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Dear Parents

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During a very lengthy Governing Body meeting on Tuesday evening where we reflected on the year that has been - the successes and the challenges as well as our future plans and goals - the support and encouragement from our families and the resilience and determination of our children, were elements which resonated throughout our conversations. Emails, little notes, kind words and gestures from families have meant so much to the staff. We also commended our staff for the part they have played in supporting the senior team's vision that our children should receive the best we can offer with the resources we have in spite of the challenges and hurdles we would face. To our team, working in a school is a vocation. They embody the school's vision and values and I am incredibly proud of them.

Currently the senior team are planning for the year ahead in all aspects of school life. A huge amount of work is taking place in the summer holidays to ensure that the classrooms undergoing refurbishment are ready for teachers to begin preparations in the summer holidays.

We are also devising our new system for the start and end of the school day as staggered starts and finish times will cease and we will return to our original published times. More information will be shared with families in the Summer break so please do watch out for this.

Please do take the time to read the information below. As parents will read, we are looking to fill the role of Chairperson for our FoLPS committee. We may also need to fill committee member positions. Without a committee, FoLPS cannot function and any funds they hold will be frozen. Both Toni and Mandy, our current joint Chairs, have done a fantastic job over the past few years to ensure that FoLPS is able to raise much needed funds for the school. We are so grateful for all of their hard work. If you feel able to take on this really important role, you will be very well supported!

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At this time of year, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. We hope that they enjoy the challenges and opportunities that their new secondary schools will bring. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of their lives and we will be thinking of them all in September.

On behalf of all of the staff, I should like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes
Sam Porter

FoLPS

The Friends of Leckhampton C of E Primary School (FoLPS) is the PTA of the school. FoLPS run a number of events (large and small) throughout the year to raise funds to support the school with such things as essential equipment, subsidising school trips and external visitors to name a few. Without the support of the parent body, FoLPS would be unable to run and be the success that it is. The year ahead is going to be so exciting for the children as they hope to be able to plan some of the popular events again and now more than ever they need your help and support!

FoLPS would like to invite you to attend their annual AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Wednesday 21st September 2021 from 7.00-8.30pm, hopefully in the School Hall. This is a great opportunity to find out how FoLPS works and the many ways that you can get involved to help them to continue their great work. You will also get to know what events they have planned for the new academic year. There is no expectation for you to sign up to any of the key roles that they will be electing, however they would love to have some new members to support their exciting plans for the year ahead. In particular, they are looking for someone or 2 people working in partnership to take on the role of Chair of FoLPS as Toni and Mandy will be stepping down from this role in September.

Sadly, without FoLPS there will be no more special events for the children such as the Lido Splash, Christmas Fair, School Disco, Summer Fair or Year 6 Leavers Disco (to name just a few), so they DO need a full committee.

You would be fully supported in these roles and have lots of helping hands. To register your interest, or enquire about either role please contact the Chair of FoLPS chair@folps.com who will be happy to provide more information.

House Names

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Thank you for all your suggestions for names for our new houses and for supporting the children with voting for their favourite. The votes have all been counted and the definite winner is British Birds of Prey. This means that from September the names of our houses will be:

Osprey
Sparrowhawk
Merlin
Peregrine
Goshawk
Kestrel

The children will be told which house they will be in when we return in September, except for our Year 5 children who will be told before we break up so they can start to think about applying to be House Captains.

Thank you again for all your support. It has been lovely to see the children excitedly talking about their favourites in school.

House Music

As you will know, the children had a great time recording their large group performances for House Music. These are now available on Google Drive for families to share at home. Please be aware that these are for our school family to enjoy and should not be shared in any format.

Uniform at Leckhampton

As parents will be aware, the school has taken a more relaxed attitude to uniform over the past year, in recognition of the challenges faced in replacing pieces of uniform during lockdown periods.

As restrictions on retail are now lifted, I would like to politely remind parents of the school's expectations in terms of uniform for September 2021.

In 2012, the school logo changed to the colourful logo which all of us know today. At the time, I felt it was important to provide parents with an extended transition period so that all families had time to invest in uniform displaying the new logo. 9 years on, I would like to request that where jumpers and cardigans display a logo, it is the updated version.

When in uniform, all children are expected to wear a school tie unless wearing a summer dress.

Winter

- White school shirt (polo shirts should not be worn)
- Dark green/blue school tie

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- Grey skirt or pinafore or grey school trousers or shorts (Jeans, leggings, tracksuit bottoms should not be worn)
- Bottle green school jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirts)
- Black school shoes; (Boots, open toed sandals, trainers and “fashion” shoes should not be worn)
- White, grey, green or black socks.

Summer

- as above, or green striped or gingham dress.

Hair should be neat and tidy and tied back if long. Hair accessories such as headbands should be practical and in-keeping with the school uniform.

Variations on the above may be made on the basis of religious or cultural beliefs. For some performances and events (e.g. The Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts) a more specific dress code may be required.

Please could parents follow the guidance below where a change to uniform is needed.

“In order to ensure that we continue to meet the highest standards in all areas of school life and more importantly for the children we are fair and consistent in our approach, please could I ask that where a change to school uniform is necessary, parents make the class teacher aware of this. For example, if shoes need replacing and a child needs to be sent into school wearing something other than black shoes, please do let the class teacher know. Teachers are expected to maintain high standards in their classrooms; this also applies to uniform.”

Thank you for your support.

Caterlink School Lunch Menu for the Autumn Term has been attached to this email and also uploaded to the school’s website.

School Term Dates

Due to a change in date for our proposed Isle of Wight Residential in 2022, the in-service day on 6th June 2022 will now be on 27th May 2022.

We have also been informed that the final day of the Summer term will now be 21st July 2022. This change has been made by Gloucestershire County Council in recognition of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee additional bank holiday.

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