Tel: 01249 730271 admin@lacock.wilts.sch.uk

Thursday 22nd July **Term 6 – Issue 13**

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents / Carers

Well what can I say? What a year we have had. Personally I would like to say a great big thank you to yourselves and your children for persevering and staying so positive in the difficult times we have had of late. I'm keeping my fingers tightly crossed for a normal school year next year and I am sure you will be too. So long as the guidance doesn't change again we will be reverting back to normal drop off and pick up procedures with all children starting school at 8.45am and finishing at 3.15pm – we do kindly request that parents do not enter the playground and that children are dropped off at the gate.

I have absolutely loved working at Lacock School this term and would like to thank the staff for their unwavering hard work and dedication and wish them a very well deserved summer break. I'd also like to thank your children for being so kind and caring and making me feel very welcome. I will continue to visit Lacock School in September as part of my consultant headteacher role and ensure an effective handover with Mrs. Jackson.

For now, have a wonderful summer, stay safe.
Hayley Roberts

Thank you FLS

A **BIG** thank you to FLS for running an extremely successful Scarecrow Trail. The trail this year faced many challenges but the FLS committee, parents and friends ensured the event ran smoothly and was a success.

The money raised makes a huge difference to all the pupils in school.

Parent / Carer survey

Following on from the parent survey last term, Lacock School Governors would be grateful if you could complete a follow up survey using the link below:

https://forms.office.com/r/4jP6HZqZuc

Thank you for your help with this.

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

The term dates for 2021 – 2022 have been confirmed by Wiltshire Council. The dates are attached to this newsletter.

Due to the extra bank holiday to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, the last day of term 6 will now be Friday 22nd July, 2022.

The new TD day is Wednesday 20th October, 2021.

Breakfast Club

Please be aware that we are currantly investigating breakfast club options. We will let you know as soon as possible but it is unlikely that breakfast club will be availble the first week back.

Thank you for your patience.

School Lunches September 2021 Message from Sue Brady Catering

We are planning that all schools will be having hot meals by September 2021, so we will be re introducing the 3 week rolling seasonal ordering system again as well as fortnightly ordering.

The new menus for the Autumn Terms (Terms 1 & 2, 1st September – 17th December 2021) will be available to order on-line (www.suebradycatering.com) from **Friday 16th July at noon until Wednesday 25th August at 9am**. The fortnightly ordering system for the first two weeks of the new academic year go live on Friday 16th July at noon, closing on Wednesday 25th August at 9 am. If you choose to use the termly ordering system and your child would like to change a specific day's selection for any reason, please call us and we will make the necessary changes. Refunds for paid meals cancelled before 9 am will be made after the deduction of an admin fee of £1.00 per family refund, processed at the end of each term.

Please could we ask that parents only enter specific food allergies when ordering school lunches. If your child does not like a food item (e.g. gravy or baked beans), please could we ask that you inform the school office who will make the Kitchen Staff aware of any preferences.

As always, your child's enjoyment of the food we provide from our kitchens is of paramount importance to us and we welcome feedback and suggestions about our menus from you and your children. We always put a great deal of thought into our new menus and hope that the children will be pleased with the choices on offer.

We look forward to continuing to serve your children delicious and nutritious meals.
Jackie Cartner
Schools Manager

Covid Update: All schools and catering organisations are expected to be back to normal by September. However, should there be any unexpected alterations due to covid, we will of course consult with you on appropriate changes.

REMINDERS

Attendance and Exclusion Policy

You will soon be able to find our updated attendance and exclusions policy online. The attendance policy is a detailed policy covering all aspects of attendance including unauthorised absences, fines and the importance of being on time for school. Some of the key points include:

- Fines relating to unauthorised absence – only in exceptional circumstances will non-attendance at school be authorised.
- The need for parents to inform the school of a child's absence for each day of absence.
- The need for children to arrive at school on time – a late mark beyond 9.20am will result in an unauthorised absence.
- The requirement on the school to alert parents when a child's attendance drops below 95%. If you receive these letters in the future please understand that we are required to do this.
- The requirement on the school to hold attendance meetings where attendance is a concern.

Willow Class Outdoor Classroom – Update

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has sponsored our Willow Class Walk to raise money towards developing the outdoor classroom.

Please keep sharing our gofundme page

https://gofund.me/e0b3680a

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**
UFSM and FSM letter to parents	Year 2	7th July
Sex education – letter to parents	Year 6	9th July
Letter from Chair of Governors	All	16th July
Letter from Headteacher update on track and trace	All	16th July

Dates for 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.

July 2021	
Friday 23rd	Term ends at 2.00pm
September 2021	
Wednesday 1st	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Thursday 2nd	Term 1 begins for pupils year 1 – 6
Monday 6th	Reception start school (mornings only)
Monday 13th	Reception stay until after lunch
Monday 20th	Reception in full-time

PS We still have a few storage items from the cake sale. Please collect before Friday.