



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 13th November, 2017

New After-School Care Club Opens

Our new After-School Club will be starting on Monday 20th November. It will run four days a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, starting at 3.15pm and ending at 5.30pm. Each session will cost £6 to be paid on the day but there will be a 10% discount for those parents who pre-book 10 sessions.

See inside our newsletter for more details.

Bags2School raised a total of £104. Thank you to all who made a donation and thank you to Fiona from FoLS for organising the collection.



Headteacher's Welcome

FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WAR IS THEME FOR TRANSFORMATION EVENING



There was a great turn-out for our Transformation Evening last week.

The event showcases work completed in class by the children in Year 1 and upwards. This year's theme was the First and Second World Wars, which the children have been learning about in class.

Children and staff dressed up in period costume, which added to the great atmosphere.

I hope you enjoy the pictures of our memorable evening.



Top picture: Elliot with a newspaper cutting, showing him on the beach at Arromanches in June, 2014—the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Right: Brothers Cameron and Ewan salute smartly and sharply.

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Below: Bill painted a poppy wreath in the Infants classroom.



There were activities set up in each class. In Mrs Wakefield's class, the children were able to tell their parents and grandparents all about rationing. Holly is pictured above with a tray which showed a typical week's rations for an adult during the Second World War. The children had been learning about foods that would have been rationed and foods that were not around during the Second World War.



Above: Saffy and Olivia with real medals.



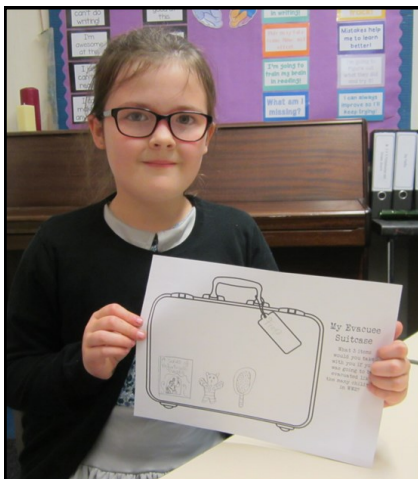
Left: Mr Weston with a wounded Thomas and brothers Isaac and Noah dressed as evacuees.

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Left: Rowan salutes beside a poppy wreath lent to us by Jean Senior.

Below: Elektra and Ivy with some of the children's artwork showing searchlights in a night sky.



Children learned all about evacuees and there was a display of an evacuee's suitcase showing its sparse contents. Freya is pictured left showing the three items she would pack in her suitcase if she was an evacuee. They included: her teddy, a mirror and her favourite book.

Mrs Wakefield had also set up a Morrison shelter, an indoor cage to protect people from falling debris, in her classroom. When the siren rang out the children scrambled inside until they heard the all clear.



Left: Saffy, Freya, who is sitting behind Zofia, and Erin keep safe in the Morrison shelter.

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Left: Children made gas masks.

Some also imagined what it was like to be an evacuee and wrote diary excerpts.

Other children made poppies.



Above left: Asa and Ewan stand by a display of war memorabilia including a tank wheel, grenades, a gas mask and a jerry can. There was also a book written by Honor's grand-dad about his own wartime experiences.

Above right: Daisy and Harry dress for the occasion.





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Miss Lawes and Mrs Birch turned the reflection room into 'Flanders Field', complete with lighting and sound effects. There was also a very moving film showing wartime images projected onto a screen. Many parents commented on the poignant atmosphere.

Left: Laurence stands to attention in the room.



Left: Livvy and Elliot pose in the reflection room, which also contained artwork of poppies by the children in the Upper Juniors.

Below: Freddie as an evacuee.

Right: Charlie, Robert and Alex with the week's rations.



The children had learned all about printing repeat images of poppies. They pressed their poppy image into a polystyrene tile, rolled printing ink onto the tile and burnished the paper with a spoon, to make very effective prints.



A week's rations for one person during the Second World War included: 115g cheese, 115g bacon or ham, 55g butter, 50g tea, three eggs as dried egg powder, one fresh egg (though children were allowed three), and seven pints of milk.



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The children ended the evening by performing a number of wartime songs in front of an audience of mums, dads, and grandparents (see right). They sang Pack-Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag, It's A Long Way To Tipperary, and K-K-K-Katy.



Staff get in on the act by dressing up.

Left: Land girl Mrs Wakefield with Holly.

Right: Mrs Hickman, also a land girl, helps cut out a poppy wreath.



Below: Soldier Lomas, Mrs Moore and Miss Lawes look suitably strict.

The children in the Infants class had also been busy. They had built their own trenches, which had 'barbed wire' on top made from branches and painted silver and grey. The whole classroom had been turned into a warren of trenches. The children had worked on some artwork, which included pictures of Red Baron planes. The children's poppy make-do-and-mend blanket was also displayed in the classroom.



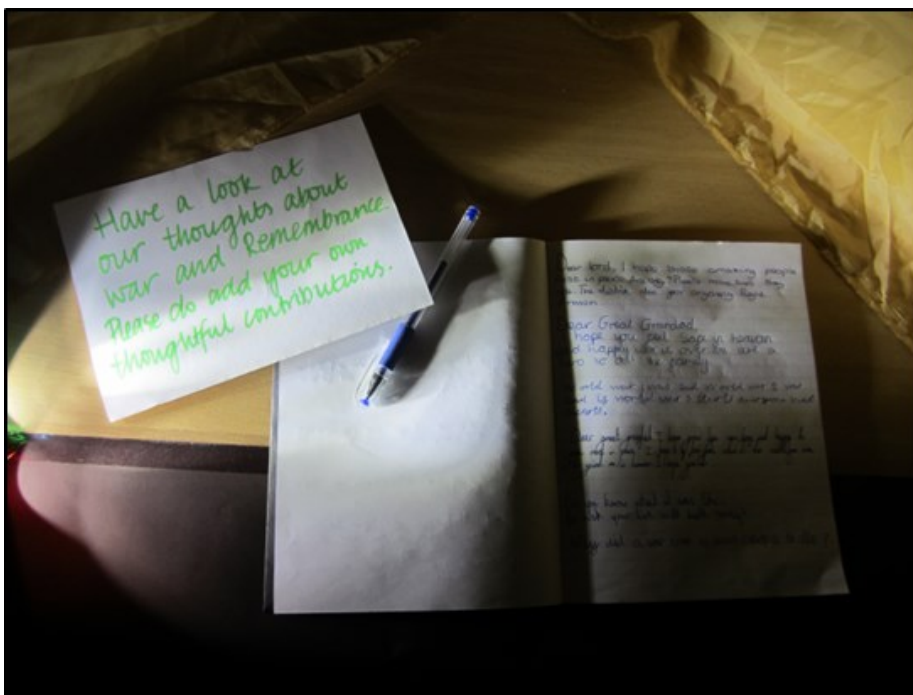
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Left: Mum Hollie shows her artistic skills in the painting area.

Below: Two of the medals made by children in the Infants class. The children had learned all about Sergeant Stubby, a brave dog, who saved his regiment from surprise mustard gas attacks on the Western front in the First World War.

Stubby has been called the most decorated war dog of the First World War and the only dog to be nominated for rank and promoted to sergeant. The children made their medals out of clay for Stubby. They designed their medals on paper first of all. They painted the clay medals and used PVC glue as a glaze.



Left: Children had written down their thoughts in a Remembrance book, which was displayed in the reflection room.

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The reflection room is turned into Flanders Fields with artwork by the Upper Juniors.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below
John McCrea



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Children in the Upper Juniors class hard at work (see photo above) making barrage balloons, which were used to try to stop the enemy aircraft. The Year 5 and 6 children made tanks from paper mache, which were then painted in camouflage colours. They also constructed trenches from paper mache and some had made Lego models depicting war scenes.

See next week's newsletter for information and photographs of our Remembrance Day service.



Though children in the reception class did not take part in the wartime theme, the parents of those children were still invited to Transformation Evening.

Miss Harjette displayed some of the children's work but also showed what the children in her class would be learning this year. Miss Harjette talked to parents about the EYFS curriculum.

Pictured left are Izzy, Mia and Elexia-Rose, who showed their parents just how clever they are at drawing and colouring in.

Parents of reception children were also invited to see the work displayed in the other classrooms.



AFTER-SCHOOL CARE CLUB NEWS CONTINUED

Mrs Birch will be taking the club and has planned the following activities:

Mondays: Art club

Tuesdays: Games (for example, board games)

Thursdays: Lego and model-making

Fridays: Chill Club – film (children can wear their own clothes, eg, onesies, at the club on Fridays)

The children will also be able to work on their homework if they would like to but this will have to be completed independently.

If a child does not want to participate in a specific activity then they have opportunities to draw, colour-in, read or just relax. Children should not bring in toys, gadgets or Lego from home as we would not want them to get broken or lost at school.

The children will have a snack each day consisting of toast/fruit and a drink (squash, water or milk). They will also have the chance to have a run around and play on PE equipment outside for a short period each day, weather permitting.

The club will cost £6 per session per child (or £54 for a pre-payment card, 10 for the price of 9). To purchase a pre-payment card, please send a payment of £54 in cash or cheque payable to 'Lewknor Primary School' to the school office. If your child attends another club after school (such as Sports) and you wish to use the after school care club, half a session will be marked off your pre-payment card (or pay £3 in cash). Please note that half sessions are only available to children attending other school clubs first. If a child leaves earlier than 5.30pm, the full session must be paid for. The club finishes at 5.30pm so children must be collected promptly and signed out. If you intend to pay by cash, please ensure you arrive a few minutes prior to collection for Mrs Birch to take your payment.

If you would like to book your child into the after school care club, please e-mail the school office on the new e-mail address for club bookings:-

clubs@lewknor.oxon.sch.uk

We can currently provide places for a maximum of 12 children and priority will be given on a first come first served basis. If the club proves popular and more children wish to come along then we will employ more staff. We are also looking at ways to open up the club five days a week, if there is a demand for it. We will keep you posted.

Absence

If your child is not at school for any reason, please telephone or e-mail the school office using the new e-mail address:-

absence@lewknor.oxon.sch.uk

Children in Need

This Friday 17th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. Children can come to school in clothes of their choice. Please send your child in with donation for Children in Need (suggested donation £1). Thank you.

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:-

17th November	Children In Need day—children to dress up (children to come to school dressed in clothes of their choice)
24th November	Y5 visit ICC
1st December	Christingle Service
6th December	Whole school trip to the pantomime
10th December	Young Puzzlers (David & Goliath—God appoints Kings)
13th December	Nativity rehearsal (1.30-3.00pm)
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
7th May	Public holiday
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 welcome to attend.



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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MJmusicervices@aol.com



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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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Bag 2 School Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to last week's Bag 2 School collection. £104 is a fantastic amount to have raised!



The next Bag 2 School collection will be in May. If you have donations that you are unable to store between now and then, please speak to Fiona (mum to Jess in year 4) who may be able to look after them until then.



HO HO HO... It's that time of year... Santa and his Elves are busy getting the naughty and nice lists reviewed and FoLS are busy planning the Christmas disco and the great traditional school Christmas lunch!! This year the lunch will be on **Wednesday 13th December**.

For those of you who are new to our school family - each year FoLS pull together parents to put on a lunch for the whole school, including staff. Life is a little easier as we pay the caterers who provide the normal lunches to cook the Christmas lunch now (no more running across the playground with trays of turkey and roasties).

What we do need is as many parents/grandparents/carers to join in the wonderful festive day to bring crackers, napkins, maybe a few more festive cakes, and to just help the lunch be as lovely and fun as possible.

If you can help please let a FoLS team member know, email me at mcarpenterhanson@gmail.com or let the school office know.

We do ask all helpers to wear festive jumpers, hats, etc.... it really does help the children enjoy!!



We also have the planning of annual childrens' Christmas disco underway - thank you to everyone who has offered to help so far!! The disco is on **Friday 15th December from 5 to 7pm at Lewknor Hall**. Please note that all children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult as the FoLS team cannot supervise the children and run the event. Siblings of Lewknor children (up to the age of 11) are most welcome.

Thanks. FoLS



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.

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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols



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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
6.15-7.15pm**

Whites Field, Mill Lane

Don't be shy!

Come along to have fun, exercise, meet new friends and learn new skills!