



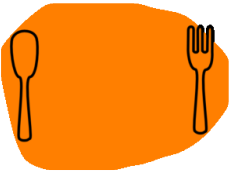
Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 10th July, 2017

PARENT SURVEY SCHOOL LUNCH



As you know we asked parents to give feedback about whether or not they wanted their children, who are in Key Stage 2, to have hot dinners at school.

It seems there is very little demand for it. The survey found that the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 prefer to eat packed lunch at school.

We will continue to serve hot dinners to all children in the reception and Infants classes.

We will survey parents again next year on this subject so that we can continue to monitor demand.



KILVROUGH CAPERS - CAVING



KILVROUGH—written by Rosie, Harry and Olivia

Upper Juniors recently went to Kilvrough Manor for a residential week. Kilvrough Manor is a large house in huge grounds, situated on the Gower Peninsula in South Wales. Accompanying us were Miss Lawes, Mrs Birch and Mr Weston.

After the five-hour coach trip (the coach had to pick up some other children at another school along the way), we arrived and had a briefing about the week ahead. We then found out our groups for the week (team A and team B).



*Top picture: Bea squeezes through the narrow gap in the caves.
Picture above: The children take stock before they enter the caves.*



KILVROUGH CAPERS—CANOEING AND ROCK CLIMBING



Left: Mr Weston about to make a splash!



Above: Confident Ceira is a natural at canoeing.

Below: Mr Weston, Mrs Birch and some of the children scramble over the rocks.





KILVROUGH CAPERS - BODY BOARDING

Surf's Up! Children spent three hours in the water and they still didn't want to get out!

I can feel a Beach Boys song coming on.



TEAM WORK

Left: The children worked together as a team to solve puzzles.



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Our leaders - Sam and Jamie - were encouraging and made the week even better. The gardens were great; there was a rope swing, a ninja trail and low ropes. After the briefing we had our team challenges such as low ropes, mazes and rope swings. In the rope swing Harry got his leg eaten off by a shark! We explored the manor and the gardens.

Before dinner every day we had around half an hour of free time whereas if you were to lay the table you only got 15 minutes. Everyone had to do duties on an allocated day: you had to set up for breakfast and dinner but not lunch as we had that out every day.

On Tuesday we went caving. It was a real challenge. As we went through the caves, the darker and darker it got. Jamie told us to turn off our torches and there at the back of the cave was light. There was a river in the cave and Jamie got us to lie down in the river—which was freezing!! I felt mesmerised by the beauty of the stalactites and stalagmites; even though you would be away from the river you could always hear it gurgling in the distance. At one point, he told us to turn off our torches and sit in the darkness. What was more, you could see some daylight come through the cracks of the rock.

On Wednesday, we went body boarding. Miss Lawes, Mrs Birch and Mr Weston were struggling to get their wetsuits on.

On Thursday we went canoeing: Louis fell out of his boat. On Friday we went coasteering.

Every evening after dinner we did an evening activity. My favourite activity was when we went for a walk and we got to see the ruins of a castle and look down at the beach below. It was great as you don't see the beach around here.

To conclude I think Kilvrough is well worth the money; I would recommend it to everyone and I thoroughly enjoyed all the activities. The instructors were well experienced and I felt safe in their care. I would love to go there again to do the other activities on offer like rock climbing.

Favourite memories:

Rosie: My favourite memory is of the canoeing: we had been asked to make our way to the next bridge and we (Libbi and I) found it very hard not to go into every bush! When we finally got there everyone had been waiting for us for around 10 minutes but we still hadn't quite mastered it and when everybody set off again we were left facing the wrong way thinking we were in the lead when really we were going the wrong way down the canal!

Harry: My favourite activity was body boarding. The biggest wave swallowed me and dumped me on the beach. What fun! My highlight is when Louis fell out of his canoe.

Olivia: My favourite memory was when Libbi and Rosie were given a challenge in their canoe, where each of them sat opposite each other and had to lean back until their ears touched the water. Rosie and Libbi lay back slowly, so they didn't fall in.....yet! Rosie's ears touched the water first and she shot back up like lightning. Hoping she wasn't too late, and she wouldn't fall in she sat up and her opponent, Libbi sat up milliseconds after but the canoe tipped and Libbi fell straight into the water. Libbi's face emerged from the water with a big giggly smile across her face and we joined in laughing. Thank goodness we all had buoyancy aids so Libbi didn't drown! After that, she struggled to get in the boat and tipped Rosie out of the boat.

OTHER NEWS

Below: Not long to go before the summer production. Year 6 girls make and paint the scenery for Little Red Riding Hood.



Left: Cool and clever maths! Sophie and Livvy wanted to show me the really hard maths they were doing in class. The girls were working out the sums on white boards. Not only were they able to work with very big numbers but the presentation of their working out was very neat.



21 AGAIN!

Jan Elliott, our teaching assistant, celebrated a big birthday recently. The staff, who think Jan is blooming marvellous, clubbed together to buy her this beautiful bouquet.

Happy Birthday, Jan!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Well done to all the Year 6 children. Your SATs results came back last week and you have all done brilliantly. Once I have looked at all the data, including data for Early Years, Year 1 Phonics, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, I will publish the results on our website. Everyone has worked so hard and every single one of you did your very best, which is all that I and the staff can ask of you. You are all SUPERSTARS!

Mrs D Cole



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OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Diary Dates

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

11th July:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
12th July:	Dress rehearsal for annual production (1.30pm)
13th July:	Annual production in the Church —LJ and UJ (6.00pm)
18th July:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
18th July:	Year 6 induction evening at LWS
21st July:	Year 6 leavers' assembly
21st July:	End of the school year—school finishes at 1.30pm
6th September:	Return to school!



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



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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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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.

GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

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

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FoLS Diary Dates

Watch this space for future diary dates!



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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