



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 3rd April, 2017

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS



We will be holding our traditional May Day on Friday 28th April, starting at 1.30pm.

Joe is our May King and Amelia is our May Queen this year. Their names were picked out of a hat. Their attendants are Hollie and Remi chosen because they are the youngest children in school.

We will have a minor break with tradition this year. The Year 6 boys will be allowed to wear ties rather than a neckerchief. Year 6 girls will continue to wear green and white gingham skirts.

There will be no morning celebration assembly on the day.



Headteacher's Welcome

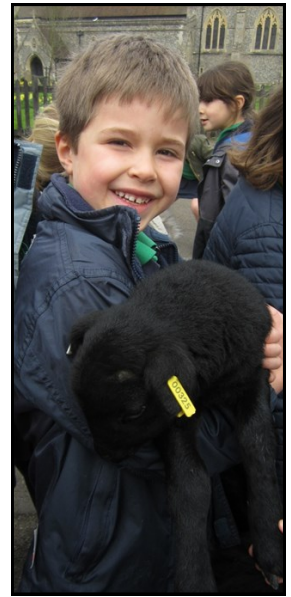


The Weston boys had a baa-rilant show and tell when they brought their sheep Eleena and lamb Chewy to school the other day.

Chewy was just one-week-old but appeared very at ease when 79 schoolchildren lined up to give him a stroke and a cuddle. And mum Eleena was fussed over too though she appeared more interested in the food on offer.

Rowan explained that Chewy was named because he chews anything and everything, and his brothers liked the idea of naming him after the Star Wars character Chewbacca.

Rowan's brother Caleb is pictured right with Chewy, while dad Paul, pictured below, tells the children all about lambs, sheep, ewes and rams.



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Rowan also told me that the family own two other sheep, Clarabel and Lloyd, and how they have escaped from the field in the past and ended up down Church Lane.

Indeed, just the other day, Mr Weston had to enlist the help of some Year 6 children after our local postman alerted us to the fact that his sheep had escaped. One boy was very excited to go 'sheep rustling'!



Hedgehog Art

Reception children have been learning all about animals this term and I thought you would enjoy our picture of Heidi, Thea and Hattie, who made these lovely hedgehogs out of clay. The girls then, very carefully, painted the spikes.

NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER

I'm please to announce that Florence & Fred Uniform Embroidery Service (Tesco) will be supplying our embroidered school uniform from now on.

We have introduced a jade green polo shirt, which will be phased in over the next two years. So by April 2019, all children will be required to wear a jade green polo shirt. An updated Uniform Policy will be uploaded to the school website shortly.

To place an order, please click on the link below:-

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/lewknor-church-of-england-primary-school/13943.school?source=others>

You will note that there are some additional optional items that will be available to parents to purchase: a navy beanie hat, rucksack, jersey cardigan, hoodie (for PE only) and reversible school coat, all with our school logo embroidered on them.

Uniform can be ordered online (no minimum quantity) and delivered to you at home in approximately 28 days (14 days if ordered between November and May) for £3 per order, or free if you're a Delivery Saver customer with Tesco. Tesco offer free returns and you can earn Clubcard points on orders too.

Our search for a new uniform supplier has taken a little longer than we had hoped, however it was important that we found a supplier who could offer the items, quality and delivery we are looking for at a reasonable price to parents. The school will also benefit as Tesco will donate 5% of the total amount of orders received to the school.

Mrs 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:-

3rd April:	Year 5 Cycling Proficiency (training session 2)
5th April:	Year 5 Cycling Proficiency (training session 3)
6th April:	Break up for the Easter Holidays—school finishes at 1.30pm
7th April:	Inset day
9th April:	CANCELLED: Young Puzzlers Church
24th April:	Return to school
25th April:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
25th April:	Year 5 Cycling Proficiency (training session 4)
27th April:	Reception & Infant Class Wonder Woods Trip (details to follow)
27th April:	Year 5 Cycling Proficiency (training session 5)
28th April:	May Day celebrations (1.30-3.15pm)
2nd - 26th May:	Year 2 SATS
2nd May:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
3rd May:	Year 5 Cycling Proficiency (training session 6)
4th May:	Year 5 Cycling Proficiency Test
5th May:	Drumming Assembly with Terry Lucas
8th-12th May:	SATS week (Year 6)
9th May:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
15th May:	Bag2School Collection
16th May:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
17th May:	IMPS Trip (Year 6)
14th May:	Young Puzzlers Church (Joseph)
18th May:	New Year 7 induction evening at ICC
19th May:	Class and whole school photographs (am)
23rd May:	Lower Junior Class swimming lesson
25th May:	Puberty talk for Years 5 and 6 (school nurse)
26th May:	Practice Sports Day
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-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:	UJ residential trip to Kilvrough



Diary dates continued overleaf.....



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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



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

Help us collect as many

Active Kids vouchers as possible when you shop at Sainsburys



Vouchers can be posted in the box in the kitchen—thank you!



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





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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



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Next Bag 2 School Textile Recycling Collection

Monday 15th May 2017

Our next Bag 2 School Textile Recycling collection will be on **MONDAY 15TH MAY**. Collection bags will be sent out the week we come back after the Easter holidays, however if you are having a clear out over Easter or have several bags then please feel free to bag them up in other strong carrier bags or bin liners. 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 15th May**. 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 Catherine Gallacher (mum to Hattie) or Fiona (Mum to Rosie and 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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The Lewknor Super Six Take on the Three Peaks!!!

Our merry band of six parents (Andy Avery, Camilla Manning, Steph Cooper, Ray Nicholson, Sarah Smith and Tiggs) will conquer the three highest peaks in the UK in 24 hours to raise money for our amazing school.

Each year parents and the community work together to raise the much needed funds to support the school and provide the children with enriching educational experiences as well as essential resources. We all want our children to have the best education possible... they need our support!!

This year the Super Six aim to bounce up and down mountains showing the spirit that the children of Lewknor show every day - never giving up, supporting each other and pushing their boundaries to achieve.

We will be digging deep so please do the same and donate!!! The link below takes you to the fundraising page:

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



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FoLS Diary Dates

10th June 2017:

FoLS Fun Day



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.

easyfundraising
.org.uk

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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