



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 2nd December, 2019

## FAREWELL TO VICKY (or should that be 'See You Soon!')

Vicky, our school administrator, had a good send off on Friday. First off at morning assembly, she was treated to some very generous gifts and a lovely card from the parents. Dawn Seston had also arranged the most gorgeous bouquet.

Then at lunchtime the staff gathered for a special lunch. In the playground at the end of lunchtime and in front of all the children, Vicky was presented with more gifts from the staff. One of the gifts was a special book completed by all the children at school.

Some of you may be wondering who will be manning the office now. We have held interviews for Vicky's replacement and hope to announce, very soon, who will be joining the team in January.

In the meantime I ask you to be patient with us. If you phone school and no-one answers, please leave a message. We do check the ansaphone at regular intervals and we will get back to you ASAP if you need us to.

Alternatively, you can contact the school using the usual email address.

Vicky will be working as a school administrator at Princes Risborough Primary, but she will continue to maintain a strong link with Lewknor because she is the new Chair of FOLS, and, of course, she has two children still at the school.



## Headteacher's Welcome

### School Choir Performs At The Big Christmas Sing



Our school choir, pictured above, did us proud when they performed at the Big Christmas Sing at Oxford Town Hall last week. This event brings together primary schools across Oxfordshire to raise funds for Christian Aid. Our children were last to perform out of all the schools and they gave a hearty rendition of Ding Dong Merrily On High. All the schools sang a number of



*Above: the magnificent architecture in the main hall where the choir performed.*

songs together including the wonderful Feliz Navidad by Jose Feliciano and Shepherd Boy by Debbie Rose. Debbie, the Vocal Development Leader for the Oxford Music Service (which is the company that comes to our school to teach the Lower Juniors the cornet), helped prepare the children at a rehearsal before the evening performance.

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*Left: The massed choir at the afternoon rehearsal. Debbie Rose is conducting.*

*Lewknor School was on the left behind the children in the red jumpers.*



One soloist from each school joined a procession into the hall singing the first verse in Once in Royal David's City. Jess, pictured left holding a candle and right with some of the other soloists, was chosen to represent our school and did an amazing job.

The audience was also invited to join in with several carols and my favourite was O Come All Ye Faithful. This was



incredibly rousing especially when several members of staff and two students from each of the school sang the descant harmony. Pictured left are Erin and Meira with Miss Lawes, who performed the descant.

The audience carols were accompanied by the organ and the massed choir was accompanied by the piano and a small rock band (see picture above). Our school choir was accompanied by Miss Lawes on guitar. Thank you to Miss Lawes for helping to organise this marvellous event.







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The children's behaviour was impeccable throughout the day and evening. Here are some of them, pictured left, showing their appreciation after one school had finished their rehearsal.

The pictures below show the children enjoying a game, which they had organised themselves while they waited to be called to the main hall. They certainly attracted the attention of several children from other schools.



I promised the children, who took part in the Big Sing, that they should have a special treat because they made sure they knew all the words to the songs and they performed so well on the night. We will be taking those children to perform Christmas carols to the elderly residents at the Chiltern Grange Residential Home on Monday 9th December. We will have some cake and soft drinks afterwards.

We plan to arrive at Chiltern Grange at 2pm and I am hoping that we recruit some parent volunteers to help transport the children there and back to school. We have 23 children who will be taking part. This includes Stanley and Jasmine who had learned all the songs but were unable to take part because they were ill on the day. If you are able to help with transport and if you have completed the Volunteer Driver Declaration forms, please contact the school office either by phone or email.

Children, who are under 135 cm tall will need a car seat.





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*Left: Grub's up! Children tuck into a yummy hot dog meal with vegetable and fruit snacks*

## FOLS CINEMA NIGHT

Many thanks to the FOLS team, who organised the recent cinema and tea night. The children had two films to choose from—102 Dalmatians or Rise of the Guardians. This is always a popular event but I thought it worked extremely well this time because the children were split into two groups and so the classrooms were not too crowded. Many thanks to Sam and Simon, of Lamb Catering, who provided the food for free. Thanks too to the FOLS team who helped out on the night.



*Above: Children enjoy the entertainment and the treats—just look at that smile on Ollie's face!*







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## Diary Dates

Diary dates for this academic year—new or changed diary dates are highlighted in green.

**2019-2020**

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings - Daily Mile**

5th December	Christingle making (afternoon)
6th December	Christingle Assembly
6th December	FoLS Christmas disco (evening)
9th December	School choir visit to Chiltern Grange Care Home
11th December	Whole school visit to Oxford Playhouse to see Beauty and the Beast
17th December	School Nativity (morning performance at 9.30am)
18th December	School Nativity (evening performance at 6.00pm)
19th December	Whole school Christmas lunch provided and served by FoLS
19th December	Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm
6th January	Return to school
20th January	National Childhood Measurement Programme weights and measures for children in Reception and year 6
3rd-7th February	After School Book Fair
13th February	FoLS Community Concert fundraiser
14th February	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
24th February	Return to school
4th March	UJ Class Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
5th March	World Book Day at Lewknor (children to dress up)
12th March	Junior Citizens trip for year 6 children



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16th-20th March	Sport Relief Week
19th March	Mothers' Day posy making (pm)
20th March	Mothers' Day assembly
25th March	UJ trip to Oxford Science Centre
26th March	School choir visit to Hempton Field Care Home
27th March	School choir visit to Chiltern Grange Care Home
TBC April	Kingswood residential trip meeting for LJ class parents
1st April	Parent evening (3.30-5.00pm)
2nd April	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
3rd April	Easter Egg Hunt (whole school)
3rd April	Last day of Spring term - school finishes at 1.30pm
20th April	Return to school
TBC April	LJ class swimming lessons
22nd April	Bikeability training for all year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)
23rd April	Bikeability training for all year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)
24th April	School Open Morning
28th April	Bag2School Collection
29th April - 1st May	LJ Kingswood residential trip
TBC May	Year 6 trip to IMPS
TBC May	Puberty talks for UJ class
TBC May	Whole school and class photographs



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1st– 22nd May	KS1 SATS (year 2 children)
7th May	May Day celebrations
8th May	Bank Holiday
11th-15th May	KS2 SATS week (year 6 children)
22nd May	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
1st June	Return to school
6th June	Sydenham Fayre
8th-12th June	Year 1 National Phonics Screening
13th June	FoLS Fun Day
19th June	Fathers' Day Assembly
24th June	Practice Sports Day
24th June	Year 6 outing
26th June	FoLS BBQ for whole school and families (midday-1pm)
26th June	Sports Day from 1pm
2nd July	IMPS fundraiser (year 6 children)
3rd July	Whole school moving up day
9th July	KS2 production - morning performance at 9.30am
9th July	KS2 production - evening performance at 6.00pm
10th July	Reserve Sports Day
16th July	Parent evening



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**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

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**End of Summer Term - school finishes at 1.30am**



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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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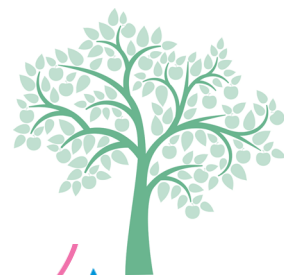
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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### 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:

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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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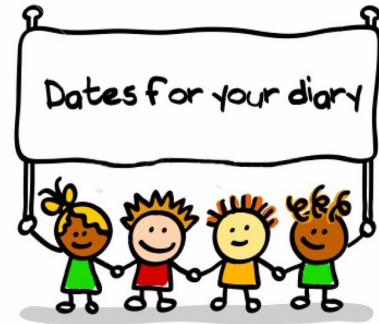
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7th May	May Day
13th June	Fun Day



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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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