



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 13th April 2015

BAGS TO SCHOOL

Next
Bag 2 School
Textile Recycling
Collection
is on:-

**Friday 8th May
at 9 am**

Please see the
last page of the
newsletter for
more details.



Head Teacher's Welcome

Welcome back children

I hope all of you had a lovely Easter break and are refreshed and ready for an exciting new term.

This week our assembly theme is a World of Many Peoples and the children are learning to think about differences and similarities between ourselves and others. They will be taught that our differences make the world a more interesting place to live in. On Friday we have invited Margaret King, an expert on Autistic Spectrum Disorder, to lead our assembly on autism. The purpose of this is to show the children how people, who are diagnosed with ASD, make sense of the world around them, which should help us to be more understanding.

On Wednesday the library van will be visiting school so children should remember to return their books.

Parent Feedback

We had a very positive response from parents who completed the Parent Feedback Form at our recent parents' evenings. This is what you had to say (my responses to some of your ideas are in italics and brackets):

- No concerns at all. I'm very happy with my three children's progress.
- The email communication is much improved. This is much appreciated as I don't live locally.
- Very happy – just one thing. Sometimes things are sent out on email from the school; not everyone checks their email every day. Can this be considered on turn around times?
- Really happy with the improvement in communication via emails etc.
- I think Lewknor is a GREAT SCHOOL! I feel that the school could do with a male teacher and more TAs. (*We recruit only the best and, dare I say it, sometimes men just aren't the best! We have enough funding to employ Mrs Jo Ryan, an experienced and excellent teacher, to work alongside Mrs Wakefield on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays now. The children will benefit hugely from their high quality teaching. Our excellent teaching assistants - Mrs Sawyer and Ms Turner – will also continue to work in Lower Juniors.*)
- Good to see Wake-up, Shake-up has come back to the playground. I think this is a great initiative. (*Well done Mrs Pace for organising this!*)



Krakatoa

Spring Treasure Trail

Sunday 19th April 11am-2pm

Jubilee Hall, Lewknor

Please see Heather Weston for tickets. Tombola donations would be gratefully received.



- Good to hear lots of positive feedback, very helpful. Lovely school environment, very pleased my child is here.
- I am incredibly pleased with the progress my child has made this year.
- My child seems very happy at school and is progressing well.
- Very happy with school, fab family. Have noticed a difference with the extra class for Year 1.
- We very much value the warm and positive relationships fostered in the school and the inclusive approach, as well as the good teaching.
- I really appreciate the opportunities our daughter has had to work with younger children in a peer-support role, and the excellent support she has had from TAs and other staff.
- Have you ever considered introducing a policy so that the children always have access to the whole of the playground, if not the play equipment, unless the weather is really dreadful? *(I am a big believer in getting the children learning out-of-doors and I agree that we could do more of this as a school. The children will be visiting Field Farm soon and some of our older children will be taking part in several pursuits at the Aston Rowant Nature Reserve. Sometimes, though, we feel the wooden play equipment is too slippery for the children to play on safely, especially if it has rained. However, we always ensure there are planned playground games at break and lunchtimes. We also need to keep the children off the grassy area to give the grass a chance to grow back. Otherwise that part of the playground would become a muddy quagmire. Talking of mud, though, I do think the children should have a mud kitchen area, where they can get muddy making mud pies etc. We do have plans in the pipeline to get the children learning outdoors, particularly now that the weather is getting better.)*
- Please can we have more of the homework set on paper rather than it all being on-screen. I limit screen time at home and the homework takes them way over their allotted time and allows no 'free' screen time.
- You are all wonderful. Thank you.

Mrs Wakefield will be holding her second parents' evening on Thursday.

Security

A huge thanks to the Sestons, who came to school during the Easter holidays to carry out some repair work. Andy also helped make the site more secure by erecting a fence (thank you to the Hunt family for donating the wood) at the back of the school and he also put up some wooden boards on the gates, which will prevent them from being opened from the outside.

May I also remind parents, who are visiting school, to sign in when they arrive on site. Parents should always report to the office first, where the signing in and out book is kept.



NITS

I have been alerted by a parent of a case of nits. Unfortunately, head lice/nits are an all too common occurrence in schools. It is not a sign of unclean people or homes.

Please would parents check their child's/children's hair regularly for lice and nits and treat appropriately. Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs D Cole



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OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Diary Dates

Please see the calendar on our website for all diary dates. There are no new or changed diary dates this week.



Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.10am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Spring Treasure Trail—Sunday 19th April 2015



Krakatoa are holding a Spring Treasure Trail on Sunday 19th April from 11am-2pm. Heather Weston will be running the tombola and any donations for the stall will be gratefully received. A box will be placed outside school this week.

Lewknor Scarecrow Festival —Sunday 3rd May 2015



Enter a Scarecrow and join in the fun! Help sheets are provided and it's a great opportunity to be creative and to come together to raise funds for local causes through a village event.

To enter a scarecrow or for more details please contact Jean on 07825 813137 or Libby on 07990 619685 or visit Lewknor Life facebook page. Entry forms are also available in St. Margaret's Church.

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Next Bag 2 School Textile Recycling Collection Friday 8th May 9am

Please note that we will be distributing bags in the playground this week and they will also be available to collect from the kitchen during the Parent Consultation meetings and before/after school. Please take as many as you think that you and your friends/neighbours/relatives can fill. Please remember that all items are for RE-USE and that bedding and towels are no longer accepted.

Please bring all items for collection to school by 9am on Friday 8th 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 Fiona Kendall (mum to Rosie Year 4 and Jess Year 1) and she will arrange to store them for you.

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.

Bags 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
- Belts
- Soft toys
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We do not accept:

- Duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Curtains
- Towels
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms
- Corporate clothing and work wear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

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