Term holiday |
| June 2019 | |
| Monday 3 rd | TD day (no pupils in school) |
| Tuesday 4 th | Start of Term 6 for all pupils |
| Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th | Phonics check week |
| Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st | Maths week |
| Wednesday 19 th | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 26 th | New Reception Parents Meeting |
| Thursday 27 th | Photographer in school TBC |
| July 2019 | |
| Monday 1 st to Friday 5 th | New Reception Home Visits |
| Tuesday 9 th | Oak Production (afternoon and evening performances) |
| Friday 12 th to Thursday 18 th | Sheldon Turnaround |
| Thursday 25 th | Leavers service and end of Term 6 |
| September | |
| Monday 2 nd | TD day (no pupils in school) |
| Tuesday 3 rd | Term 1 begins for pupils in year 1 – year 6 |

*Note change of date

More events will be added during the year.