



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 10th December, 2018

WE'RE OUTSTANDING!

Oxfordshire County Council conducted their annual inspection of school last week and had many positive things to say.

In her summing up, inspector Sandra North said:

"The headteacher reports that she has a strong team, strong support from effective and knowledgeable governors with a whole school cohesive approach to high expectations.

The school is ambitious for every pupil and rightly proud of all its achievements and their ambitions for the school include an aspiration to be judged outstanding at the next Ofsted.

In my opinion it is likely that they are correct and, if the school continues on this current trajectory, I would be surprised if they were not awarded this judgement."

See page 7 of this newsletter for more of the inspector's comments.



Headteacher's Welcome

CHRISTINGLE MAGIC - PETER'S SURPRISE PERFORMANCE



It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Christingle Service - the church was packed with no room to spare. Good sport Peter made a surprise appearance from the bell tower having changed into an orange costume (apparently this is not the first time he has donned a Christingle costume - he told the congregation he did it eight years ago) before explaining how each part of the Christingle has a special Christian meaning. The picture above shows Peter (with jazz hands!) and the children in the Year 6 class. Below Peter is surrounded by children with some reception class children in the foreground.



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Above: our Reception class children with their Christingles

Below: Most of the children are standing on the stage with their Christingles but this year we also had some children form a procession into the church and stand in the aisle while everyone sang Silent Night. The children also sang Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.

Children from Krakatoa Pre-school also attended the service. Thank you to Claire, Dawn, Sally and Ernestine, who helped the children make their Christingles. I am looking forward to our nativity and Christmas concert at 6pm on Thursday 20th December. Peter's carol service, which features the wonderful Lewknor choir, will be on Friday 14th December at 7pm. Fiona, mum of Jess, has asked me to mention the Family Christmas Carol service at the Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford on Saturday 22nd December at 6.30pm. Proceeds from the service will go towards SSNAP (Support for the Sick Newborn and their Parents).





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IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

Pictured above is Elliot with this year's Christmas Friendship Tree. Children and staff can donate £1 to write their Christmas message on a sheet of card, which will then be laminated and attached to the tree. This has become a Lewknor Christmas tradition and Elliot first came up with the idea for a friendship tree three years ago. We will ask the children at school which charity they would like the money to go to.

Pictured below are Wilfred and Stanley with the delicious hamper they donated to all the staff at school. Thank you Luarena for your very generous gift. It has been going down a treat!





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RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT THE ELDERLY

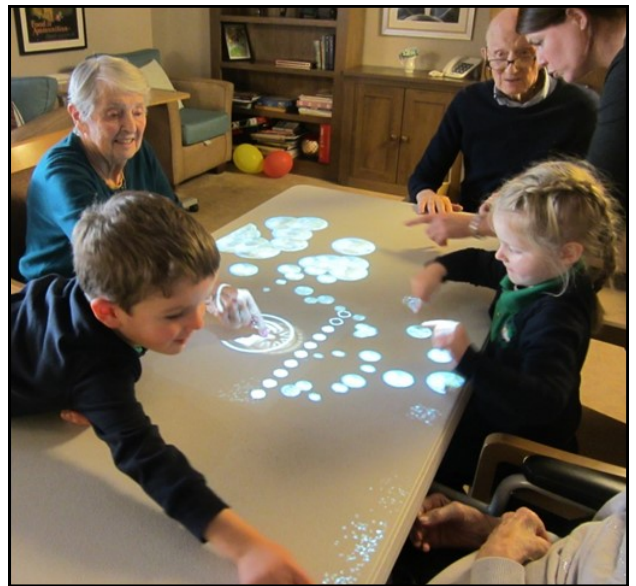


It was Fred's and Georgie's turn to visit the residents of Chiltern Grange care home for the elderly recently.

Every other Friday afternoon two or three children from the Reception class make the trip to talk and play with the residents at the home in Stokenchurch.

Our pictures show Fred and Georgie playing on the light table, which has lots of exciting touch screen games.

The residents really look forward to the visits from the children as you can see from our photographs.





MEIRA THE MEDAL WINNER

Meira (pictured left) recently attended the High Wycombe Mini Mons judo competition at High Wycombe Judo Centre. It was only the second time she has entered a competition (apart from fighting in the Stokenchurch Judo Club Championships each year). Competition on the day was tough but she won three out of her four fights and was delighted to come home with a bronze medal. Meira has been attending our school judo club since it started and it's great to see how well she is doing. She has also since graded and has been awarded a 4th Mon (a yellow belt with one tab).

Meira's brother Laurence also entered the competition (his first) and had two fights. He lost his first fight within seconds but was much more prepared for his second and fought very well, although he lost on points. Laurence recently graded and has been awarded his 1st Mon (a red belt with one tab). It was a great experience and opportunity and they are both keen to enter more competitions. Stokenchurch Judo Club have their annual club championships in February and Sensei Ron will let the children at our school's judo club know the date so they can attend should they wish. If you would like your child to take up judo at school on Wednesdays, contact Mrs Ashby in the school office.

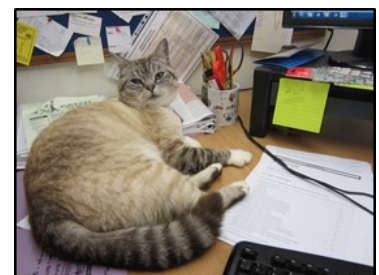


RASCALLY ROCCO MAKES HIMSELF AT HOME

Rocco, the rascally cat, was back and this time he found his way up the stairs and into the head teacher's office.

After a short while (and some stroking, which was just purrfect!), Rocco made his way to Mrs Wakefield's class, where he was met with much excitement (well, from the children anyway).

Mrs Wakefield took matters into her own hands and Rocco was gently shown the door! I wonder where he will appear next!



Above and right: Rocco relaxes in Mrs Cole's office



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GREAT FIRE OF LONDON COMES TO LEWKNOR PRIMARY!

Goodness gracious great balls of fire! Mrs Lomas is a real bright spark but I wasn't sure when she suggested the children watch the Tudor houses they had made as part of their history topic on the Great Fire of London burn down. However, the children thought it was the coolest thing ever to observe a re-enactment of the fire itself in our playground. It was a task easier said than done, though, as the damp and windy conditions meant that it took some time (and lots of matches) to get the blaze going. But when it did get going it was met with lots of whoops of delight. Mrs Lomas and Miss Hemmings were also on hand with the hose to make sure the fire was well and truly put out.





WE'RE OUTSTANDING! Continued from front page

Oxfordshire County Council conducted their annual inspection at school last week and had many positive things to say about school. These are some of the inspector's comments:

'The school has begun to explore increased rigour and quality of teaching in foundation (non-core) subjects. There are progression strands for non-core areas, and there will be a renewed focus on the broader curriculum going forward.'

This means that the school has a strong focus on all subjects and not just the teaching of the core subjects: English, maths and science. It also means that teachers monitor the progress of children in all subjects and not just the core subjects.

'The weekly newsletter gives a very clear indication of the breadth of the school's enriching and enhancing provision – they work with local groups, artists, environment groups, Big Me (leading to careers advice), opportunities for developing ethnic diversity, eg, a trip to a Gurdwara in Birmingham, Sheldonian Theatre visits, music lessons etc. The children also have a link with local care homes for the elderly, which they visit regularly.'

'There is significant after school provision with Breakfast and After School Clubs as well as additional enrichment clubs offering cookery, photography, judo, football and science.'

'The school is a key part of the community and the PTA (FoLS) raise money through their significant fundraising profile with up to £12K a year.'

'The school is well-staffed with high adult-pupil ratios so teaching is often carried out in individualised and personalised groups, with a focus on the learning for the individual child.'

'Safeguarding procedures were robust when I visited the school – I was challenged, badge checked, given a visitor's badge, advised to read the information about safeguarding etc.'

'The headteacher feels well-supported by the dedicated and committed governor team.'

'There are significant areas of good practice (attainment and progress) which have been recognised at the highest level.' (Ms North was impressed here because the Department for Education had written personally to school inviting us to become a leading teaching hub so that we could train other teachers to teach English (including phonics), maths, science, history and geography. Nick Gibb, MP and Minister of State for School Standards, has also written to school congratulating us on our phonics success, which puts us in the top 3% of all primary schools nationally).

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 crudité's 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>



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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.

2018-2019

14th December	FoLS whole school Christmas lunch
14th December	FoLS Christmas disco
14th December	Choir to visit Hempton Field
19th December	Nativity afternoon performance at 1.30pm
20th December	Nativity evening performance at 6.00pm
21st December	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 donation per child)
21st December	End of term - school finishes at 1.30pm
TBC January	Whole school trip to the Primary Schools Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre
7th January	Return to school
25th January	Whole school trip to the Schools' Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford
29th January	Stay and learn session for Reception class parents
5th February	Travelling Book Fayre (one week)
13th January	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
18th January	NCMP weights and measures (reception and year 6)
7th February	FoLS Community Concert fundraiser, St Margaret's Church at 6.30pm
10th February	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
15th February	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm
25th February	Return to school
5th March	School vision tests (Reception)
10th March	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
25th March	Bikeability Training (all year 5 children)
26th March	Bikeability Training (all year 5 children)
28th March	Year 6 trip to Junior Citizens
28th March	Mother's Day posy making
TBC March	Year 6 induction evening at ICC
29th March	Mother's Day assembly
18th March	Sport Relief Week
20th March	Parent evening (3.30-5.00pm)
21st March	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
29th March	Choir to visit Chiltern Grange
TBC March/April	Cycling Proficiency training and test for Year 5
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
14th April	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
23rd April	Return to school
26th April	School open day
29th April	Bag2School Collection
29th April	Croft Farm meeting for UJ class parents (3.30-4.00pm)





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Diary Dates



2018-2019 continued...



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
12th May	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
24th May	Break up for half term—school finishes at 1.30pm
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
9th June	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
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
14th July	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
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

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



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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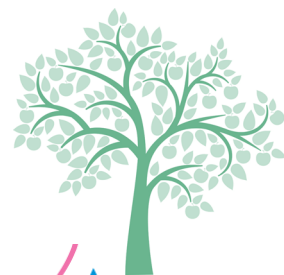
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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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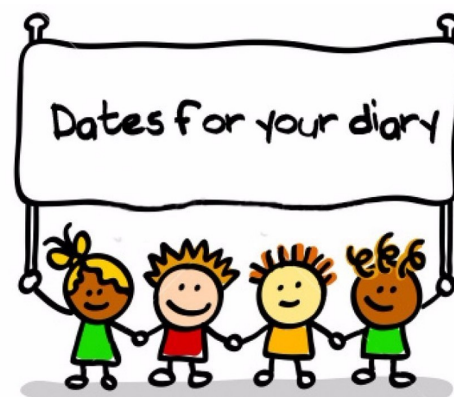


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7th February 2019	FoLS community concert (6.30pm)
5th April 2019	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)
29th April 2019	Bag2School collection
1st June 2019	Sydenham Fayre (FoLS run a stall)
22nd June 2019	FoLS fun day (12-4pm)
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)



The 100 Club is an easy way for you to support the school (tickets are £1 each per month - so £12 for the year). We still have some numbers left so if you haven't already bought your tickets then there is still time! The more numbers you have, the more chances of winning. If you would like to buy more numbers or you have yet to buy some, please download a form from the school website.

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