



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 19th November, 2018

CHRISTINGLE AND NATIVITY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

New parents should know that we celebrate Christingle in the church this term.

This is one of the school highlights of the year, and our service is on Friday 30th November at 9.10am.

Peter is planning a big surprise this year. I will say no more!

Everyone is welcome to attend.

We have a travelling pantomime visiting school the day before on Thursday 29th for a performance of Rapunzel.

Our Christmas nativity and concert will be at 6pm on Thursday 20th December. Parents with very young children are welcome to attend our performance on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th December.



Headteacher's Welcome

TRANSFORMATION EVENING



Children, parents and grandparents enjoyed the recent Transformation Evening at school.

This is an annual event when each classroom is 'transformed' into a theme which focusses on a topic the children had been covering in class. For example, children in the Infants class had been learning about The Great Fire of London 1666. The children made Tudor houses and a replica of the oven in Pudding Lane where the fire started!



Above: Taylor beside the oven where the fire started

Top: Mrs Lomas and Cameron dressed in period costume

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Right: Eva and Ewan

Below: Eva and Noah

The Lower Juniors had been studying the Stone Age and had made replica villages out of clay.

Lots of children (and all the teachers) dressed up in period costume for the event.

The children in Lower Juniors also had fun painting their faces to represent a Stone Age tribe they belonged to.



Above: Daisy, Zofia, Livvy, Clemmy and Noah are fierce Stone Age warriors



Left: Bill paints Tara's face while Daisy and Ellena look on

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Top: Charlie is pictured above showing her mum and dad how to make a woolly mammoth out of card

Right: Isaac shows mum Vickey his artwork

Below left: Sophia shows her sister Poppy her cave-woman drawing

Below right: More cave drawings completed in class



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Left: Mrs Wakefield with Leah and Saffy

Below: Kiran with a small, flint spear

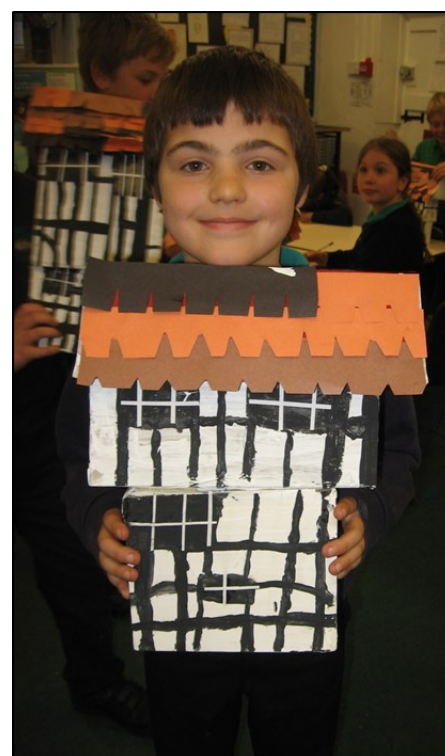


The children in Upper Juniors had been studying the Tudors and had made and painted Tudor houses.

Left: Leah and Cameron with their Tudor designs

Right: Callum with his Tudor house

Below: Stanley came dressed as a Tudor boy



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Left: Elliot the executioner!

Below left: Miss Lawes in costume with Peter

Below: Logan with some of the artwork completed by Upper Juniors

Bottom left: Honor made a lavender bag on the night. The Tudors believed herb scent bags kept the plague away

Bottom right: Georgie made a pomander to ward off those bad street smells during Tudor times



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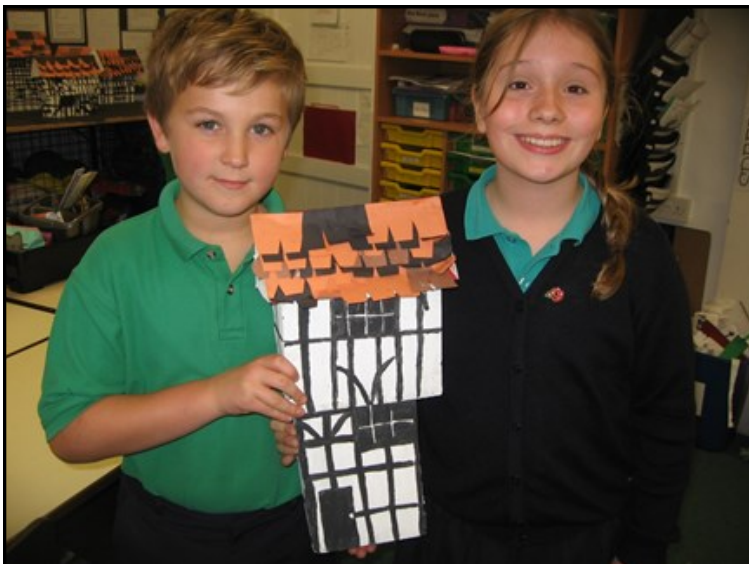
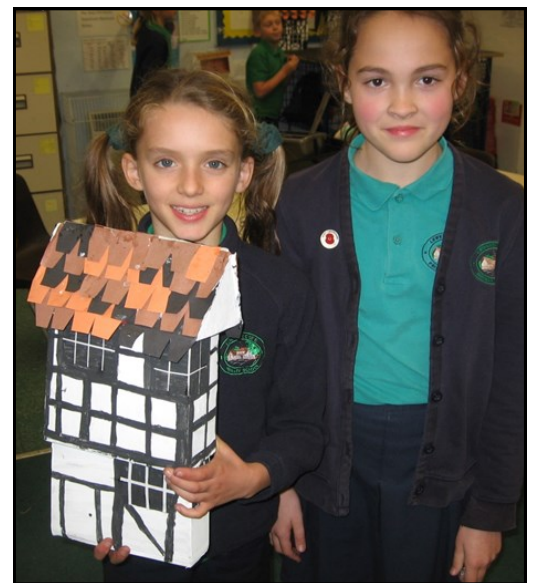


More Tudor building designs.

Left: Bea and Erin

Below: Ivy and Chloe

Bottom: Ralph and Tara



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Above: Rubie dressed in an Indian sari



Above left and above: Devon and Emilie with their light holders

The Reception class's theme was the Hindu festival of Diwali and the children had made some colourful light holders out of clay and had completed some beautiful sparkly paintings, which were displayed in the classroom.



Above: Heidi and dad Ben with a Diwali design



Above: Aria and Devon with a Diwali classroom display

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Above left: Miss Harjette helped the children, including Olivia, decorate their foreheads with bindis



Above right: The Reception children's work showing the Diwali Festival of Lights



The evening ended in Mrs Wakefield's class when all the children gathered with their teachers and parents (see above) to sing three songs: the beautiful African song Azikatale, Rise and Shine and Colours of Day.

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SMART NEW TABLES AND BENCHES IN SCHOOL COLOUR

The children are now eating lunch at new tables and benches, which we had delivered last week.

I would like to thank Sam and Simon Stonehouse for their very kind donation towards the new tables and benches, which are a lovely shade of green to match our school uniform.



The school council will be writing to parents because they want to organise a cook book full of favourite recipes.

They hope that the recipe books will raise further funds, which will go towards the new lunchtime furniture.

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STAY AND LEARN

SESSION IN RECEPTION

Miss Harjette recently invited parents to stay at school to see what goes on in the reception class.

The children were able to show their mums a range of learning activities and Miss Harjette also demonstrated a phonics teaching session.



Everyone seemed to have great fun and Miss Harjette plans to hold another session soon.





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



29th November	Visiting Pantomime
30th November	Christingle service
30th November	Year 5 visit to ICC
TBC December	Science Club Assembly
7th December	Choir to visit Chiltern Grange
9th December	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
14th December	FoLS whole school Christmas lunch
14th December	FoLS Christmas disco
14th December	Choir to visit Hempton Field
19th December	Nativity dress rehearsal at 1.30pm (reception and infant classes)
20th December	Nativity at 6.00pm (reception and infant classes)
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
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



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Diary Dates

2018-2019 continued...



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)
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 buddying 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)

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



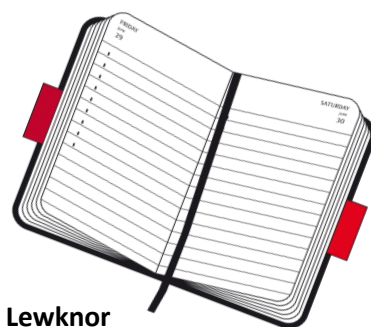
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28th June	Sports Day
TBC July	IMPS fundraiser run by Year 6 children
1st July	New reception children induction (9.15am-11.45am)
3rd, 4th & 5th July	Transition days for Year 6 moving up to ICC
5th July	New reception children taster day including lunch (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



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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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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,



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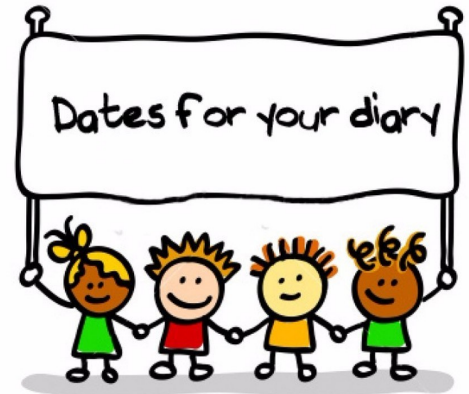
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14th December 2018	Whole school Christmas lunch provided by FoLS
14th December 2018	FoLS Christmas disco
21st December 2018	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)
7th February 2019	FoLS community concert (6.30pm)
5th April 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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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

The most recent publication of The Grapevine (Parish magazine for Lewknor) can be found by clicking on the link below:-

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