



Locking Primary School

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Successes and challenges



The last two weeks at Locking Primary School have been packed with successes and challenges. **Travellers** – thank you to everyone who has been so generous in supporting the school with the recent losses. We are completely overwhelmed with the kindness from all. Special thanks to The Coach House Pub, Locking who donated £500 for outside equipment, Hannah Whitton who raised funds to buy a large selection of outdoor play equipment and to Puxton Park who supplied us with lots of gardening equipment – trowels, spades, gloves etc.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused on the school closure afternoon. Our visitors moved on relatively peacefully between 3pm and 5pm. Having children and additional adults with vehicles away from the site, enabled the teams to complete their job without risk to our community. Special praise must go to the Parish Council who worked efficiently and effectively to coordinate the procedure. We are still awaiting the updates on use of the car park again.

History Project – The whole school has enjoyed and gained a huge amount from the Heritage Project lead by Simon Begent. Activities have included village trails, Church work, interviews with residents and a visit to the Helicopter Museum. The pupils at Locking School have had the opportunity to learn so much more and celebrate their local environment.

Sports – Locking School continues to excel in whichever sporting activity they participate in. They really are the school to compete against. Several groups of pupils took part in dance festivals, pupils in KS2 took part in Archery, Shooting and Fencing tournaments taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and our Hockey group recently won 3 of the 6 games in the most recent match. Sportsmanship has been superb. Pupils are a real credit to you. We are all looking forward to the Race for Life which takes place on Thursday 13th June. Details to follow.

Tests – KS1 tests started week beginning 6th May. KS2 tests started this week. Y1 phonics will start week beginning 10th June. Pupils are well prepared and eager to complete any challenges.

Students – Locking School has always supported teaching students from Bath Spa University and the University of the West of England, support staff and apprentices from Weston College and work experience students from local Secondary Schools. We are thrilled to have been nominated as Medium Business of the Year this year and look forward to hearing more.

Art competitions – Locking School really enjoyed entering two art competitions this term. Results have not been announced yet. We look forward to hearing and sharing the outcomes.

Parking

Whilst the car park remains closed to enable the Parish Council to conduct the essential deep clean, please remember to park with consideration. The Coach House has very kindly offered their car park for use at this difficult time. Thank you



Head Teacher for the day

On Friday 24th May, Taliyah will become the Head Teacher for the day. I am really looking forward to putting my feet up! As part of the new school rules she has requested that everyone wears “whacky” clothes – bright colours and odd patterns. The morning activities will involve mystery activities with the afternoon consisting of crazy play and games.

Parents are invited to join a Children's Mental Health Community Parents Forum open event on the 30th May 2019 between 11am and 1pm at Worle Community School Academy.
Please join the group for support, advice and guidance over refreshments.
For more information please contact Lisa on 07957998340

Time to change



Sun safety

We are really pleased that the warm sunny weather has returned, after the brief spell at Easter. During the hot weather, can we please remind all pupils to:

- Bring a water bottle to school every day.
- Apply sun cream before coming to school
- Wear a sun hat.
- Ensure all clothes, likely to be removed, are clearly named.
- Use the shaded areas around the school wherever possible.

Enjoy the beautiful weather.

Supporting your child's learning at home

I am sure that you are all very aware that one of the biggest impacts on children achieving well at school is the support that they receive at home. Reading for just 10 minutes per day with your child will mean that they are well equipped to access learning across the curriculum. Here are our 5 top tips for reading at home:

- 1) Turn off mobile devices and find a quiet comfortable place to sit.
- 2) Listen without distractions supporting any sounding out, blending needed.
- 3) Explain, discuss and put into context new words, expanding vocabulary.
- 4) Talk about the story / facts and ask challenging questions, sometimes inferential.
- 5) Praise all of their efforts.

Finally, don't forget to write in their reading log. Pupils who read 5 times a week at home are entered into a weekly reading raffle, where a new book is presented during Celebration Assembly.

Dates for your diary

Monday 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs.
Friday 24 th May	Head Teacher and Teacher for the day. Details to follow.
Friday 24 th May	End of term 5.
Monday 3 rd June	Start of term 6.
Friday 7 th June	Wear beach clothes for summer beach hut – details above.
Thursday 13 th June	Race for Life
Monday 17 th June	Year 6 residential
Friday 28 th June	Summer Fair
Thursday 4 th July	Sports Day – reserve date Friday 5 th July.
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 4 residential
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party. 2pm – 4pm.
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Assembly 10am. End of term 6.

Inset days for 2019 / 2020 – 2nd September 2019, 3rd September 2019, 4th November 2019, 13th March 2020 and 20th July 2020.

