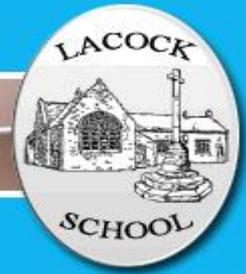




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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to all who supported the Scarecrow Trail at the beginning of the half term holiday. There was a fantastic amount raised for the school and the FLS Committee have already been considering various requests from school staff to fund equipment and resources to support the children's learning. We are very keen to spend the money held by FLS relatively rapidly so that the children currently in school benefit – we don't want to have the cash sitting in the bank!

This week we were visited by Paul Hill from the European Space Agency. He spent time in each of the classes, explaining to the children what life is like for Tim Peake, currently living on the International Space Station (although as of this morning he should be safely back on earth) and much more about space exploration and rockets in general. I wonder if you can guess who is dressed in the spacesuit?



Some of you will have noticed Mrs Prater has been missing from the office this week. Unfortunately she has had to go into hospital at short notice to have an operation. She will be away from school for the next few weeks recuperating and we wish her a speedy recovery. Whilst Mrs Prater is away, Mrs Gardner will be increasing her hours in the office and we hope to have someone available in the office for the majority of each day, especially at the beginning and end of the day. There may be times when this is not possible and we do ask for your patience.

Last Sunday I went along to the Queen's Birthday Picnic on the playing field and it was lovely to see so many of you there enjoying what turned out to be a very warm afternoon. The cakes were delicious and there were enough left over to sell at school on Monday afternoon. Thank you to Adam Beaumont and all his team at St Cyriac's for organising the picnic and inviting us all.

Have a great weekend.

Richard Hearn
Headteacher

Sports Day

Sports Day this year will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 7th July. This year we will start the afternoon with our family picnic and then continue with some sporting action. As in previous years there will be a mix of throwing, jumping and other activities to start off with (nothing too strenuous following lunch!) followed by running races along the track. We'd love you join us at 12.30pm on the field to picnic with your children and then watch and cheer during the afternoon. We'll aim to finish at 3.00pm and you will be welcome to collect children from the field if you are watching or if you can't be there we will return children to school to be collected as usual.

Children will need to wear a T-Shirt in the colour of their house team.

Leopards are Green, Pumas are Blue, Panthers are Red; teachers have the lists of houses if your child is not sure which house they are in.

**Message from FLS (Friends of Lacock School)**

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the hugely successful 2016 Lacock scarecrow trial, where over £6,500 was raised.

We had fabulous weather and really showed in the turnout. The scarecrow theme of board and family games was a popular choice and the standard of scarecrow making was complimented on time and time again by the visitors.

The answer sheets have now all been scrutinised and the winners will be announced shortly.

So, if you made a scarecrow, did a turn selling trail sheets, did first aid, helped us get ready or are one of our sponsors - thank you so much. It was a real village event and so good to see the Scouts, Evergreens, Wise-Owls and Church able to raise money off of this event as well.

Put the late May bank holiday in your diary for 2017 and join the fun!

**Wrong Trousers / Bristol Children's Hospital Grand Appeal**

Thank you to all who took part last week in our 'Wrong Trousers' Day.

Ellie from Oak Class suggested we support this very worthy cause and it was great to see the children in such a range of bright colours and strange styles.

We raised over £50.00 which has been sent off to the Grand Appeal.

**HEADLICE**

Head Lice are a source of lots of debate and discussion – 'What is the best treatment?' being the most common question with some people swearing by one method and some by another. We have received a document from Public Health England covering many topics, including head lice. I have copied the advice from that document below so you all have the same information we do in school.

You'll notice that it is not recommended that we send out letters if a case of head lice is seen in school and that in the eyes of Public Health England that "there will always be some cases of head lice infection in school ; this is normal". (Their words – not mine).

Head lice

Head lice are tiny insects, which live on the head, most commonly behind the ears and at the back of the neck and feed off blood by biting the scalp. Head lice can affect anyone but are common in children under 11 years and their families.

Nits are the empty eggs that remain after the lice have hatched. They are cemented to hairs close to the scalp and can be difficult to see. The eggs hatch after seven to 10 days and then turn pearly white. As the hair grows the nits become more obvious and can be seen further from the scalp surface. Nits that are a few centimetres from the scalp are empty having hatched several weeks before.

How are head lice spread?

They are only spread by head to head contact, they cannot hop or jump. They do not willingly leave a head except to walk directly onto another head. If a louse falls onto a hat, hairbrush or chair back, it will be dead within 48hrs and will not usually cause problems.

How are they treated?

Treatment should only be carried out if live, moving lice are seen in the hair or on the scalp. Any insecticidal lotion may be used. An aqueous solution may be preferred (Derbac-M liquid or Full Marks liquid) for people with asthma. Most of these can be bought from a chemist or obtained on a doctor's or health visitor's prescription. Shampoo treatments are not recommended. Treatment involves two applications of the lotion seven days apart; the second application will ensure that any remaining or newly hatched lice are killed.

What about schools?

Although head lice are quite common in childhood and are often noted amongst children in school, spread occurs wherever children socialise. It is not recommended that schools send out letters to parents whenever a teacher suspects a case of head lice infection. The reason for this is that it is likely that there will always be some cases of head lice infection in school; this is normal. Sending out letters can give the impression that an outbreak is occurring rather than an expected and normal number of cases.

Schools are not responsible for detecting, treating or excluding children who are thought to have head lice infection. This is a family duty. Therefore, regular detection combing is recommended within families to ensure early detection and treatment of cases. Schools should provide parents with information periodically, for instance a reminder in newsletters or at the beginning of term.

REMINDERS

Diary dates 2015 – 2016

Tuesday 21 st June	Swimming begins for Year 6
Wednesday 22 nd June	Chippenham Games Year 6
Thursday 23 rd June	Design & Technology Series of Workshops starts Year 4,5,6
Thursday 7 th July	Whole school sports day 12.30pm onwards
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers' service at 1.30pm
Thursday 21 st July	Term 6 ends at 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd July	Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Letters sent home in the last fortnight

Subject	Children/classes	Date
Design & Technology Series of Workshops	Oak Class	15 th June 2016
Swimming	Oak Class – Year 6 only	15 th June 2016

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.