



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 11th December, 2017

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND NATIVITY

Our Christmas concert and nativity will start with a torchlight procession just outside the church at 6pm on Thursday.

Please would parents drop off reception and Key Stage 1 children at the school at 5.30pm. Children in Key Stage 2 should be dropped off at 5.50pm.

Children should wear school uniform but come dressed in winter woolly hats and scarves.

This year parents will be allocated seating in the church. We will reserve the front pews for parents of children in reception, and Years 1 and 2 because it is difficult to see the nativity scene from the back of the church. Older children will be standing on the stage and can be seen. The front pews will be reserved for parents of children in Year 6 when we put on our summer production next year.

If you are unable to make the Thursday production, we are holding a matinee on Wednesday, starting at 1.30pm.

Headteacher's Welcome

SCHOOL CHOIR BRINGS FESTIVE CHEER TO ELDERLY



Our choir brought Christmas joy to residents (see photographs) at Hempton Field Care Home for the elderly in Chinnor last week. The children sang a number of carols and were accompanied by Miss Lawes on guitar. The children then spent time chatting to the residents and sharing jokes.

The choir also visited the elderly at Chiltern Grange, Stokenchurch, the following day.

*Above and right:
Caleb and Alex,
and Ivy, Ceira
and Elodie take
time to chat to
the residents.*



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*Pictures taken at Hempton Field Care Home.
Above left: Taylor, Kieran and Saffy chat to a resident.*

Above right: Taylor stays to hear more!

Left: Elliot and Leah get into the Christmas spirit.

Below: Marie reads out some jokes.



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Pictures taken at Chiltern Grange Care Home.

Above: our heavenly choir in action.

Right: Robert and Asa read out a joke.

Below left: Elliot charms an elderly lady.

Below right: Ralph shares a joke with two residents.





FoLS FORK OUT FOR FESTIVE FUN - WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO PANTO



I would like to thank FoLS for treating the whole school, including staff, to the Christmas pantomime at the Oxford Playhouse.

This year it was Jack and the Beanstalk and the children had the most fantastic time. Bill was so excited and engrossed in the performance that he leapt from his seat to shout, 'You're a clown!' at the baddie. Isaac ended up in Mr Weston's lap, when the giant (who looked remarkably like Donald Trump) chased after Jack and his friends. Elektra jumped out of her skin when the giant roared and all you could see were his bright red eyes glowing in the dark. Olivia was delighted when she heard the cast singing It's a Hard-Knock Life, one of her favourite songs from the musical Annie. For the finale, most of the children were out of their seats dancing to the cast's rendition of Proud Mary. It was just wonderful seeing the children's faces light up. They were also so well-behaved throughout. It was terrific fun and I am sure an experience the children will remember for a long time.



Our photographs show the children settling down at the theatre before the performance begins and the Jack and the Beanstalk front curtain.

FoLS paid for the whole trip (including transport). Without their donation, the trip would have cost each child £17. Thank you to FoLS and all the parents, who contribute to the FoLS funding – it really is appreciated.



FABULOUS FoLS CONTINUED

This academic year (2017-2018) FoLS have donated a whopping £5,519.68 to school. Most of the money goes towards school trips, which are heavily subsidised, as well as paying for visitors to come to school such as our soldier actor, who taught the Key Stage 2 children about the First and Second World Wars. We visit the pantomime in Oxford every other year and in the year when we do not go to the panto we have a whole school trip to Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre to hear a full orchestra play popular classical hits.

Last year FoLS bought school 15 new laptops as well as numerous other resources such as play equipment for the younger children. This year they have paid for new science, art and design technology equipment, which will be used by all the children at school.

Our teachers (and children) also benefit greatly through many online teaching, learning and assessment resources, that FoLS pay for. This helps make the lessons fun and interesting for the children, and it also ensures that our assessment and tracking of the children's progress is the best it can be.



FoLS recently held their AGM at school. Michelle Carpenter-Hanson, who has worked so enthusiastically and tirelessly over the years, has now stepped down as Chair to be replaced by Lynne Power and Katrina Coles, who will share the position. However, Michelle has agreed to stay on for the next 12 months as Treasurer. Mel Jones is the new Secretary. FoLS are always looking for new recruits and anyone who would like to join would be made to feel very welcome.

I would like to thank Michelle for the phenomenal amount of money she has helped to raise. We are only a small school but FoLS raise a spectacular amount year after year, much more than any other school that I know of. Michelle is passionate about education and the welfare of all children at our school, and this explains her drive, determination and dedication. She has conquered the Three Peaks Challenge, has run the London marathon, has nearly been swept away by strong winds while trying to pitch a marquee at last summer's fun day, all to raise money for school. She has supported the school in many ways behind-the-scenes. For example, during the last Ofsted inspection in June 2016, she explained fluently and carefully how a school like ours ticks all the boxes when it came to diversity — you certainly made an impression on the inspector. Michelle, you deserve a medal. You are a true friend of Lewknor School. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Don't forget the FoLS Christmas Disco at the village hall on Friday 15th December. Father Christmas will be making a special guest appearance.

SUMMER FUN DAY

The children have now taken a vote for the theme of next year's FoLS summer fun day and the majority decided on Musicals and Rock Stars. More information to come nearer the time.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER SURPRISE

The staff would like to thank Stanley and Wilfred (pictured above) and mum Luarena for the marvellous Christmas hamper. It was very generous and kind of you to think of us all.

APPEAL FOR 2018

Miss Lawes has told me that the Upper Juniors are studying Earth and Space in the new year. They would love a space scientist or similar expert to come in and talk to them, to explain what they do for a living in that area of technology. If anyone has any contacts in that area, please let Miss Lawes know. Thank you.

COMMUNITY CONCERT

Miss Lawes has also asked for parents and children to start planning their act for the community concert, which will be held in the church on Thursday 8th February. We had some wonderful performances last year. Some children performed a solo act while others teamed up with their mums such as Kate and Emma, who sang How Do You Like Your Eggs In The Morning? Flynn and Olivia performed a hilarious scene from Romeo and Juliet, with Flynn as Juliet and his mum as the nurse. The community concert is a FoLS fundraiser and is organised by Miss Lawes and mum Fiona Kendall.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We need to publicise the role of parent governor at school. Dawn Seston's four-year term has just ended but she will be standing again. Dawn, who works for Thames Valley Police, has been the governor responsible for safeguarding and child protection at school.

If anyone else would like to be considered for the parent governor role then you are welcome to put your name forward. If more than one person is interested, an election must be held.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the school's office.



CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP TREE

Elliot (pictured right) and mum Dawn have provided school with a Christmas Friendship Tree, which has become a bit of a festive tradition.

Children and staff donate £1 to write their Christmas message to their friends on a sheet of card, which Dawn then laminates and attaches to the tree.

The children then vote for a charity that they think should receive the money.

Mrs Cole





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DIARY DATES

A list of diary dates for this academic year can also be found on the calendar when logging on to the Lewknor Primary School eSchools platform. **New diary dates** are shown below in green:-

13th December	Nativity rehearsal (1.30-3.00pm)
13th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
14th December	Nativity (6.00-7.00pm)
15th December	FoLS Christmas Disco (5.00-7.00pm)
19th December	End of Autumn term (school finishes at 1.30pm)
4th January	Start of Spring term
14th January	Young Puzzlers (John baptises Jesus—preparing the way)
9th February	School finishes for half term at 3.15pm
11th February	Young Puzzlers (Jesus is tempted—preparing the way)
19th February	Return to school
9th March	Mother's Day assembly
11th March	Young Puzzlers (The first followers—preparing the way)
23rd March	Infant Class assembly
29th March	End of Spring term (school finishes at 1.30pm)
8th April	Young Puzzlers (The Resurrection—the mystery of Easter)
16th April	Return to school
18th April	Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 1
19th April	Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 2
25th April	Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 3
26th April	Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 4
2nd May	Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 5
3rd May	Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 6
9th May	Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 7
7th May	Public holiday
10th May	Cycling Proficiency Test (year 5)
11th May	Lower Junior Class assembly
13th May	Young Puzzlers (The treasure in the field—Jesus teaches about God)
25th May	School finishes for half-term at 3.15pm
4th June	Return to school
10th June	Young Puzzlers (The Prodigal Son—Jesus teaches about God)
15th June	Father's Day assembly
6th July	Reception Class assembly
8th July	Young Puzzlers (The Good Samaritan—Jesus teaches about God)
20th July	Leavers' assembly
20th July	End of Summer term (school finishes at 1.30pm)



Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.10am. Parents and members of the community are



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

From April 2015, the threshold figure which forms part of the tax credit free school meal eligibility category is £16,190.

Pupils whose parents/carers receive the following support payments are entitled to free school meals (assuming the parent does not receive Working Tax Credit). Under the current criteria, children who receive, or whose parents receive one or more of the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals and eligible for two-year-old funding:-

- Income-based and contribution-based Jobseekers Allowance or ESA on an equal basis
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Working Tax Credit, provided they have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 per year (eligible for two Year Old Funding only)
- Universal Credit

If you believe your child may be eligible to receive free school meals, please complete an application form and return it to the school office **as soon as possible**. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website or found in paper form in the letter rack at school. There is a very simple, confidential, process we can run through Oxfordshire County Council to check eligibility.

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PIANO LESSONS

Michael Davies works in many Oxfordshire schools and has worked at Lewknor for several years.

Michael offers piano lessons and if your child is interested in learning to play, please contact him as follows:

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Have Fun
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If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School, please complete a Drum Lesson Interest Form which can be downloaded from the school website (Parents/Music Lessons) and return it to the school office.



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The 100 Club is an easy way for you to support the school (tickets are £1 each per month - so £12 for the year). We still have some numbers left so if you haven't already bought your tickets then there is still time! The more numbers you have, the more chances of winning. If you would like to buy more numbers or you have yet to buy some, please download a form from the school website.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

FoLS invites Lewknor School children to join the Christmas fun from 5-7pm at Jubilee Hall, Lewknor.

Free entry, small fees for food and drinks

Santa grotto, food, glow sticks and of course a disco!

Children remain under their parent or guardian's supervision

15th Dec
2017



LEWKNOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DISCO



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

The most recent publication of The Grapevine (Parish magazine for Lewknor) can be found by clicking on the link below:-

www.issuu.com/grapevinezine/docs



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GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING IN CHINNOR

Chinnor Youth Football Club are looking for more girls ages 7-12 years to join their girls football training on a Wednesday evening from 6.15-7.15pm at Whites Field in Chinnor. A few girls from Lewknor School already attend and would welcome some new faces so they can get a team together and start playing games. There's no need to book, just turn up on a Wednesday evening with football boots or trainers, shin pads, a drink and a waterproof coat if it's raining.

Chinnor Youth Football Club

GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING

(7-12 years)

Wednesdays
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Whites Field, Mill Lane

Don't be shy!
Come along to have fun, exercise, meet new friends and learn new skills!