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Tuesday 6th November 2018

Welcome back to a very busy term 2, I hope you all had a restful half term break. As part of the 100 year celebrations Locking School will be participating in a number of events. Next weekend please look out for a trail of Poppies, decorated by pupils highlighting key features of our interesting village. The trail will also include three "Seen but not forgotten" silhouettes. Many thanks to the Royal British legion who supplied these silhouettes as part of the remembrance celebrations.

Our first silhouette will be placed in the school garden, remembering the wonderful Mr Richard Brough, our school gardener / classroom helper, who served for many years in the Royal Air Force. Mr Brough sadly died earlier this year but is still very much in our thoughts.

Parents Evenings – 12th and 14th November A reminder

You are invited to join us on either Monday 12th November or Wednesday 14th November between 3:30pm and 5:30pm for Parents Evening. This is an opportunity to celebrate your children's achievements as well as discuss any concerns you may have. Bookings can now be made using the sign-up sheet in the classroom.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal A reminder

Leaflets are still in school for any family wishing to fill a shoe box.

All shoe boxes must be returned by **Friday 9th November**.

Full details on what to put into the boxes is fully explained in the leaflet which can be collected from the school office.

Staffing updates



At the end of last term we said a fond farewell to Mrs Green. Learning Support Assistant, who secured a Teaching Assistant position in another placement. We wish her all the very best. We welcomed, and are looking forward to working with, Mrs Plumridge and Mrs Sparling as support staff. In the middle of January we will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Smith who has decided to take (very early) retirement. Mrs Smith has worked across all year groups at Locking Primary School for many years and will be hugely missed. Mrs Smith will be replaced by Mrs Bevan, an experienced teacher currently working in Bristol.

SMSA vacancies

SMSA vacancies – if you are interested in joining our team of SMSA's either full time or on the bank, please contact the school office who will give you further details.

School hours are between 11:50 and 1:05pm.



Fireworks night and upcoming FOLs events

Many thanks to everyone who supported the most recent Fireworks evening. Special thanks to the very hardworking Friends of Locking School team who worked tirelessly throughout the day and evening to ensure the evening went with a "BANG", and to Sky Rascal fireworks who put on an amazing show. A profit of £1588.08 was raised which will be used directly to improve your children's education.

Next events include Friday 30th November – Festive Friday and Christmas café. Please join us at 2:30pm to meet Santa and 3:15pm for Christmas crafts and treats.

Thursday 6th December – Film night 3:15 – 5:30pm.

Please find attached holiday dates to the end of the academic year 2020. Holidays will not be authorised during term time.

After School Club

The following Sports Activities will be held during the After School Club sessions.

Monday – Multi Sports

Tuesday – Tag Rugby

Wednesday – Dodgeball

Thursday – Football

Friday – Funtime games.

After School Club costs £3 until 5pm and £5 until 5:45. Where possible places must be booked in advance using the booking form attached. A new booking form will be sent out termly. Due to staffing, places will be limited with priority given to those booked and paid in advance.

Run a mile

During term 1 pupils at Locking School collectively ran 3345 miles in their bid to run (virtually) around the world. We are currently running through New York. Only 21515 miles to go.

Fundraising

From Thursday 8th November we will be selling hot chocolate and cookies to raise funds for both the Year 6 Brecon trip and school council. This will take place on the veranda, where summer ice lollies were previously sold. Thank you to Miss Lynn for organising this.

Supporting your child's learning at home

Did you know that one of the biggest impacts on children achieving well at school is the support that they receive at home – unsurprising. 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 top 5 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

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| Tuesday 6 th November | FOLs meeting. All welcome. |
| Thursday 8 th November | Flu immunisations for pupils in Foundation to Year 5. |
| Friday 9 th November | Wear Scouting Uniform for Remembrance. |
| Saturday 10 th November | Locking Village Remembrance event. |
| Monday 12 th November | Parents Evening – details above |
| Wednesday 14 th November | Parents Evening – details above |
| Wednesday 14 th November | Photograph with Pudsey Bear |
| Friday 16 th November | Children in Need – details to follow. |
| Sunday 18 th November | 100 Year Locking Celebrations. |
| Friday 30 th November | Festive Friday and Christmas Café – details above.. |
| Thursday 6 th December | Film night – details to follow. |

Christmas Plays will take place during the week beginning 10th December.

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| Wednesday 19 th December | Christmas lunch |
| Thursday 20 th December | Christmas party. |
| Friday 21 st December | Christmas jumper day. End of term 2. |

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| Monday 7 th January | INSET day. School closed. |
| Tuesday 8 th January | Start of term 3. |
| Friday 15 th February | End of term 3. |

Please check the school website for other dates and information.

