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# Lacon Childe School

*...more than just a school*

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Harvest Assembly

This week was our Annual Harvest assemblies. We took time to reflect on the theme of World Food Day 'Right to foods for a better life, and a better future', an event that is organised by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations which takes place today. You can find out more [here](#). In addition, we considered the importance of farming and food to our local community and highlighted National Young Farmers Week last week.

The change in the seasons is a time when food banks see an increased demand in their services, and we discussed Cleobury Food Bank and how they support our community. The Harvest period is the perfect opportunity for food banks to stock up on a range of items, ensuring that they can continue to provide supplies to our community during these difficult times.

As I am sure your child will share with you, students were asked to take part in our Harvest Challenge (where possible) by donating one item of either non-perishable food, toiletries, household or baby supplies by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. Tutor Group Hampers will then be created and sent to Cleobury Food Bank. Thank you, as always, for your help and support.

## Year 7 Church Visits

As part of the Year 7 Religious Education and Worldviews curriculum, each Year 7 tutor group have had the opportunity to visit St. Mary's in Cleobury. Students were taken on a tour of the church, beginning at the font, to understand how Christians are welcomed into the church and we talked about weddings, funerals, Eucharist, Sunday services and the foodbank. We also looked at the interesting structure, and history of Saint Mary's.

Reverend Ashley, who is a brilliant Historian explained to us how the Mortimers structured the town of Cleobury, with the Church at its heart, and how parts of the church were found to have been made from trees that were alive in 1066. Students asked some insightful questions, and it really boosted their understanding of the role and use of the church and the place of St Mary's within the Cleobury community. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Blizzard for organising these visits to enrich the Religious Education experience for our Year 7 students.



## Year 11 Triple Science Visit to Bishops Wood

Last week our Year 11 Triple Biology students visited Bishops Wood Field Study Centre to complete their Biology fieldwork. In the morning students used quadrats to sample an area of deciduous and coniferous woodland, they also recorded the pH of the soil, moisture content and light intensity. Later in the day they collected leaf litter to see what organisms they could find with one group finding a rare newt! This visit provided students with a hands-on experience of fieldwork studies and the methods used to collect data in an ecosystem. Hopefully it has inspired some budding ecologists! Thank you to Miss Johnston for organising this valuable experience.



### HOYS Success!

Congratulations to Evie Walker in Year 8 who completed at the Horse of the Year Show at Stoneleigh in Kenilworth last week. Evie, riding Feldons Red Kite, came first in the Mountain and Moorland Ridden Dartmoor class! Congratulations Evie. We are extremely proud of you.

### Uniform

As we approach half term, a reminder of our school uniform policy (<https://lacon-childe.org.uk/parents-carers-students/uniform>). If you have any concerns please contact your child's form tutor or year leader in the first instance. Currently we have some concerns about trainers and non-compliant trousers and both of these items are detailed in the policy with examples of both acceptable and unacceptable items. We have a supply of new uniform in school, please contact us if you require help in replacing any item. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families about our jewellery expectations. Bracelets and necklaces should be left at home but one ring can be worn on each hand and only one stud is allowed in each ear.



### 'Wear it Pink' Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Breast Cancer Now, wear it pink day is one of the biggest fundraising events in the UK. Taking place during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, thousands of people wear it pink in their communities, schools or workplace for the UK's largest breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Now. Mr Adams and the prefect team invite our students to wear an item of pink with their school uniform on Friday for a 50p donation towards the charity. Please don't worry if you don't have anything pink, as Mr Adams will be selling pink ribbons for 50p during registration on Friday morning. You can find out more [here](#) about this very deserving charity.

### Year 9 RE

Dr Simon Nightingale from the Humanist Association came to speak to Year 9 yesterday as part of their RE and Worldviews topic "What does it mean to be non-religious in Britain today?" He posed some interesting ethical questions about stealing, and how this may be approached simply by reading religious texts and how Humanists approach life with the motto "think for yourself and do for others." We look forward to exploring more ideas about Humanism in our RE and Worldviews lessons.

## Reminders

### Student access to Arbor

A reminder that the student portal for Arbor is now open and available for your child to log in to. All students in Years 8-11 have been shown how to do this and have received an email to their school email account explaining this process in case they have forgotten. The following link (included in their email) will take students directly to the correct site, this should be stored in their bookmarks for future use. <https://the-lacon-childe-school.uk.arbor.sc/>

Once students have logged in and set their own password, they will be able to see their attendance, timetable, and assignments (homework) information. They will no longer need to ask you about what homework they have. The link below (also included in their email) provides further advice on using the student portal. <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360006651877-The-Student-Portal-Quick-tips-for-students>

### Chewing Gum

A reminder that we are a no chewing gum school. If students are seen with or eating chewing gum, there will be a loss of social time. Please help us to reinforce this message with your child/children at home.

### Trips and Shop Payments

The following are still available on Arbor to make payment for:

Year 8 Arthog Trip – Payment by 1<sup>st</sup> November

Year 10 & 11 Drama Blood Brothers Trip – Payment by 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Ski Trip final payment – due 1<sup>st</sup> November

Year 10 English Text – Payment by 11<sup>th</sup> November

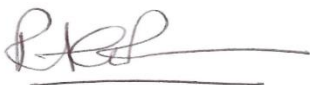
Year 10 Revision Guilds

### Lacon Childe PTA - Rags 2 Riches collection Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Please help us to raise funds for school and dig out all of your unwanted clothing, paired shoes, belts, jewellery, bags etc. Remember, soiled clothing, bedding, printed items, socks or school uniform will be rejected, and we will be charged for such items, so please make sure you don't include any of these so that we can raise as much as possible. Bags can be dropped at school during reception opening hours up until 9.00am on the morning of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please click [here](#) for more information. Thank you!

Thank you again for all of your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on [rachel.croxtonbroome@laconchildeschool.co.uk](mailto:rachel.croxtonbroome@laconchildeschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



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**Head Of School**  
Dates to remember



Ruth Allen  
**Consultant Executive Headteacher**



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

'Wear it Pink' day  
 Year 7 - Science of Sewage Session  
 Last day for Harvest donations  
 Year 8, 9 & 10 SEN Interim Reviews  
 Year 10 English Poetry Assessment  
 End of term  
 Half Term

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Remembrance Sunday  
 Year 11 Speaking Mocks  
 Year 11 Year Group Photo  
 Rags to Riches Collection Day  
 Year 9 GCHQ Language Competition

## Fixtures

 LACON CHILDE SCHOOL ...more than just a school	Date	Year	Sport	Venue & Start Date	Staff
	Wednesday 16th October	Yr11 Girls	Netball	Lacon - finish 4.15pm	ZT
	Thursday 17th October	U12	Football	Lacon - finish 5pm	ZT
	Thursday 17th October	U16/14 Girls	Hockey	Telford - finish 6.30pm	LAB/AU
	Tuesday 22nd October	Yr11 Boys	Rugby	Chantry - finish 5.30pm	AU/SA
	Wednesday 23rd October	U16 Boys	Football	Telford Priory - finish 6pm	KW

## Results

Year Group	Sport	School	Result
Year 8 Girls	Netball	Queen Elizabeth, Bromyard	Lost 14 – 9
Year 8 Girls	Football	Meole Brace	Lost 3 – 0
Year 8 Boys	Rugby	Chantry	Lost 4 - 3
Year 9 Boys	Football	Queen Elizabeth, Bromyard	Drew 3 -3

A fantastic afternoon of sport and performance by all involved.

### Y10 Rugby V Stretton & Ludlow – 09/10/24

The first game was against Church Stretton, Lacon played exceptionally well; the Forwards smashing through tackle after tackle, the backs using their phenomenal pace to fly around the opposition players throughout the whole match. Church Stretton gave it their all, but in the end were well beaten by Lacon. 5 tries to nil. Player of the Match: Cory M.

The second game was against Ludlow, who proved to be a very strong team, coming headstrong into any and all defense Lacon put up, doing especially well in the rucks. Ludlow was a very competitive side in the scrum as well (which had not been contested against Church Stretton), both side's forwards putting on an outstanding performance of strength and endurance. In the end, both sides were equally matched, so the game ended a draw, 7-7. Player of the Match: Max O.

**Match Report by Ben N**

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