



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 4th December 2023

## Headteacher's Welcome

### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

#### JEREMY IRONS TO OPEN FOLS FAYRE

The FOLS Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December, which will run from 10am to 2pm at the village hall, will be opened by the actor Jeremy Irons. We are hoping lots of children will attend so that we can start the fayre with a choir to sing some songs and carols. The fayre will raise funds jointly for our school and the Lewknor Pre-School.

FOLS are very generously funding Christmas lunch for every child and staff member at the Lambert Arms on Friday 15th December. The children can come to school dressed in Christmas jumpers on that day and we will sing Christmas carols as we make our way to the restaurant. It will be a very jolly occasion and one we are all looking forward to.

FOLS have in addition very kindly paid for the whole school Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime trip to the Oxford Playhouse on Wednesday 6th December. Thank you FOLS!

**Please note that our Christmas concert and Nativity will now start at 3pm rather than 6pm on Thursday 14th December. There is currently no heating in the church and we feel it would be better for the children to perform in the afternoon rather than the evening when the temperature could drop further.**



These photos of our lovely children should get you into the Christmas spirit. Our Nativity and carol service will be held at St Margaret's Church on Thursday 14th, starting at 3pm. All children are expected to attend and not just those who have acting roles in the Nativity play.

The older children form the choir to support the songs sung during the Nativity play, and then they take centre stage to sing several carols and other jolly Christmas songs. The children are working very hard to put the service together and are excited for you to come and watch. I am very much hoping you will be able to join us this year.



Henry and Laura



Angels—Amy, Mollie, Robin, Rosie, Chloe and Violet

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*Shining brightly, the Star of Bethlehem with friends! Olivia (centre) with Izzy and Esme*



*Shepherds Immy, Ruben and Austin with their sheep Emmeline and Jack M*



*The innkeepers. Jack C, Harrison and Harriet O*



*The Three Kings. Felix, Clark and Morgan*



*Mary and Joseph (Laura, who was standing in for Harriet S, and Henry) with the donkeys Daniel, Ava and Finn*

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*The camels! Toby, Pippa and Calla*



*The narrators. Laura, Jeniece and Arthur*

## SPONSORED READ AND BOOK FAYRE RAISES £1,675



*Sponsored read winners received trophies, certificates and some sweet treats (thank you Mrs Read for your generosity). The winners are: Ned, Cally, Mia, Raffi, Emrys, Isla P, Charlie, Marley, Ralph and Miles*

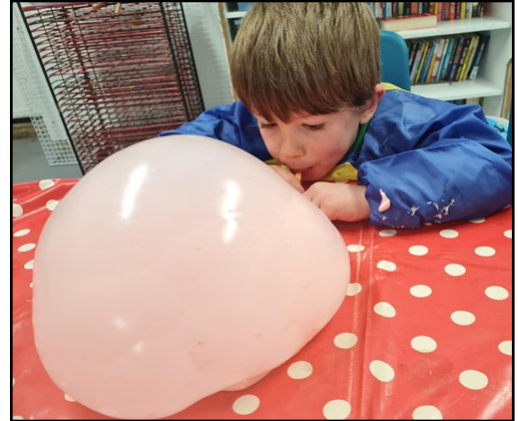
We have been focusing on a love of reading at school and also highlighting the importance of children reading at home. Mrs Read came up with the great idea of a sponsored read at school, culminating in a cosy read on Friday afternoon. The children came to school dressed in comfy clothing so they could snuggle up in the classroom with their favourite book. We also had a visit from Usborne books and a book fayre was held at the end of the day.

I was astonished to discover that the a whopping £1,675 was raised through sponsorship and the book fayre, and this will be used to buy more books for school. We earned a 60% commission from the books that were sold at the fayre. Thank you to all the children who worked hard to raise such a wonderful pot of money, and the message for all our bookworms is KEEP ON READING!

## I'M FOREVER BLOWING BUBBLES



*Chloe, Austin and Laura*



*Jack M*



*Anastasiia*

There was more fun at the Creation Station after-school art club last week. This time there was a bit of science mixed in with the art lesson. Jack D, pictured right, explained how the children made slime using PVA glue, water, paint and a slime activator. This produced a chemical reaction which meant the children could blow up their slime into a huge balloon using a straw. "We had to be very careful," said Jack, "and make sure the straw was placed underneath the slime before we started blowing it up. It was great fun."



*Jack D*



*Emmeline and Harriet O*



*Amy*



Every week in our school newsletter, we will include a prayer and a Bible reading. These are taken from our new Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RE (Religious Education) and are shared with the children in class and at whole school assemblies.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### Celebrating Difference

(use kind words)

Lord Jesus

Thank you for your example of treating people with kindness. Make me kind when I am tempted to act harshly rather than speak gently, when I try to take control rather than letting others have their turn, when I am angry and bitter rather than mindful and calm.

Amen

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.



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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES  
FOR AUTUMN TERM 2023

CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Navigate

Verb

When someone navigates, they work out the direction in which a ship, plane or car should go, using maps and sometimes instruments.

Mrs Cole



## DIARY DATES

Creation Station Art Club runs every Monday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.

### DECEMBER

Wednesday 6th December. Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Oxford Playhouse.

Saturday 9th December. Lewknor Primary and Lewknor Pre-School Christmas Fayre, 10am-2pm at Jubilee Hall.

Thursday 14th December. Nativity and Christmas carol concert. **This will start at 3pm and NOT 6pm.**

Friday 15th December. Christmas dinner at the Lambert Arms (courtesy of FOLS).

Tuesday 19th December. Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm.

Wednesday 20th December. Inset day.

### JANUARY

Monday 8th January. New term starts.

Tuesday 30th January until Friday 2nd February. Travelling Book Fayre.

### MARCH

Monday 4th March. Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5pm.

Wednesday 6th March. Parents' evening 5pm to 7pm.

Thursday 7th March. World Book Day.

Friday 8th March. Mother's Day assembly starting at around 9am.

Friday 15th March. Red Nose Day—wear something spotty!

Thursday 28th March. Easter egg hunt and last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm.

### APRIL

Friday 26th April. May Day Celebration.

### JUNE

Friday 14th June. Father's Day Assembly.

Monday 17th June. Partnership rounders competition for Years 3, 4 and 5.

Friday 21st June. Sports Day weather permitting, or Friday 28th June.



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