



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 20th April 2015

BAG TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

THIS WEEK!

**Friday 8th May
at 9am**

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



Head Teacher's Welcome

Staffing Update

After almost 19 years of dedicated service, Mrs Sawyer has decided to retire from her teaching assistant job at Lewknor Primary. Caroline intends to spend more time with her young grand-children. She is also hoping to have some lovely and long holidays as two members of her family (her husband David and sister Heather) will be celebrating significant birthdays this year.

It's not all bad news though! Caroline will not be saying goodbye to Lewknor forever because she will be back to cover classes on the odd occasion (and I will be holding you to that, Caroline!).

Lewknor, I am sure, has been a huge part of Caroline's life and I know that she has many fond memories of all the children she has helped and taught down the years.

Caroline has been an outstanding teaching assistant. Not only is she extremely experienced but she is a positive, can-do sort of person, who never complains. I have always felt I could rely on her to carry out any task and no job was ever too much trouble. I have been impressed with her professionalism and have always felt confident to leave her in charge of Lower Juniors on the odd occasion when Mrs Wakefield has been absent. Caroline is not only a capable and hardworking TA, she is level-headed and wise, the sort of person whose opinions you can trust. She is a true team player, who inspires confidence in all the pupils and colleagues. She has been a real asset to our school and I wish her all the very best for her retirement.

Other news: I am delighted to announce that we have recruited a new Upper Juniors' teacher, who will be starting in September. Miss Georgina Lawes is an experienced teacher, who currently teaches year 5 at Barley Hill Primary School in Thame.

She is a creative teacher with a strong background in music and art but also loves to teach the core subjects: English, maths and science. She has a strong record of raising the achievement of pupils in her class. I am sure she will be a valued member of our team.

We will also be holding interviews for a Key Stage 1 job-share post to work alongside Ms Rumbold from September. We have had an excellent response to our advert and will be interviewing candidates at the beginning of May. I will update you as soon as I can once we decide which candidate has been successful.



INFANT MUD KITCHEN

The Infant class would be very grateful for any donations of child-safe pots, pans, baking trays, jugs, spoons, spatulas, etc, for their new mud kitchen.

Thank you.



Classroom re-design

I feel very strongly that for school to improve we need to separate the current reception and year 1 class, ie, Infants. Currently, Mrs Alexander is teaching two very different curriculums (the EYFS curriculum and a separate curriculum for year 1 children) in one class. If the children were in different classes, with their own teachers, then I feel they will have a better start to their early school life. The impact of this will be improved attainment in both years. A working party, which includes governors and our business manager Carol Carney, is looking into all sorts of ways of making this possible. I will, of course, keep you updated on any future plans.

May Day

May Day will be held at 1pm on Friday 1st May, weather permitting. We will be keeping a close eye on the weather forecast for that day and we will keep you all informed, hopefully in good time, if we need to cancel. However, let's keep positive!

This year we will have some VIP guests in the form of a May King and Queen, as well as two young attendants. The May King is Carrick and the Queen is Olivia, who are year 6 children. It is a tradition to select the youngest boy and girl in the school to act as attendants and so our young attendants will be Annabella and Caleb.

We have also invited Krakatoa playgroup to take part on the day and I will be sending out invitations to some of the villagers, who have had links with our school in the past.

I hope many of you will be able to come along on the day and enjoy what is a lovely English tradition.

Cycling Proficiency

Year 5 cycling proficiency starts on Monday 27th April and will take place weekly on Tuesday 5th May, Monday 11th May, Monday 18th May, Monday 1st June and Monday 8th June. The cycling proficiency test will take place on Tuesday 9th June. Paul Weston has kindly agreed to provide the training again, but will require help from another adult. If any parents are able to help Paul on all or any of these dates, we would be most grateful. Please contact the school office.

Dental Survey

Our school has been selected to take part in a national dental survey of 5 year olds on Wednesday 29th April. Letters will be sent to the parents of children that are selected to have their teeth inspected in the next few days.

Lower Junior Swimming Lessons

The Lower Junior class were due to start swimming lessons next week, however due to essential maintenance works at the pool overrunning, we are unable to start until Thursday 7th May.

Mrs Cole

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OTHER NEWS & EVENTS



Diary Dates

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



Wednesday 29th April— Dental Survey (5 year olds)

Wednesday 29th April at 3.45pm—Football tournament at Tetsworth (Years 3,4 & 5)

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

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 FoLS are distributing bags in the playground this week and they will also be available to collect from the letter rack just inside the front door 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