



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 16th October, 2017

LATEST TREE NEWS

I would like to thank Lewknor resident Caroline Hjorth for her support in contacting the county council on school's behalf to sort out the trees in the children's playground.

County officials advised us not to touch the trees until 8th November, which would give them time to send out someone to inspect them.

However, we now hope to have the trees felled much sooner and at no cost to school.

I'll keep you posted.



Don't forget our next Bag2School collection on

Monday 6th November

(further details in the newsletter)



Headteacher's Welcome

SCHOOL TRIP TO THE GURDWARA



Though we received an 'outstanding' in our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection, the inspector said that one area we had to improve was to 'foster more strategies, which will allow pupils to encounter different faiths and diverse traditions in order to deepen pupils' understanding of a multi-faith and multi-cultural world'.

Our school trip to the Gurdwara, Sikh Temple, in Birmingham was part of our strategy to help give the children a wider experience of different cultures. And the trip proved to be a huge success with both children and adults. Some children said it was 'amazing', 'brilliant', 'the best trip ever', and the majority voted to return... soon.



Food glorious food: the children tuck in to a sumptuous vegetarian feast

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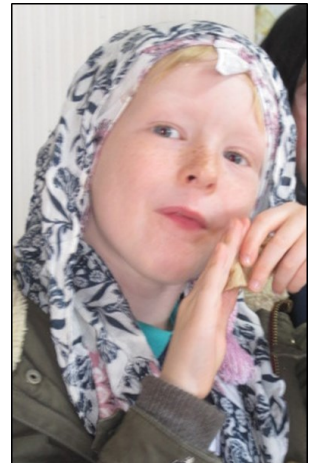


The children cover their heads with scarves as a mark of respect.



Our children's behaviour was impeccable throughout. They were mature, dignified and respectful. They also learned so much more about the Sikh religion and culture, about tolerance and the kindness of others.

Miss Lawes, said: "As we entered the prayer hall I could tell by their faces that the children were awestruck. They stood silent and open-mouthed at the brilliance and serenity of their surroundings. The children came into the room so focused and reverential. They sat completely still and silent as the kara parshad (a sweet mixture of butter, flour, sugar and water) was offered to them and they accepted it with such solemnity. I was really touched."



Miss Lawes said that it was lovely to see the children wanting to try the different foods and the delight on their faces when they discovered they enjoyed them.

"They were just intrigued by everything," she added.



The children eat the meal in the langar, 'free kitchen', where all are treated as equal.

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Top: Inside the prayer hall

Left: Inside the dome (see picture below, which also shows the front of the temple)

Below left: the brilliant glass mosaic and light, which is also a feature inside the dome. It was made by a 'Muslim friend'



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HARVEST FOR THE VILLAGE

The Year 6 children helped deliver the Harvest boxes to eight Lewknor families this year. Elodie, Ceira, Annie, Harry and Rowan packed up the boxes themselves and chose each item carefully before heading off to deliver the goodies.

We have received thank you cards from those families who were not in at the time when we dropped by to deliver.

The children were very polite and spoke up well to those who were in when we came calling.

Thank you to all the parents for the Harvest food donations. They are truly appreciated.





PARENT EVENINGS

Parent Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th October, from 3.30pm to 5pm, and Thursday 19th October, from 5pm to 7pm. Confirmation of appointment times have been sent home in book bags.

GET WELL SOON

Jan Elliott, our teaching assistant who works in the reception class, was involved in a car accident as she left school following cookery club a couple of weeks ago. Jan is on the mend and hopes to be back at school after the half term holiday.

We all wish you well, Jan. Take care and hope to see you soon.

Mrs Cole



Lewknor Church of England Primary School

is seeking a

Clerk to the Governors

Permanent part-time role

120 hours per annum

Grade 5 – Salary range £16,781 - £17,772 pro-rata (£8.70 - £9.21 per hour)

We are looking for a well organised and efficient Clerk to the Governors to support the Governors in directing the school. In this role you will provide essential support by preparing agendas and collating papers for all meetings as well as taking notes and preparing minutes for approval. You will also be responsible for all administrative support and provide important legal advice on structure and the procedures that Governing Bodies must adhere to in accordance with the Governor's Handbook issued by the Department for Education.

The Full Governing Body meetings are normally held on Monday evenings and committee meetings are normally held during the working week on Mondays and Thursdays. Attendance is required at all these meetings. Work outside these meetings is undertaken at home and so you must have access to a PC or laptop to enable you to fulfil this role.

For more information, please view the job description and person specification on the school's website: lewknor.eschools.co.uk. Ideally we would like you to apply on line by emailing the application form to office.3184@lewknor.oxon.sch.uk but if you would like a paper application form then please contact the school office on 01844 351542.





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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:-

16th October	LWS Open Morning (8.40-10am)
18th October	Parent Evening (3.30-5.00pm)
19th October	Parent Evening (5.00-7.00pm)
20th October	Big Me Day (details to follow)
20th October	School finishes for half term at 3.15pm
30th October	Return to school
1st November	School Open Day
3rd November	Flu immunisations for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 (details to follow)
5th November	Young Puzzlers (Ruth—God provides for his people)
6th November	Bag2School collection
9th November	Transformation Evening
10th November	Remembrance Day Assembly and 2 minute silence
17th November	Children In Need day—children to dress up (details to follow)
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)
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



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



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Diary dates continued....

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)



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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:

07857 896600

MJmusicervices@aol.com



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Have Fun
learn to
& Drum

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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Friends of Lewknor School

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Dear All

I hope that you had a great summer and that everyone is enjoying the start of term, and I send a warm welcome to our new families.

As our new school year begins I, as Chair of FoLS, am making a BIG "Call To Arms"!! We need new members to ensure that all of the good work that the FoLS team have done over the years can carry on, and that the children continue to benefit from the valuable resources and educational trips etc, that FoLS funds each year.

We are a small school and I know how busy all families are - which is why we try to keep everything easy, simple and FUN in FoLS! It is a well organised team which helps make things easy, but we need people to step in with new energy and ideas!

For those of you who are not familiar with FoLS and what we do, very simply, we focus on raising money to provide lots of different types of resources for the school. Each year we meet with Debbie to discuss what the school needs and we give the school approximately £6,000 each year to help. Here are some examples:

- The Abacus maths programme
- All annual educational school trips - reducing parent contributions
- Annual pantomime
- Early Years learning through play
- The outside climbing frames
- Upgrade to WiFi so all children can get online
- Online learning resources for all classes
- Whole school trip to Sheldonian concert
- Christmas lunch for the whole school - served by parents
- The infant playground was funded by FoLS
- New laptops
- Various IT equipment to support effective teaching

I will be stepping down as Chair from November, and whilst I am as passionate as always about supporting the school and the children, and will continue to try and do whatever I can to help, I really do need others to join in and help keep FoLS running.

Please, please do consider joining - FoLS makes such an important contribution to our amazing school - let's keep it going!!

Tiggs (Michelle), Chair of FoLS

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Don't forget that FOLS is registered with Easyfundraising. For more information, please click on this link:-

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols



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Next Bag 2 School Textile Recycling Collection

Monday 6th November 2017

Our next Bag 2 School Textile Recycling collection will be on **MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**. Collection bags will be sent out in the next few weeks, however feel free to bag them up in other strong carrier bags or bin liners if you need additional bags or are having a clear out before then. Please note that all items are for **RE-USE** and must be clean and in good condition. The list of what they do and don't accept is shown below - **please note they currently accept bed linen, curtains and towels as well as the usual clothes, shoes, soft toys, handbags, hats etc.**

Please bring all items for collection to school by **9am on Monday 6th November**. If you are unable to bring your bags to school on the collection date or have problems storing your filled bags then please speak to Fiona (mum to Jess) and they will arrange to store them for you.

Bag 2 School accept the following **'good quality'** items for **RE-USE**:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. In addition it also helps to raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.



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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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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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!