LADOCK CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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A Note from Mr Hobbs

What a busy week we have had.

It was great to see the support for the PTFA today with the huge pile of chocolate in my office - very difficult to resist but Mrs Batchelor kept an eye on me.

Thank you to all of you who could make it to the residential meetings this week. The team here at Ladock are always keen to give your children the best opportunities and broaden their horizons. Whilst I recognise the cost for these trips is not ideal in the current climate, I feel it is always important to offer them if possible. Please make sure that you speak to me before ruling out sending your child due to cost. I can also reassure you that next years residentials will be organised before the end of this year so that you have enough notice and the payments can be spread over the year.

Per pupil funding is lower now that it was 15 years ago and this is putting increasing pressure on schools as demonstrated by the teacher strikes across the country this week. Whilst at Ladock our staff chose not to strike, they recognise the impact this reduction in funding has on a day to day basis. In the simplest terms, it can mean a lack of resources within a classroom but can also mean the difference between having an extra member of staff to support the children. We manage our budget carefully, but on occasions it is necessary to ask for a contribution to help with certain aspects. Swimming is a good example of this. We are able to use funding to cover the cost of the pool and the trained swimming teachers to teach the children but often ask for a donation to help with the cost of the transport. We do this reluctantly, but it really can aid us to ensure that our children have access to the resources they need across all of the subjects. All children in Years 1-6 will be swimming over the next few weeks and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Finally, and on a much lighter note, today sees us wave farewell to Mrs Vincent as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband Ross all the best on her new adventure and can't wait for her to come back and let us meet the new arrival.

| Day | Club | Adult | Available to |
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| Monday | Football Club | Mr Hobbs | Year 5 & 6 |
| Tuesday | Cross Country | Mrs Denning | R – Year 6 |
| Thursday | SATS Club | Miss Green | Year 6 |
| Thursday | Spanish speaking | Mrs Whitelegg | Year 3, 4 & 5 |
| Thursday | Games/Calm club | Miss Edwards | R – Year 5 |

Tom Hobbs - Head of School

Dates for your Diary

| 6-12th Feb | Children's Mental Health Week | |
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| 6th—10th Feb | Year 5/6 Intensive swimming week at Polkyth— <u>click here</u> for consent | |
| 7th Feb | NO Stay and Play in the Village Hall | |
| 10th Feb | 'Wear it Red 'day in aid of Cornwall's Air Ambulance—£1 donations please | |
| 10th Feb | Change of menu—main choice is a burger in a bun and the veg choice will be a | |
| | Quorn dog, | |
| 10th Feb | Break up for half term | |
| 21st Feb | Pancake Day—the school lunch desert will be pancakes with a choice of toppings | |
| 20th-24th Feb | Year 3/4 intensive swimming week at Polkyth— <u>click here</u> for consent | |
| 27th Feb | Year 1 Vision screening | |
| 27th Feb | Ladoca class (postponed) trip to the Eden Project | |
| 27th—3rd Mar | Year 1/2 intensive swimming week at Polkyth— <u>click here</u> for consent | |
| 2nd Mar | World Book Day | |
| 31st Mar | Last day of Spring term—Easter Break | |
| 17th Apr | 1st day of the Summer term (1) Fridays' Collective | |
| 1st May | May Bank Holiday Worship takes place at 2.40pm in Church | |
| 26th May | Break up for half term unless Open the | |
| 5th Jun | 1st day of the Summer term (2) | |
| 21st Jul | Last day of the Summer term | |

INSET Days 2022-23 24th July 2023 & 25th July 2023







The Government advises that attendance should not fall below 96%



Ladock Church

Children's Sunday Club



Please join us every **4th Sunday of the month at 11am** for arts and crafts, games and bible stories. Children are also supported to boost their confidence and public speaking skills through as much/little as they wish to be involved in the service; carrying the cross, reading prayers & lessons, ringing the bell, singing, etc. Great learning experience & fun for the whole family.

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