



*Lewknor Church of England Primary School's core values are: integrity, wisdom and friendship.*

*Integrity – A quiet conscience makes one strong. (Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl)*

### Head Teacher's Welcome

#### **Mrs Pace**

I am sad to announce that Mrs Pace, our teacher in Upper Juniors, will be leaving the school at the end of this school year in July. She had a two-year work visa when she joined us in September 2013 and she will be returning to New Zealand when this expires. She is sad to be leaving us as she enjoys working at the school and living in the UK but she has been unable to extend her visa at this time. We will be recruiting in the near future and I will, of course, advise you once we have found a suitable teacher. We will all have plenty of opportunities to say goodbye to Mrs Pace in July and I am sure you will join with me in wishing her well for her life back in New Zealand.

#### **Now the good news...**



Our trip to the Sheldonian Theatre on Friday was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra's programme included: Jupiter from the Planets by Holst; Scheherazade,

Movement III (The Young Prince and the Young Princess) by Rimsky-Korsakov; Short Ride in a Fast Machine by John Adams; A Movement from Frozen and the Overture from Star Wars. The children also learned about the instruments of the orchestra and listened to music from a string quartet made up of children who were aged 10, 11 and 13.

There were approximately 10 other schools there and I thought our children were the best behaved. Some might call me biased but school governor Pauline Seston, who attended the event, also thought our children were a credit to the school.

Oxfordshire County Council's Music Service, which organised the event, teaches children to play a range of musical instruments. If your child would like to learn to play an instrument then contact the Music Service on 01865 740000. You can also visit its website at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/music](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/music)



#### **School Council**

Well done to the following children who have been elected as the new school councillors: Carrick, Willow, Isaac, Callula, Theo, Bea, Elodie, Rowan, Tara, Isabella, Leah and Callum. The children are looking at behaviour and safety at school and are beginning to plan a fund-raising event. An assembly will be held soon when they will report back to children.

#### **More good behaviour at school**

I would just like to thank all the children who participated in our afterschool sports club on Tuesday. I have been told your behaviour was exemplary and that makes me feel very proud of you all. Well done!

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Can parents can please arrange to pick up their children from the village hall (and not the school) at the end of each session. Thank you.

### **Tower of London school trip and school trips generally**

If children are required to take packed lunches on school trips, please would parents ensure that all food is kept in recyclable bags whenever possible. This will help us to be more environmentally friendly. Thank you.

### **School website**

The website is being updated with new items quite regularly now and we will soon be able to move to one of the next stages of its development. Parents will soon have access to an area of the website that has information relating to their own child/children. The main information that will be available initially will be your child's attendance data, which comes from the electronic registers that the teachers now use. The user names and passwords will be issued to parents before half-term. Please also remember that we will be posting a message on the website before 8am on any day that we need to close the school due to bad weather.

### **Athletics**

Just a reminder - Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in the partnership Sport Hall Athletics at Icknield Community College this Friday. I hope all the children have a great time and good luck! Can parents please drop children at ICC at 9.15am, where they will be met by Mrs Pace and Mrs Kirk. Thank you.

**Mrs D Cole**

### **Diary Dates**

Please see the calendar on our website for all the diary dates. Any new or changed diary dates are shown below.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February (morning) – Sports Hall athletics at ICC (Upper Juniors)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Tower of London trip (Upper Juniors)**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February (afternoon) – Football at ICC (some children from Upper Juniors and Lower Juniors – TBC)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March (morning)– Junior Citizens trip (Year 6)**

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

### **Other News / Events**

**Holiday Sports Courses – Forms available in the new letter rack in the school entrance hall** - Ravenscroft Sports Academy is working with the school on PE lessons and our after-school sports club. It is running sports courses over the school holidays. These are for children aged 4-11 and will run from 8.30 – 4pm each day over half-term (16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February). The courses are held at Benson Primary School and cost £10 per session if the children stay until 3pm or £12 if they stay until 4pm. They cover netball, dodge ball, gymnastics, dance, bench ball, football, rugby, tennis, hockey and many more. Please see the notice board in the playground for more information or contact Louis on 07803 545557 or email [Ravenscroftsportsacademy@gmail.com](mailto:Ravenscroftsportsacademy@gmail.com)

**Sainsbury's Active Kids** – The Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher scheme started last week. Please collect as many tokens as you can if shopping in store or on-line and put them in the collection box in the kitchen. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

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