



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 15th January, 2018

FoLS 100 Club Draws



January

1st: Vicky Ashby
2nd: Emma Hunt
3rd: Michelle
Carpenter-Hanson

December

1st: Sarah Bonner
2nd: Elizabeth &
Richard Jackson
3rd: Emma Hunt

COMMUNITY CONCERT

Do you have a special talent? Do you have dreams of treading the boards or performing a song or playing a musical instrument in the spotlight? Then make sure you return the community concert form ASAP (as in today) detailing what you would like to perform at the concert on Thursday 8th February. Go on, break a leg!

Headteacher's Welcome

BAG A COMMUTER BAG AT BARGAIN PRICE!



Theo is pictured above modelling one of the bags and doesn't he look very smart!

Theo's mum Tanya has very kindly offered to donate a number of commuter bags to raise money for our school.

The 'WEDGE' bags are high quality, hard-wearing, heavily padded and very smart. They can be carried on the back as a rucksack or carried by hand.

They are designed to fit iPad 1 and 2 and MacBook up to 13 inches. They could be used not only as a commuter bag but as a school rucksack and there is plenty of room for packed lunch containers, drink bottles, school books and homework books.

Tanya says the bags were manufactured by a company she was running and she has a stock of 50 that she says she could donate to school.

They retailed on the Apple website at £129.00. We have decided to offer them at a knockdown price of £20 only! We will have the bags available for you to see at the end of school this week.

If you would like to purchase one then please complete the form attached.



Above: the very snazzy commuter bag

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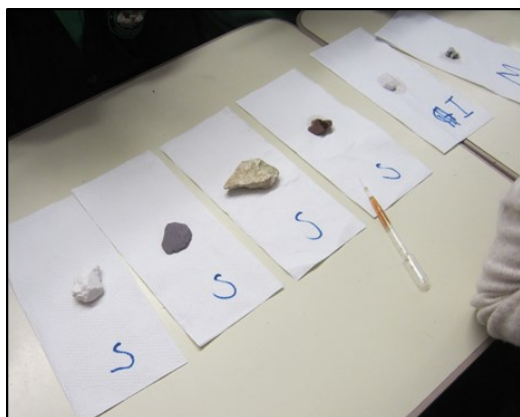
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LOWER JUNIORS SCIENCE ROCKSTARS!

The children in Lower Juniors were testing the effect acid rain has on rocks last week. I was so impressed to hear the rich, scientific vocabulary the children were able to use during their experimentation. For example, they could talk about sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks. They could say how these rocks were formed – 'sedimentary rocks are made up of dead fish and bones'. They understood the difference between permeable and impermeable and were able to say which 'variables' they needed to change (the rocks) and which ones they had to keep the same (amount of acid) to make their test fair. Mrs Wakefield encouraged the children to make predictions about what would happen once the acid (vinegar) hit the rocks ('it will fizz / it will be absorbed') and to use their 'science eyes' to observe while explaining what was happening. The children are all science superstars!



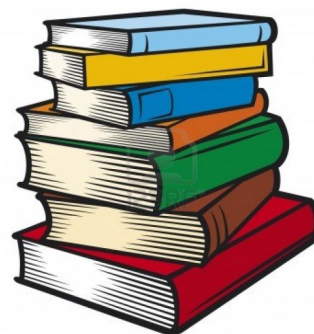
Above: The children gather round Mrs Wakefield to learn about the effects of acid rain on rock.

Left: The children carried out tests on different kinds of rocks.

BOOK FAYRE RETURNS TO LEWK NOR PRIMARY

Travelling Books will be dropping off a great selection of books at school on Tuesday 6th February. Our book fayre will begin after school on that day. We will continue selling books all that week and also on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th February.

We receive a 60% discount if we sell £400 worth of books (which we have managed to do every year) and 40% if we sell less than that amount. The teachers use the discount to buy more books for their classroom—so everyone is a winner!





PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE – DECEMBER 2017

I thought you might like to see the results of the pupil questionnaire, which the children completed last month.

		A	B	C	D	E
	QUESTIONS	Always	Most of the time	Total of A&B	Sometimes	Never
1	I am happy at school.	45 58%	32 42%	77 100%	0	0
2	My school work is interesting.	40 52%	36 47%	76 99%	1 1%	0
3	I find out new things in lessons.	49 64%	27 35%	76 99%	1 1%	0
4	Do you get help when you are stuck?	50 65%	26 34%	76 99%	1 1%	0
5	I feel safe when I am at school.	59 77%	17 22%	76 99%	1 1%	0
6	Do you behave well at school?	51 66%	24 31%	75 97%	2 3%	0
7	Behaviour at my school is good.	45 58%	32 42%	77 100%	0	0
8	It is explained to me how I can improve my work.	59 77%	18 23%	77 100%	0	0
9	Teachers and staff treat us fairly.	64 83%	13 17%	77 100%	0	0
10	I enjoy the trips and school activities.	71 92%	6 8%	77 100%	0	0
11	I am trusted to do things on my own.	67 87%	10 13%	77 100%	0	0
12	There is an adult I can talk to if I feel worried.	63 82%	12 15%	75 97%	2 3%	0
13	I ask when I don't understand something.	57 74%	17 22%	74 96%	3 4%	0
14	I have fun at school.	62 81%	15 19%	77 100%	0	0
15	My school is a special place.	67 87%	10 13%	77 100%	0	0

There is more information about the questionnaire on the next few pages.



CHILDREN'S COMMENTS FOR WHY IT IS ONLY 'SOMETIMES'

	QUESTIONS	Sometimes
2	My school work is interesting.	I like it when it is interesting but sometimes we have to practise and practise until we get it right.
3	I find out new things in lessons.	I sometimes already know stuff!
4	Do you get help when you are stuck?	I always try to work it out myself.
5	I feel safe when I am at school.	I don't like it when some boys play rough games.
6	Do you behave well at school?	I know I play rough games (two boys)!
12	There is an adult I can talk to if I feel worried.	I can talk to my teacher and the teaching assistants but sometimes it is not appropriate to interrupt a lesson I don't have any worries about myself but I sometimes worry about my cousin. If I had any worries about myself I know I can talk to a teacher or a teaching assistant.
13	I ask when I don't understand something.	I usually do ask but not all the time. I can work it out myself.

OTHER COMMENTS

What I like most about my school

Comments of children in the reception class

having lunch at school, having milk, playing / playing outside, work, school trips.

Year 1 and 2 comments

maths, playing, my friends, everyone, school trips, break, lessons, when I learn new things, everyone is kind, Lego club, I love my school.

Year 3 and 4 comments

all the staff are kind and caring, swimming, PE, maths, English, art, school trips, making friends, tests, cornet, science, lunchtime sports club, especially football, Mrs Wakefield!



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Year 5 and 6 comments

Art, design technology, my friends, school trips, ICT, playing, sharing, science, maths, teachers and my friends, the teachers are always friendly, everybody is nice to me, the teachers and teaching assistants are fun, I love the school trips and all the fun activities, learning, our friendships.

This school would be better if....

Comments of children in the reception class

it was quieter at lunchtime
it was made of chocolate!

Year 1 and 2 comments

the book corner was kept tidy
we never fought
some boys stopped playing rough games in the playground
we had more people
it was always break
there were more parties
It is already better

Year 3 and 4 comments

it had a maths club
it had a computer programing club
we could have more swimming
we had more homework
we had a drama class
we had boxing lessons in PE
we could have a school pet
we could go out to play without having to show our lunch box to the teacher
we could fit more lessons in
we could have more days at school

Year 5 and 6 comments

we didn't wear school uniform
we could wear slippers in class
we could wear wellies so that we could play on the field in winter. We could have a welly box outside our classes.
we had social activities with other schools
people treated the toilets better
we had more ICT and camera work
we had more talent shows
nothing! The school is perfect the way it is!



SPACES AVAILABLE

There are still spaces available in our after-school care club, which runs each day apart from Wednesdays until 5.30pm. On Mondays we have arts and crafts, Tuesdays is board games, Thursdays is Lego and model-making and Friday is Chill Club, when the children can change into their everyday clothes and relax in front of a DVD. Mrs Birch, one of our fabulous TAs, runs the club. The children also get a chance to have some play outdoors each session. Those children who wish to work on homework are able to do so in a quiet area. Each sessions costs £6 but there is a discount if you book a series of 10 sessions, which can be used at any time.

We also have spaces available in our Tuesday after school sports club, which runs until 4.30pm each week. Professional coaches from Ravenscroft Sports Academy run these sessions. The children practise skills for team games – football, netball and tag rugby – and also have the chance to play fun games such as dodgeball, which is always popular. These sessions cost a bargain £3.50.

As a small school with a small budget, we are very lucky that we are able to offer so many clubs at cut-rate prices. There are larger schools in this area that cannot afford to run after school clubs. However, we do need a certain number of children to attend each week so that we can break even. We cannot run clubs at a loss – that just does not make economic sense. So please, please support our school clubs if you can.

THANK YOU LYNNE POWER for donating 30 Beast Quest books to school—they are a huge hit with the children!

FRIENDSHIP TREE

Elliot's Christmas Friendship Tree raised £30, which will go towards Action Aid. We have joined forces with the charity to raise funds of a 12-year-old African boy called Sinkari.

Sinkari, who lives in Ghana, has just got a new bike because of funding from Lewknor Primary. He had stopped going to school because it would take two hours a day for him to walk so was too far. Now that he has a new bicycle he is able to get to school quickly and continue his learning.

Micheck said: "Education gives me an opportunity to have a better life."

Thank you to all of you who bought a card for the Christmas Friendship Tree. I keep all of them and look at all the lovely messages from time-to-time throughout the year.

**AND FINALLY....HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.
I WISH YOU PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND JOY!**

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:-

18th January	School Trip to Shakespeare's Birth Place, Stratford (Years 1-6)
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 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
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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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols



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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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!