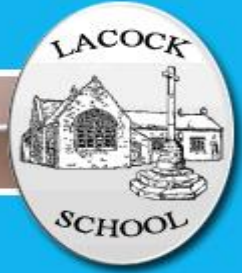




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Friday 13th May

Term 5– Issue 16

FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, last week we were visited by Mr Ken Buxton, one of Her Majesty's Inspectors from OFSTED. He spent two days with us and observed a whole range of activities, including lessons, assembly, breakfast club and playtimes. He read with children and met with children to hear their views as well as talking to parents in the playground and reading all the comments submitted through the Parent View questionnaire online. He also talked at length with governors, both individually and as a group. Mr Buxton wanted me to thank all the staff, parents, governors and especially the children for helping him to carry out his inspection efficiently. I would echo his thanks and particularly recognise the efforts of all the staff team, not just during the inspection but for all the work they do all day, every day and have done consistently over the last year and before.

Mr Buxton met with governors and myself at the end of inspection to share his findings but was very clear that the results were provisional and needed to go through the official quality assurance and monitoring checks at OFSTED before being made public. Whilst I would love to share his findings with you I can't do that until we have received the draft copy of the report (hopefully next week) and then the final version (which will be either just before, or more likely just after, half term). As a school we have no control over the time scales which are set out in the OFSTED inspection handbook. I'm not even allowed to share the results with staff, which as you can imagine is extremely frustrating for them.

Each term we focus on a particular Christian value as part of our focus in assembly and in class. This term our focus is "Justice". We have been sharing with the children some information about what justice looks like for adults – the courts system and what judges, lawyers and juries do – as well as what justice looks like in school. In both cases the principles of fairness and listening to evidence from all involved are clearly important.

Please do read the information below about the Scarecrow Trail – we desperately need more volunteers to help out on the weekend of 28th – 30th May and every little bit of time you can give shares the load between everyone much more fairly. Thank You.

Finally, as we enjoy a little sunny weather, I do hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Richard Hearn

NEWS

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and we are inviting parents to put themselves forward to fill this important role. If you'd like to know a bit more about what it means to be a governor, please do speak with Adam Beaumont (or any of the other governors) or myself. Nomination forms are available from the school office.

Multi Skills for year 1 and 2

All the children from Year 1 and 2 have been invited to a sports event organised by the Chippenham Cluster of Village Schools. This will take place on Monday 16th May. The children will be accompanied by the class teacher and TA and will travel by minibus/car to the Dome, Chippenham. The children will arrive back at school in time for lunch.

The children will take part in a wide range of activities working with children from the other schools. Children will need wear their usual PE kit of yellow t-shirt, black shorts and trainers / daps.

Parents will need to take PE kit home this weekend ready for the children to come in on Monday wearing PE kit ready for a prompt departure.



Lacock Scarecrow Trail – Help Needed

As you know the Lacock Scarecrow trail is to take place on the Whitsun bank holiday weekend, 28-30th 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.

Oak Class Trip to Victoria Art Gallery and Abbey

To support the children's learning for their Art topic of cityscapes and landscapes, a visit has been arranged to the Victoria Art Gallery in Bath on Monday 23rd May 2016.

During the visit, the children will have a tour of the gallery and take part in an art workshop entitled 'Landscapes'. During the workshop they will see paintings by British artists from the past 300 years. Enjoy paintings of our landscape and culture. Sketch using watercolours and pastels. Experiment with mark making and look at the changing British landscape. After lunch Oak class will visit Bath Abbey for a self-guided tour, looking at differences and similarities with Lacock Church.

Please return the signed permission slip with your voluntary contribution **by Monday 16th May** to indicate permission for your child to attend the visit.



Willow and Beech class trip to Westonbirt

We plan to take Beech and Willow Class to Westonbirt Aboretum on Thursday 26th May. A letter with all the details will go out next week. Please keep checking your child's book bags.

Job Vacancies

We have positions for a TA and MDSA and a named pupil TA. Both jobs are part time and details can be found on the school web site www.lacock.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies or speak to a member of the office staff for more details.

REMINDERS

Swimming Lessons Year 6 only

The Olympiad Leisure Centre has informed us that the pool will be closed from the 6th to 19th June for essential maintenance to resurface the pool surround. This will mean that the swimming lessons for year 6 will now start on **Tuesday 21st June**. As in previous years, the children will swim 3 times a week giving the children the best opportunity to make progress with their swimming. More details will follow in the next few weeks.





End Of The School Day.

Can we remind parents and carers that the school day ends at 3.15pm and children should be collected promptly. If you cannot collect your child on time, please call the school on 01249 730271 to let us know who will be collecting your child so that we can make sure children are not left waiting around at the end of the school day. Willow class would like to remind parents and carers that if your child is going home with someone other than the usual parent/carer, please call the school office so that a message can be sent to the class teacher. Thank you.

Governor of the Month

A reminder that Governor of the month for May is Mrs Liz Banister who is a co-opted Governor and can be contacted via l.banister@lacockprimary.org

Special Educational Needs Survey

Wiltshire Council is currently considering the ways in which it supports children and young people with special educational needs and/or disability.

A draft SEND Strategy for the period 2016-19 is currently available for consultation, which sets out the vision and key priorities for provision of services and support for 0-25 year olds. A copy of the draft strategy can be found on the Wiltshire Pathways website.

In order to support the strategy, the views of children and young people are also being sought, via an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wiltswatmatters>

Hard copies can be made available upon request by emailing judy.edwards@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phoning 01225 713712. A simplified copy is also available (only in paper form) for younger children particularly – copies are available from the school office.

If a child needs support to complete the survey parents are encouraged to offer that support – all that is asked is that their words are used wherever possible.

The survey closes on May 31st 2016, and the results will be made available soon after in a report, as well as incorporated into future service development.

Diary dates 2015 – 2016

Monday 16 th May	Multi skills for year 1 and 2
Monday 23 rd May	Oak Class trip to Bath
Tuesday 24 th May	Whole school and Leaver photograph
Thursday 26 th May	Westonbirt trip for Willow and Beech class
Thursday 26 th May	Term 5 ends for pupils
Friday 27 th May	Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Saturday 28 th – Monday 30 th	FLS Scarecrow Trail
Monday 6 th June	Term 6 begins
Tuesday 21 st June	Swimming begins for year 6
Thursday 7 th July	Whole school sports day
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
KS1 Multi Skills	Year 1 and 2 only	9 th May
Oak class trip to Bath	Oak class	12 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.