



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 4th March, 2019

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March this year and instead of asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, the teachers and I thought it would be a lovely idea to invite all parents / grandparents / nannies / childminders to school to read a story to their child and perhaps some other children.

We thought it would be a good way to end the school week so parents etc are invited to bring a story book to school on Friday 8th March from 2.30pm. If you are short on books or ideas for a good story, we have plenty at school that you can borrow.

If you would like to take part, please would you contact Vicky in the office so that we can organise the children in advance.

Thank you.



Headteacher's Welcome

WORLD-RENOWNED CONDUCTOR VISITS LEWKNOR



Famous conductor Owain Arwel Hughes, who has worked with Pavarotti and has performed for the Queen, took time off from his busy schedule to visit the Upper Juniors.

Mr Hughes talked about his extraordinary life performing all around the world and the children took notes (see picture below), which they later used when they wrote their biographies of the composer.



Top picture: Mr Hughes with the children in Upper Juniors

Above left: Mr Hughes shows the children his box of batons

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Top left: The children busy at work taking notes about Mr Hughes's life



Top right: Callum has a turn at conducting!

The children learned many fascinating facts about Mr Hughes, who is the grandfather of Elektra and Clemmy. For example, Mr Hughes, who was born in the Rhondda Valley in south Wales in 1942, wanted to be a church minister when he was younger but changed his mind when he studied music at secondary school in Cardiff. When the school's music teacher left, Mr Hughes approached the headteacher and asked what was going to happen to the school choir. The headteacher suggested he take it on and at the age of 15 he had his first experience of conducting a choir. He later went on to study music at Cardiff University and the Royal College of Music. Apart from music his other passions include cricket and rugby. His favourite food is Sunday roast and spicy food such as curry.

Mr Hughes, who plays piano and trombone, also recalled performing in front of the Queen in a very cold concert hall. The second time they met, the Queen referred back to that first concert and asked Mr Hughes if he had felt the cold as much as she had.

Though Mr Hughes said he never wants to retire, he added that he would like to be remembered 'as a good man, an inspiration to many and for being kind to everyone'.

He also said that though his grandchildren enjoy pop music he thinks 'it has no purpose and is just noise!'.



Above: Mr Hughes shows the children how to conduct an orchestra



AFTER-SCHOOL CARE CLUB

ACTIVITIES

I thought you would enjoy these pictures of the children at our after-school care club. The children spend some of the time outdoors and the picture right shows them building a campfire. Heidi and Tristan and Olivia and Scarlet can be seen making Valentine cards for their mums (see photos below). The children get the chance to play a range of board games and play with construction toys—Lego is really popular. On other days there is more arts and crafts as well as cooking. The after-school care club runs until 5.30pm and costs £6 a session or you can get 10 sessions for the price of nine when you buy a pre-payment card.





SPRINGTIME IN FEBRUARY!



Above: the children enjoy a picnic lunchtime during the recent good weather. Where did that sunshine go?!



Left: Rascally Rocco is the centre of attention again—this time in the Reception class! Where will that cat appear next?

NEW SCHOOL LOTTERY IS LAUNCHED

Please see details of our new school lottery on page 11 of this newsletter. For just £1 a week you could end up quids in! And Lewknor Primary School children benefit too!

Please support our school by supporting the new lottery! Thank you.



LEWKNOR PRIMARY'S GOT TALENT

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March and children can come to school wearing red clothes (and a red nose) on that day. As this is a fundraiser we would expect the children to make a donation, of at least £1, to Comic Relief.

In the afternoon, some children will take part in a talent show, performing in front of the whole school in the church. Family and friends are invited to this event, which starts at 2.15pm. There will be no prizes awarded, but it is a lovely opportunity for our very talented pupils to show what they can do. There will be a collection for Comic Relief at the talent show too.

Children will audition their acts this week and three acts will be chosen from each class (each act should be no longer than three minutes). The acts can be singing, dancing, telling jokes, demonstrating magic, reciting poetry—anything that is suitable and can be performed in the church. Children can work in groups or as individuals.

Our last talent show was a huge hit with the parents and children. I'm sure this one will be equally thrilling.

Mrs Cole



Ideas for a 'healthy' lunchbox.....



A healthy packed lunch should include something from each of the four main food groups -

starchy carbohydrates (bread, rice, potatoes, pasta), fruit and vegetables, protein containing foods (meat, fish, eggs and beans), and milk and dairy foods – as well as a drink. Here are some ideas of items for each group:

Starchy carbohydrates

A sandwich/roll/wrap/pitta bread (trying using wholegrain varieties or 50/50)

Pasta/couscous/rice

Protein filling

Lean meat/chicken/turkey (add lettuce or tomatoes!)

Fish/tuna (add cucumber or peppers!)

Eggs

Beans

Fruit and vegetables

Chop raw vegetable crudités such as carrot sticks which can be great for dipping in hummus

Fresh fruit (apple, grapes, banana, kiwi)

Dried fruits (raisins, apricots)

Dairy

Low fat yoghurt – plain or fruit (watch out for those high in sugar!)

Small pot of rice pudding

Low fat cheese slices

Added extras

Plain popcorn or reduced fat crisps

Sugar-free jelly pot

A plain biscuit

(There's nothing wrong with this, just try to make healthier choices when you can)

Put in a drink – It is important to stay hydrated, so give your child a bottle of plain water, plain milk (skimmed or semi-skimmed), or no added-sugar fruit juice

For complete lunchbox ideas and tips, visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



Diary Dates

Diary dates for this academic year can also be found on the Lewknor Primary School website. New or changed diary dates are highlighted in green.

2019

TBC March	Year 6 induction evening at ICC
5th March	School vision tests (Reception)
8th March	World Book Day (Lewknor) - parents/carers invited to read a story to children at 2.30pm
15th March	Red Nose Day— children to come to school dressed in red for a suggested donation of £1
15th March	Red Nose Day Talent Show at 2.15pm in the church (donations gratefully received) - open to all
18th March	Sport Relief Week
20th March	Parent evening (3.30-5.00pm)
21st March	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
22nd March	Upper Junior Class Assembly
28th March	Year 6 trip to Junior Citizens
28th March	Mother's Day posy making
29th March	Choir to visit Chiltern Grange
29th March	Mother's Day assembly
4th April	Choir visit to Hempton Court
5th April	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 donation per child)
5th April	Easter egg hunt
5th April	End of term - school finishes at 1.30pm
23rd April	Return to school
24th April	Bikeability Training (all year 5 children) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
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26th April	School open day
29th April	Bag2School Collection
29th April	Croft Farm meeting for UJ class parents (3.30-4.00pm)
TBC April	LJ swimming lessons (weekly on a Tuesday)
1st May	May Day celebrations at 1.30pm
1st - 24th May	End of KS1 (Year 2) SATS
13th - 17th May	End of KS2 (Year 6) SATS week
24th May	Break up for half term—school finishes at 1.30pm



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



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Diary Dates



2019 continued...



TBC June	Year 6 trip to IMPS
TBC June	Puberty talks for years 5 and 6
1st June	Sydenham Fayre
3rd June	Return to school
3rd-7th June	UJ residential trip to Croft Farm
7th June	Class and whole school photographs
10th-14th June	Year 1 national phonics screening
12th June	ICC buddying session for Year 6 children moving up to ICC
14th June	Father's Day assembly
19th June	ICC budding session for Year 6 children moving up to ICC
22nd June	FoLS Fun Day
24th June	New reception children induction (9.30am-midday) and parent briefing (9.30-10.30am)
24th June	Practice Sports day
26th June	ICC buddying session for Year 6 children moving up to ICC
26th June	Year 6 outing (details TBC in due course)
28th June	Sports Day
TBC July	IMPS fundraiser run by Year 6 children
1st July	New reception children induction (9.15am-11.45am)
3rd, 4th & 5th July	Transition days for Year 6 moving up to ICC
5th July	New reception children taster day including lunch (8.50-1.15pm)
5th July	Whole school moving up day
10th July	Dress rehearsal for KS2 production (1.30pm)
11th July	KS2 production in the church (6.00pm)
12th July	Reserve sports day
19th July	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 donation per child)
19th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly
19th July	End of term and school year—school finishes at 1.30pm

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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.

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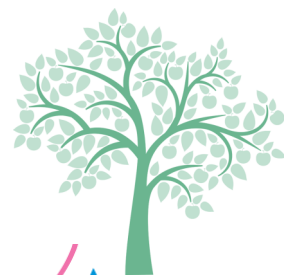
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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



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Have Fun
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& Drum

If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School, please complete a Drum Lesson Interest Form which can be downloaded from the school website (Parents/Music Lessons) and return it to the school office.

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- Lewknor C of E Primary School has launched a lottery!
- Tickets cost just £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school.
- A GUARANTEED cash prize to someone on our supporter list every week.
- A further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw EVERY WEEK!
- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online.

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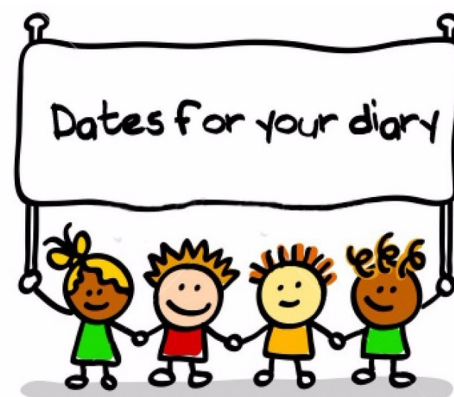


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DIARY DATES

5th April 2019	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)
29th April 2019	Bag2School collection
1st June 2019	Sydenham Fayre (FoLS run a stall)
22nd June 2019	FoLS fun day (12-4pm)
28th June 2019	Sports day supported by FoLS who provide refreshments
19th July 2019	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)



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