



# Lewknor C of E Primary School

## Newsletter



Monday 22nd May, 2017

### ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Some parents have said that our current system of handing out attendance certificates to children who have not missed a day of school has been unfair given that children cannot help it if they are ill or if they need to attend a doctor's appointment.

We consider carefully all our parents' views as you are very much part of our school family.

As a result, we have reviewed our system so that from this term, children who have an authorised absence will also be awarded certificates.

Authorised absences are recorded when children miss school because they have a medical appointment, are ill, or are visiting their secondary school of choice.



### THREE CHEERS FOR THE THREE PEAKERS



Pupils, staff and parents gathered on Friday to give our team of Three Peakers a rousing send-off. The six parents were taking part in the gruelling National Three Peaks Challenge, which involves conquering Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in 24 hours. Michelle, Camilla, Andy and James (pictured above with their children), were joining Steph (Alex's mum) and Sarah (Eva's mum) at Luton airport to fly up to Scotland where they were going to start the challenge by climbing Ben Nevis on Saturday morning. After that they were driving over-night to Scafell Pike, then on to Snowdon. *(Read Michelle's account on the FoLS page of this newsletter.)*



*High fives all round: Michelle says goodbye while the children say good luck!*

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*See you soon: Children, staff and parents wave goodbye to Michelle, Camilla, Andy and James, who were taken to the airport in a taxi, provided free of charge by M40 Cars. Thank you to the taxi company for supporting our school.*

The Three Peak parents have already raised more than £4,000 for FoLS (Friends of Lewknor School), an incredible amount given that we are only a small school.

If you would like to donate, you can pledge your support at

**<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/SUPERSIX6>**

For any further information, or for corporate sponsorship, please contact Michelle Carpenter-Hanson: 07879 407 767



## CYCLING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to all the Year 5 children, who recently passed their cycling proficiency test.

Our picture shows Ceira, Elodie, Harry, Annie and Rowan proudly displaying their certificates and badges.

Thanks also to their teacher, Paul Weston, who has been training the children at Lewknor Primary for the past six years. Thanks also to Luarena for helping Paul and the children.



*Back to nature: Upper Juniors enjoy a nature walk up at the Aston Rowant Nature Reserve. The Year 6 children had just finished their SATs and having spent a week sitting at desks doing their tests they enjoyed letting off steam in the great outdoors. They were joined by Elodie's gran, Mrs Ashby.*

## **OTHER NEWS**

Bags2School raised £68 for FoLS. Thank you for all your donations.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our school choir is visiting the Chiltern Grange Nursing Home on Thursday (25th May) to perform for the elderly residents. I wonder if any parent would be available to help with the transport of the children. We need to be there by 2pm so we would like parents to arrive at school in time to leave at 1.45pm and bring them back to school around 3pm. Parents helping with transport are also welcome to watch the choir perform at the home.

## **SUNSHINE, AT LAST!**

Please would parents ensure that their child / children have water and sun hats at school during this week's warm weather. It would also help if parents applied sun cream before their child comes to school. Thank you.



## **FABRIC WANTED FOR ART PROJECT**

Miss Lawes was wondering if any parents had any old fabric off-cuts and sheets that they could donate to school. The Upper Juniors are making collage banners in art and they need a range of different fabrics to be able to do so. Thank you.

## **CHILDREN'S CENTRE OPEN**

The Children's Centre at Chalgrove Primary has opened. The new coordinator, Lucie Hamilton, is working hard to plan exciting, engaging and interactive sessions for families. The centre runs daily groups such as Creative Club, Singing Group and Stay & Play. External providers also run sessions at the centre, for example, a health visitor in on hand to give advice and there is also a dance school.

The centre is managed by a team of volunteers that includes mums and local headteachers. They are very keen to involve more members of the community and would like you to contact them if you would be interested in helping out.

Monthly timetables can be found on Facebook (@CHALWATCC) or [www.chalgrovewatlingtoncc.org](http://www.chalgrovewatlingtoncc.org)

**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:-

23rd May:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
25th May	Puberty talk for Years 5 and 6 (school nurse)
24th May:	<b>Practice Sports Day</b>
26th May:	End of term—school finishes at 3.15pm
5th June:	Return to school
6th June:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
7th June:	Sports Day—1.00pm
10th June:	FoLS Fun Day
11th June:	Young Puzzlers Church (the Exodus)
12th June:	<b>Whole school and class photographs</b>
12th-16th June:	Year 1 phonics testing week
13th June:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
12th June:	Kilvrough parents' briefing for UJ class (3.30-4.00pm)
14th June:	CANCELLED: Reserve Sports Day
15th June:	Reserve Sports Day (new date)
16th June:	Father's Day Assembly
20th June:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
26th-30th June:	Upper Junior residential trip to Kilvrough
27th June:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
30th June:	New reception children induction and parent briefing
3rd July:	Year 6 outing (details TBC)
3rd July:	New reception children induction (9.15-11.45am)
4th July:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
5th-7th July:	Transition days for Year 6 children moving up to ICC
7th July:	Transition day for Year 6 children moving up to LWS
7th July:	New reception children induction
7th July:	Whole school moving up day
9th July:	Young Puzzlers Church (10 best ways)
11th July:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
12th July:	Dress rehearsal for annual production (1.30pm)
13th July:	Annual production —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:

**07857 896600**

**[MJmusicservices@aol.com](mailto:MJmusicservices@aol.com)**





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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:-

[www.issuu.com/grapevinezine/docs](http://www.issuu.com/grapevinezine/docs)



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### The Lewknor Super Six Take on the Three Peaks!!! 20th May 2017



We are back! The SuperSix have returned from their adventures up the mountains! Some of us sprang like mountain goats, some of us almost crawled but we made it... we conquered Ben Nevis (through rain and snow!), Scafell Pike (in the dark) and finally Snowdon (where the Welsh winds tried their best to throw us off balance!). A truly gruelling challenge - but we did it!

The team put in a tremendous effort and showed the spirit that makes our school so very special and unique. I want to take this opportunity to give an enormous THANK YOU to Steph, Sarah, Camilla, Andy and James for the huge effort and commitment they all gave. There were some really tough times on the mountains, and a lot of pain, but we pulled each other through - with laughter, hugs, endless energy bars, and painkillers!

Our legs and feet may take a while to recover but I am very, very proud of everyone and feel very honoured to have shared a great experience with amazing people - a totally epic adventure!

Finally I want to thank all of our amazing donors. Our current total is:

<b>Running total:</b>	<b>£4155.00</b>
<b>Total raised including Gift Aid:</b>	<b>£4947.50</b>

This is fabulous!! Seeing our total go up as we climbed really kept the motivation going - so THANK YOU!

If you haven't managed to donate yet there is still time - the link to our fundraising page is below:

<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/SUPERSIX6>



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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### FoLS Diary Dates

10th June 2017:

FoLS Fun Day

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[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols)

### AHOY THERE ME LAND LUBBERS!!!

AARRRRGH!



It's that time of year again when the parents step up to show the children that they are not the only ones who make a great team!! The annual Summer Fun Day is on Saturday 10th June...so make sure you have the date in your diaries!! Get your pirate outfits ready!!



We need donations of burger rolls/hot dog rolls and we need you to keep selling the raffle tickets!! Last year we made nearly £700 on the raffle alone - a great way to make some loot.... AAAAAARRRR! And don't forget.... the band of pirates known as FoLS has a reward for the child who sells the most tickets! So please ask for more books... and get selling!

We will be looking for volunteers from all you land lubbers to help man the decks (or rather the bar/BBQ and stalls - as well as help put up tents on the Friday evening before!) Look out for the notice board in the playground over the next three weeks... and don't be shy!! Tiggs has already agreed to man the stocks... as the pirate who gets caught (only because her legs won't be the same after the Three Peaks!), so you can all take aim again this year (not that many were very accurate with the wet sponges last year!).



So let us know if you can donate or help on the day. This is always a great day which showcases how amazing our school family is... so let's ensure this year is as good, if not better than last year!!

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

we have been asked to share



### Chalgrove Cavaliers Football Club

#### Open Girls Training Days for 4 weeks from Thursday 18th May 2017



The FREE training is open to all girls in years 1-7 (ages 5-12) and runs from 4pm until 5pm at Chalgrove Recreation Ground on 18th and 25th May, 8th and 15th June.

The event will be run by Kerry and Chris Hawkins who manage and coach the U11 Chalgrove Cavaliers Girls team. Oxfordshire FA will also be supporting the training.

For more information, please contact Chris Hawkins at [c-hawkins4@sky.com](mailto:c-hawkins4@sky.com)