



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 14th March, 2022

## WORLD RECORD MUSICAL BUMPS

Lewknor Church of England Primary School could very well make it into the Guinness Book of World Records!

On Friday (18th March), Red Nose Day, our children are taking part in Radio Oxford's attempt to break the world record for the largest ever game of musical bumps!

The children will gather in the playground for the start of the game at 9.30am and all the staff will act as stewards to make sure that we follow the rules.

We have to film the game too to provide evidence that all is above board. Radio Oxford has selected the song Let's Go Crazy to play while the game is played.

We will then submit the name of our winner to Radio Oxford. If you tune into the breakfast show you might hear Sophie (Year 6) announce that Lewknor 'is good to go!' Children can wear items of red clothing on the day and please would they bring a small donation of £1 for the Comic Relief charity.

Thank you.

## Headteacher's Welcome

### NOVEL IDEA FOR WORLD BOOK DAY



This year, on World Book Day, instead of dressing up as a character from their favourite book, the children were asked to bring a prop into school that represented their book character. The children then had to try to guess the character that each child had chosen.

And this year it was the teachers turn to dress up! They chose to focus on the enchanting book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. I think it's easy to guess who was what!



*Above: Some of the children with their props*

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*Pictured left is Basia (as Fox!) with Charlie, Skye, Violet and Francis at After-School Club.*



*Right: Charlie as James Bond and Georgie as Daisy Dovetail*

## FLIPPING HECK! PANCAKES GO DOWN A TREAT ON SHROVE TUESDAY



*Above: Amy and Archie tuck in!*



*Above: Violet and Faith enjoy their pancakes*

Every child at school enjoyed a pancake on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to Miss Hawkes and Mrs Hemmings for making 80 pancakes on the day!



*Left: the Reception class say Grace before eating*





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## CHARLIE HITS THE RIGHT NOTE!

Here is Charlie, pictured left, practising his piano skills with music teacher Mike Davies. He is learning to play First March and Balloon Man, and though Charlie has only started learning to play the piano, Mike is pretty impressed with his skills.

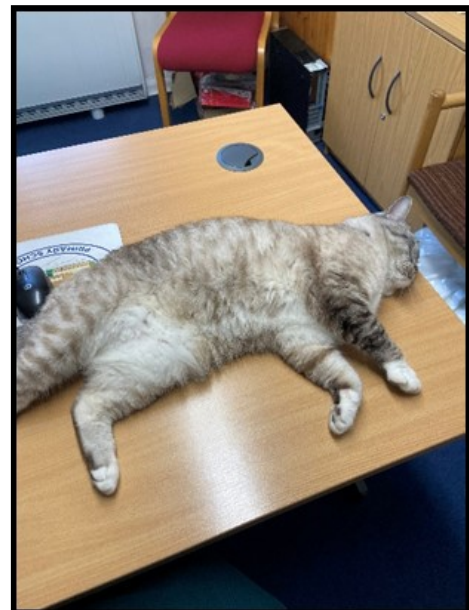
Charlie is also learning to play the cornet along with all the other children in the Lower Juniors class. School subscribes to Oxford's Music Service, which provides lessons for the children.

I have always thought it is important that all the children at Lewknor Primary have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument at school. And I love to hear the children's music (and singing) as I go about my work.

Charlie's other hobbies are football and dodgeball.

If you would like your child to learn the piano you can email Mike at [MJmusicervices@aol.com](mailto:MJmusicervices@aol.com) for more information.

## RASCALLY ROCCO MAKES HIMSELF AT HOME IN GEMMA'S OFFICE



Rocco knows the best way to get attention (and lots of pampering) is to make it almost impossible for the adults to get on with their job. Here he is sitting in a drawer in Gemma's office and if that doesn't work he knows to sprawl across the desk top until someone tickles his tummy and strokes his ears. What a hard life!



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

### Healthy Me: Physically Active

Dear God

Thank you for our amazing bodies. Let us not be tempted to ignore the need for physical exercise just because it is sometimes easier to make a lazier choice. Help us remember that our mental and emotional health can be supported by using our energies in physical exercise.

Amen



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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Parallel

#### Adjective

Two lines or other things that are parallel are the same distance apart all the way along.  
For example, the road along the sea front is parallel with the sea.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

1 Timothy 4: 7-10

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labour and strive because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Mrs Cole



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## FRIENDS OF LEWKNOR SCHOOL

Hello my name is Louise and I am the recently elected Chair of FOLS. When I was approached for this role, I began to think about what I could bring to FOLS and what FOLS could do for the school and YOUR child. Here are my thoughts.

My family have been a member of this school family since 2019 and I remember quite vividly what attracted my husband and I to this special place. It was kindness. A small but mighty school bursting with love and kindness. This is created by community. I remember my son and I feeling so nervous that very first day we entered the school playground but as we walked through the gates there were children playing and smiling parent faces welcoming us even though they didn't know us yet. I know I paint an idyllic picture and of course life at school is not all roses but fundamentally the school community; the pupils, teachers, parents seem to be driven by the same objective, kindness. And when a community has kindness at its foundation it creates a special energy that reaches far and wide.

I talk about this because I believe that our school community, family, has been deeply impacted by the pandemic. There are families that have joined the school in the last 2/3 years that have not had the privilege to truly see the special community that exists here. We have been forced to be separated which has impacted how we come together and engage with each other. We have been unable to celebrate in assemblies, we have had to cancel our events, we cannot gather at the school gates. All of these places are where we breathe life in to our community.

Now is the time to build up our community again, I want FOLS to foster those special relationships, to show our children what a special place Lewknor is because of this kindness and love that we all pour in to it.

In the past I feel that FOLS has been perceived as an exclusive or daunting organisation but I ask you to reconsider this perception. FOLS exists to enhance our children's lives at Lewknor School, all of our children deserve the very best education and we exist to help fill the gaps where funding is lacking. We exist to help foster and nurture a community of people with the same focus, our children. You are all part of FOLS, no matter what your role. Some of us can sit on the committee, some of us will attend the events, some of us will help fundraise, some of us will bake cakes, craft costumes but no matter what your role, we are all part of the same family.

Please help us build this community again. I encourage you to read our communications and to talk to us with any thoughts and ideas you may have, they are all important. Contact me directly if you would like, my email is [louisefull@me.com](mailto:louisefull@me.com).

We have some wonderful events that we hoping to announce this year, keep an eye out for more details and dates in the coming weeks:

Summer Fete  
Bingo Nights  
Children's Film Nights  
Sports Day Celebration  
Bags2School  
Mufti Days  
FOLS Meetings

I really look forward to meeting more of you over this next year, it is an exciting time to be a part of FOLS and really make a difference to our little but powerful family.

Best wishes,  
Louise



## Postcombe **UKRAINE** **CRISIS** Appeal

We are sure you are all aware of the humanitarian crisis caused as a direct result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and that many of you are already doing whatever you can to help the poor Ukrainian people caught up in the conflict.

However, if you would be able to help a little more, Sam at **'Ruby Cottage' on Box Tree Lane**, is kindly organising a local Postcombe collection of essential items to be sent to those in need.

The items requested include:

**Nappies/wipes/Sudocrem/and formula milk**

**Sanitary products**

**Soap and personal hygiene products**

**Toothpaste and toothbrushes**

**Torches and batteries**

**First Aid kits**

**Sleeping bags and tents.**

Sam will take the donated items to a central warehouse in Hemel where they will be sorted and repackaged, loaded onto lorries, taken to London and then delivered straight to Poland.

Anything you can donate maybe dropped directly in **the van in the courtyard behind 'Ruby Cottage' before Tuesday mornings for the next 3 weeks (March 14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>)**

All donations, no matter how small are very gratefully received and will make a difference.

Thank you

Margaret Poole  
Parish Councillor





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## Friends of Lewknor School



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### Friends of Lewknor School



We understand that this is a very difficult time for many, but we want to take this opportunity to remind you about Easyfundraising.

You can use Easyfundraising to raise money for Friends of Lewknor School, without spending a penny! It's simple to set up an account and when you shop through the website or app, you earn valuable money for us, at **no cost** to yourself.

If you haven't already registered, please take a look on the following page to see how shopping with the companies registered with Easyfundraising can boost our fundraising pot!

#### CARD READER NEWS!

We are very excited to tell you that FoLS now have a card reader! Over the coming months we will be able to use this at many events, which we hope will make it easier for parents and the committee.



#### BANK DETAILS

We are keen to support the school as much as we can financially, although this year our fundraising will be lower than usual due to the current situation. This may mean that we will be unable to fund all the trips and licenses we usually do. We appreciate that many families are struggling financially, but for those who would like to support us by donating money that they would usually have been spent at our fundraising events, and are in a position to do so, we are providing our bank details.



Wishing every child and family at Lewknor School well.

**Friends of Lewknor School Committee**



