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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today was the first day of SATs for the Year 6 children. We are judged and assessed throughout our lives – by schools and colleges for sure but in a whole range of other situations. We sit driving tests, we get graded at judo club, at ballet or gymnastics. We even get judged by friends and colleagues on many things when they are deciding how much time to spend with us or what information to share with us.

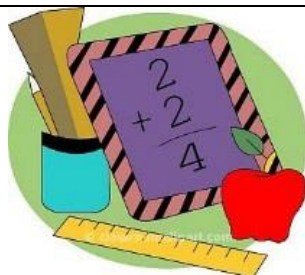
We all need to know that sometimes we'll fail an assessment, that our ballet routine isn't good enough or we didn't use the mirrors enough on our driving test. And we need to cope with that and bounce back, just as we need to celebrate success and enjoy the feeling of getting that certificate or grade.

My only thought is that we make sure the assessment is up to the job. There is a plan to abandon formal tests in school for children in Year 2, and possibly bringing in a formal, obligatory test for reception children when they join school. Now teachers assess all the time, not just when a child joins school but at the end of the week, at the end of the year and even during lessons – it's how we know what a child has achieved and where they need to go next. Any formal test needs to support the teaching and learning – not simply be a way of generating a grade.

The formal tests from the Department for Education which we are focussed on this week measure only a narrow set of objectives. Important, even vital objectives, but narrow nonetheless. They don't celebrate the singers and the artists, the dancers and the sportspeople. Which is why, at Lacock Primary, we plan as far as possible to give opportunities and encouragement whatever children's strengths so that all their talents are recognised and nurtured. And why next week we'll be welcoming back visiting musicians and sports coaches to provide those vital opportunities.

Richard Hearn
Headteacher

NEWS



Year 6 SATs – week beginning Monday 8th May

We will provide breakfast each morning of SATs week for any child in year 6 who would like it. Children are welcome to come in to school from 8.15am onwards for toast, cereal, juice and a chilled chat with friends.



Message From FLS

During the Scarecrow Trail we are having stalls in the playground at £10 per day. If anyone would like a stall or know anyone who may be interested, please let the FLS know or call the school on 01249 730271.

To Everyone Making A Scarecrow

The FLS would like to thank you very much for offering to make a Scarecrow this year for the annual Scarecrow Trail on 27th to 29th May.

As Friday 26th is a TD Day please can we ask that you bring in your Scarecrow on Thursday 25th at the end of the day or drop it to the school playground on Friday morning? Hopefully the weather will be kind to us but to be prepared please can your Scarecrow be waterproof as much as possible. If it's very fragile let us know so we can put it in an indoor spot!

The Scarecrows will be taken down the evening of the 29th May. All other ones will be left in the playground and will need to be collected.

If anyone can spare any time over the 3 days please, either selling the trail sheets or generally helping out or taking down the scarecrows at the end of the weekend, please let us know, we cannot run this Scarecrow Trail without all parents doing their bit. It raises a considerable amount of money for the school, and all the money benefits your child.

Please have a look at our website www.friendsoflacockschool.co.uk and you can also follow on Facebook.

Lacock Scarecrow Trail

As you know, the Lacock scarecrow trail by the FLS (Friends of Lacock School) is fast approaching and will be held on the May bank holiday weekend of Saturday 27th May - Monday 29th May.

We will be coming around with a rota for supporting the scarecrow weekend and we would be really grateful for any time you can give over the weekend, whether selling trail sheets or being a general help. It's a very busy 3 days and you can make a huge difference by volunteering for an hour or two during the weekend.

Without the help of parents/carers FLS may not be able to run this event and this would be a great loss to the children as FLS generously help with the costs of class trip transport, the Christmas panto as well as many other resources and equipment. If you can help, please let a member of the committee know or telephone the school office on 01249 730271. Thank you.



Photographer in School

The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 25th May** to take class and leaver photographs. Can you please check your child is wearing the correct uniform and appropriate footwear? The leavers will be first to have their photographs taken and we would ask that they arrive promptly at school for an 8.45am start. Thank you.





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

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.

School Blog

Did you know that we have a school blog? Parents/carers are encouraged to read and comment on the blog which is updated regularly by the children. Each class has a blog spot with photos and information about what they are doing in class. You can find it on our web site or go to <http://lacockprimaryschool.blogspot.co.uk>



Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

In the past we have collected more than 10,000 Sainsbury's vouchers and were able to order a range of equipment for school including playground equipment and teacher resources along with science and maths resources.



Letters sent home in the last fortnight

Subject	Children/classes	Date Issued
Taster day at Hardenhuish	Year 5	5 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 2016- 2017

All dates are subject to change. We will give as much notice of any changes as possible.

May 2017	
Monday 8 th to Thursday 11 th	Year 6 SATs
Thursday 18 th	Year 5 to Hardenhuish School taster day
Thursday 25 th	Class and leaver photographs
Thursday 25 th	End of term 5
Friday 26 th	TD day - no school for pupils
Saturday 27 th to Monday 29 th	Scarecrow trail (FLS)
June 2017	
Monday 5 th	Start of term 6
Friday 23 rd	Sports Day
July 2017	
Tuesday 11 th	Oak Production
Friday 14 th	Reports to parents
Thursday 20 th	Leavers' service / End of term 6 (2.30pm)
Friday 21 st	TD day - no school for pupils
September 2017	
Friday 1 st September	TD day – no school for pupils
Monday 4 th September	Term 1 starts for pupils in years 1 - 6

Many more events will be added during the year, including;

Maths Week: Term 5 or 6 Sports fixtures / tournaments

Secondary school visits Class trips