

18 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you, Mrs Eades

This week's update carries a mix of emotions as Mrs Eades will be retiring from her Geography teaching role at the end of this term, after an epic 20 years and 1 term at Lacon Childe School! I know I speak on behalf of students, parents/carers, staff and governors when I say that we will be incredibly sad to see Mrs Eades hang up her teaching boots and move into our SEND admin team from January 2025. On a personal level, I feel immensely proud and privileged to have worked alongside Mrs Eades since September 2004 and wish her every success in her new role. She has contributed highly to the success of not only the geography department, but also the school, with her fantastic teaching, dedicated teamwork and endless enthusiasm. I absolutely believe that great teachers can transform lives, and when our ex-students return to us, they always mention the teachers who had the most impact on them, and the teachers who inspired them. Mrs Eades is undoubtedly one of these and will be greatly missed within the classrooms of this school! Thank you for your service to this school Lucy, you are a true Lacon legend!



Attendance

We are pleased to share some wonderful news regarding our school attendance at Lacon Childe School. We have achieved an impressive improvement in our attendance rates, now standing at 1% above the national average. This is a significant milestone, and it reflects the dedication and commitment of our students, staff, and you, our families. Our school target for attendance is set at 96%, and we are proud to report that we are making great strides toward reaching this goal. It is a testament to the hard work put in by everyone involved in our school community. Mr Wood would like to extend his heartfelt congratulations to the 112 students who have achieved a remarkable 100% attendance this term. Your commitment to your education is commendable, and we celebrate your achievement! Thank you for your continued support in fostering a culture of attendance here at Lacon Childe School. Together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

We have run the bronze award at Lacon Childe for many years and it presents a fantastic opportunity for young people to discover fresh interests and make new friends, whilst providing service to others. The award requires commitment and dedication, and is achieved by completing a personal programme of activities in the following four sections:

- Volunteering – helping someone, the community or environment.
- Physical – becoming fitter through sport, dance or fitness activities.
- Skills – developing existing talents or trying something new.
- Expedition – planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey.



Congratulations to the following students in Year 10 who have recently completed their Bronze Award. Their certificate and badge will be presented in our whole school assembly on Friday:

Arthur Davies
Seb Evers
Grace Gurney
Molly Hickman
Ellenna Lewis
Nanci Shepherd-Hughes
Harry Woodhouse



Well done on this outstanding achievement we are extremely proud of you all!

School Uniform

As you already know, our current school uniform supplier, Simply School Uniform, ceased trading on 10th December after 25 years of dedicated service to Lacon Childe School. In light of this change, we have met with a new supplier, Crested School Wear, who will be taking over the provision of our school uniforms from January 2025. We are optimistic about this transition and believe that they will provide a reliable and quality service. The new supplier is currently in the process of setting us up on their website and we expect them to be ready for orders by the start of the new term. We will keep you updated with the website link and further details as soon as they are available. Thank you for your understanding and support during this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. As we head into the Christmas break and in anticipation of students return to school on Tuesday 7th January, a reminder of our uniform policy, available at the following link <https://lacon-childe.org.uk/media/59215/uniform-and-appearance-policy-may-2024.pdf>

If you have any outgrown items of uniform at home, please donate them back to the school by dropping items to main reception.

Young Leaders – Well done Henry!

We have received more good feedback on the quality of our young leaders who help run the sports partnership festivals organised by Mrs Stokes. A member of staff from Clee Hill primary school shared with us that Henry Howard showed a mature and sensible attitude as a young leader and that he was a real ambassador to our school. Well done Henry, thank you for being an excellent role model for future students of Lacon Childe!

Year 11 Group Photograph

There is still time to order the Year 11 Group Photograph. The closing date is Sunday 5th January. You can order by visiting Tempest website www.tempest-orders.co.uk or using your unique link.

Library Books

Please can we make an urgent plea for students to check at home during the school holiday for any books belonging to our school library (or the school in general) and return them to school at the start of next term.

Free School Meals

Christmas free school meal vouchers for those students eligible have been ordered and should be with parents/carers today, Wednesday 18th December.

Christmas Concert and Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Concert took place on Monday 16th December fantastically organised by Miss Lloyd. It was a wonderful evening where we came together to celebrate music, dance, drama and poetry. Our incredibly talented students made us proud, showcasing their talents with great confidence, ability and prowess. Well done to all of you for putting in a huge amount of effort and performing in front of a big audience!

A big thank you goes to Mr Martin for the lighting, Mr Warnes for the sound and to our PTA for their help and support with refreshments and the raffle on the evening.



Christmas Lunch

Our annual whole school staff and student Christmas lunch took place today. A huge thank you to our food pod team led fantastically by Tina Jones for preparing the delicious lunch, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 Reports

Student reports for Year 8, 9 and 10 will be available to access on Arbor from 5pm today. You will receive a letter with further details shortly.

Last day of term

A reminder that on Friday 20th December we will be attending St Mary's Church in Cleobury for our annual Lacon Childe carol service organised by Mrs Blizzard in partnership with Reverend Ashley Buck. Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer on this day should they wish to. If they choose not to wear a Christmas jumper, they will be expected to wear their blazer to school as normal.

As we near the end of term I hope that you will join me in thanking all the staff that work at Lacon Childe School for their commitment and hard work. Without every member of our team, we could not provide the service that we do.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers and stakeholders for your continued support of our school whilst we are on this improvement journey. We wish you all a peaceful and restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

On behalf of everyone at Lacon Childe School, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

Rachel Croxton-Broome
Head of School

Ruth Allen
Consultant Executive Headteacher

Reminders

PTA Lacon Childe Lottery

Do you know about the Lacon Childe School lottery? This lottery helps to raise funds to support the school and benefit our children. It is a fantastic way to bring the whole community together and your support would be greatly appreciated. A ticket only costs just £1 per week, and every week there is a winner. Every ticket is also entered in the general weekly UK draw, where the prize is £25,000. In addition, all our existing supporters are entered into the monthly Super Draw.

So, if you are not a supporter yet, there isn't long left to enter the fantastically festive Christmas Super Draw! One lucky supporter will win a whopping £3,000 Christmas cash bonus on Saturday 21st December - so don't miss out; join Your School Lottery today! Further information on how to do this is attached for you. Thank you!

Attachments

[Lacon Lottery](#)

[Christmas Lacon Lottery](#)

[HAF Holiday Activities](#)

[Response to Parental Voice](#)

[Safety on Social Media](#)

[Safeguarding and Wellbeing Support – Christmas 2024](#)

Trips and Shop Payments

The following are available on Arbor to make payment for:

Item	Information	Payment Due
Year 7 KS3 Design Technology Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 7 London Trip		01/01/25
Year 8 Arthog Trip	2 nd Payment	10/01/25
Year 9 French Trip		01/01/25
Year 9 DofE	Deposit	31/01/25
Year 10 Poland Trip	3 rd Payment	03/01/25
Year 10 Science Revision Books		
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	

Dates to remember

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

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Friday 10th January

Carol Service, Christmas Jumper Day &

Last Day of Term

PD Day – No students in school

All students return to school

Year 11 Triple Science Hobsons Trip

Year 10 English Language Paper 1

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