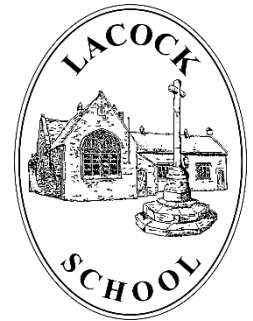


"Love each other as I have loved you"
John 15:12



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to term 5! We hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break with friends and family. We have lots of exciting learning planned this term.

Willow Class are finding out about growing. They have already been busy planting lots of different seeds and are excitedly awaiting their germination! They will be focusing on the story Jack and the Beanstalk and also the book Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs. They will also be out and about in the village learning about Lacock in terms of it's physical features eg. hills, trees, rivers etc. and also it's human geography eg. school, houses, shops etc.

Beech Class topic is called 'Why are Rivers so Important?' They are learning all about the water cycle and are also finding out about the features of a river. In art they will be learning skills and techniques involved in watercolour & batik. They will also be learning about ways to keep themselves fit and healthy.

Oak Class are studying the kingdom of Benin and the text Children of the Benin Kingdom. In Science they will be learning all about living things and the life cycle of different animals and their habitats. The Year 6 children have been busy preparing for their SATs, we wish them lots of luck and congratulate them on all their hard work.

I hope by now you will have all received the curriculum information from your child's teacher vis Tapestry. If you would like a paper copy, please speak to your child's teacher. More information can be found on the school's website under About the School and the class pages. Our knowledge organisers for each subject can also be found on the website under information for parents/whole school curriculum. Please check them out!

Our value this term is 'Friendship'. The children have been discussing what it means to be a good friend even when things get tricky and you have a disagreement.



Caroline Jackson

Goodbye to Mrs Thirkettle

Mrs Thirkettle is sadly leaving us at the end of next week.

It is very exciting for her because she has secured a role at Abbeyfield school so will be supporting all the big boys and girls with their learning!!

We are sure you will join us by all wishing her well in her new role and thank her for all her hard work supporting children at Lacock.



Author Visits 21st and 23rd May

As part of the Bi-centennial celebrations 2024, John Dougherty will be visiting Oak and Beech class on Tuesday 21st May. In 2005 His Zeus on the Loose, was shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award for 'an outstanding first novel for children'. He gave up teaching to concentrate on writing when he moved to Stroud, but he really enjoys visiting schools as an author and poet and his novels and poetry books are a staple in our classrooms.

Music is still a very big part of John's life. He was a member of award-winning extraordinary acappella group Naked Voices for over 2 years, and he may bring his guitar and sing to us, too.

The children will listen to him talk about poetry, his books, the process of writing, and sources of inspiration and the pupils will be creating their own poetry book to celebrate 200 years.

The experience of listening to an accomplished poet and author is invaluable and can encourage the most reluctant of readers and writers! In addition to this, John is happy to sign copies of his books for your child as a memento of the day.

Eileen Browne will be visiting Willow class on Thursday 23rd May. The children will listen to her talk about her books, the process of writing and illustration as well as sources of inspiration. Handa's surprise is very familiar to us all and she will explain how a book is made.

The experience of listening to an inspirational author and illustrator is invaluable and can encourage the most reluctant of readers and writers! In addition to this, Eileen is happy to sign copies of her books for your child as a memento of the day. She has also agreed to talk to parents after school about reading picture books aloud and the bias in publishing.



We will be sending out information about how to buy the books via +ParentPay soon but please put the dates in your diary.



Reminder - Teacher Development Days 2024

TD days coming up. **Monday 3rd June** and **Monday 1st July** (no pupils in school).

We can confirm that **Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September** will be teacher development days (no pupils in school). We will confirm the other 3 TD days for 2024 /2025 as soon as possible.

School Clubs Term 5 – some places still available

+ParentPay is now open for booking and payment. By paying you are giving permission for your child to attend the club. This may include walking to and from the hall / sports field and around the village.

We are pleased to be able to offer the following clubs:

Monday – Streetdance (lunchtime club) Open to all year groups (spaces)



Monday – Football (After School Club) Beech and Oak
 Wednesday – Eco Club (After School Club) Open to all year groups (spaces)
 Thursday – Rugby Club (After School Club) Beech and Oak

Numbers are limited and please note that not all clubs are open to all year groups.

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
Appointment of Headteacher	All	28 th March

Dates for 2024

Some events (*in italics*) are run by Friends of Lacock School (FLS) and some may not confirmed.
 All dates are subject to change. We will give as much notice of any changes as possible.

May 2024	
Friday 3 rd	Willow Class Olympic Games (Chippenham Sports Partnership)
Monday 6 th	Bank holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th	SATs for year 6 only. Y6 children welcomed to our SATs Breakfast Club from 8am.
Tuesday 21 st	Beech and Oak Author visit
Thursday 23 rd	Willow Author visit
Friday 24 th	Term 5 ends
June 2024	
Monday 3 rd	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 4 th	Term 6 begins for all pupils
Thursday 6 th	80 Anniversary of D Day Commemorations
Friday 7 th	Swimming starts for Beech (once a week until 12 th July)
Thursday 13 th	Sports Day (afternoon races)
Thursday 20 th	Celebration Service at St Cyriac's (details to follow)
Monday 24 th - Wednesday 26 th	Braeside Residential (Oak Class)
Thursday 27 th	Sports Day (reserve)
July 2024	
Monday 1 st	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Wednesday 24 th	Term 6 ends
September 2024	
Monday 2 nd	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 3 rd	TD Day (no pupils in school)