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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we finally made it to the end of term and the end of the school year. It's such a shame that so many of our regular events couldn't take place this summer but I'm confident next year will look much more normal. Today feels so weird – I feel as if I should be going to church for a Leavers' Service rehearsal at the moment rather than writing the newsletter.

We must say a few goodbyes:

Of course to our Year 6 pupils who leave us today at the end of their time in primary education. Well done to all of you for all you have achieved during your time at Lacock and very best wishes to you all for the move to secondary school. Also to two of our governors – Adam Beaumont and Fiona Draper. Both have served the school over a number of years and supported us all, even if you might not know about all they do, working extremely hard, usually behind the scenes. Thank you to both of you and best wishes with whatever comes next.

Wendy Crossman has worked with us as a teaching assistant, primarily in Willow Class and she also is moving on. Thank you Wendy for all you've done. Finally one or two of our children not in Year 6 are also moving on – goodbye and good luck to you.

Breakfast Club and After School Club will re-start in September – please see information below.

Finishing on a slightly political note, it's nice to hear on the news this morning of the pay rise for teachers and the recognition from the chancellor that schools have stayed open and helped where we could during the Corona crisis. Let's ignore for a minute the fact that teaching assistants and office staff aren't included in this announcement and have done an equally vital job during the past few months (where's their pay rise?), I note the increase is to be funded from existing budgets with no new money to be found. So I wonder what I am expected to cut back on to make sure we don't go into a deficit budget? And don't forget school as the employer pays NI and pension contributions for all the staff so this will cost each and every school a lot more than the headline figure of 3%.

So as we finish for the summer let me place on record my huge thanks . . . to **all** the staff who have worked so very hard this year . . . to all the governors who have supported the school without expectation of any reward . . . to all the volunteers who visited during the year to hear readers and support in other ways . . . and to you as parents and carers of the children we come to work to teach and support every day.

We know the year has been a huge challenge for you as well, having children unexpectedly at home for four months, sometimes in very difficult circumstances. We really appreciate your kind words and thoughts – it made my day yesterday when one of you said at pick up time ‘thank you for doing all this, it’s been so well organised in such a difficult time’.

Richard Hearn

Arrangements for September

As we start the new school year in September we are expecting all children to return full time. We plan to operate the school as a single bubble, with additional measures to avoid too many people being squashed together – specifically not holding assemblies all together, having packed lunches in classrooms rather than queuing to be served and having staggered start / finish times to avoid too many people on the playground at the same time. We will also continue with enhanced hygiene measures, more frequent handwashing, controls on visitors in school, etc.



Further information with more detail will be sent out nearer the start of next term.

There will be two Staff Training Days at the start of term and school will **open to pupils on Thursday 3rd September**. Children will return to their current classes for two weeks, with days spent in their new classes on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 17th and then start full time in their new classes on Monday 21st September.



Breakfast Club and After School Club From September

Breakfast club runs Monday - Friday (term time only) from 7.45am. The cost is £3.50 per child or £3.00 per child for brothers and sisters attending together.

We are pleased to let you know our after school club, which runs every school day from the end of school until 5.30pm, will be back from 3rd September. If you need any information, please speak to a member of the office staff or go to our website:

www.lacock.wilts.sch.uk/clubs

Message from Sue Brady Catering

I hope everyone is fit and well in these extraordinary times. I am sorry to say that we will not be offering the 3 week rolling ordering option for Terms 1 & 2 because of the current situation. Packed lunch orders can be placed on line fortnightly www.suebradycatering.com from noon **on Friday 17th July until 10.00 am on Friday 28th August, 2020**. We will change the menus to include hot options as soon as we possibly can.

SORRY BUT NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

We will be offering a choice of one of our packed lunches (Ham, Cheese, Egg Mayo, Marmite, Cream Cheese or Tuna Mayo) or a Wrap (Cream Cheese & Cucumber, Houmous & Roasted Pepper, BLT (Bacon

Lettuce & Tomato), Ham & Cucumber, Chicken Mayo & Lettuce, Egg Mayo & Cress, Cheese & Tomato and Cheesy Coleslaw). The individual boxes / bags will also include Fruit, Crisps, Cake, or a Biscuit or Gingerbread Man and either Veg Sticks, Raisins or a Cherry Tomato. Please remember to tell us of any allergies or special diets your children may have.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REMEMBER TO PUT THE CORRECT YEAR GROUP / CLASS NAME ON YOUR ORDERS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

If you have any questions, please send us an email (events@suebradycatering.com).

Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Brady

Support During The Summer Holiday

Holiday activities – Wiltshire have published a directory of summer activities provided by all sorts of sports coaches and others. We'd highly recommend In2Sport summer camps and have heard good feedback from children who have attended in the past. Details are in the Wiltshire Booklet.

Wiltshire Council Schools during Corona page: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-coronavirus>
 Wiltshire Council's directory of summer activities: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/downloads/23245>
 In2Sport Summer Camps: http://in2sportcoaching.co.uk/holiday_camps.php



The FLS make a huge contribution to the school through organising events and raising money. This year the Scarecrow Trail had to be cancelled which made a massive dent in our fund raising efforts. I'd like to remind everyone we are registered with Easyfundraising which allows you to make a donation to school when shopping online. Just changing my broadband provider a couple of months ago raised £40 for the school. I was going to change anyway and it didn't cost me anymore. So please look out for websites which allow you to make donations through

Easyfundraising and raise money for school at no extra cost to you!

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 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.

September 2020	
Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd	Teacher Training Days
Thursday 3 rd	School opens for pupils
Wednesday 9th	Transition day
Thursday 17 th	Transition day

Monday 21 st	Reception start school
October 2020	
Wednesday 21 st	Harvest Festival Service (1.30pm)
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of term (finish 2.30pm)
Thursday 22 nd to Friday 30 th	Half term holiday
November 2020	
Monday 2 nd	First day of term 2
December 2020	
Friday 18 th	Christmas Service (1.30pm)
Friday 18 th	Last day of term (finish 2.30pm)
January 2021	
Monday 4 th	First day of term 3
February 2021	
Friday 12 th	Last day of term 3
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th	Half term holiday
Monday 22 nd	TD Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd	Start of term 4 for pupils