



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 3rd December, 2018

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB STARTS SOON!

I am delighted to announce that we will be starting a photography club after school on Mondays from 7th January.

Professional photographer and mum Luarena will be running the six-week course, which will start straight after school and will end at 5pm.

The club will be open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 only and there will be limited spaces so make sure you return your application form (which is attached to this newsletter) by Friday 7th December. Children will be notified by Wednesday 19th December.

The course costs £30. Children can either use their own digital camera or borrow one at school. If children bring their own camera to school we will make sure that it is kept safe throughout the day.



Headteacher's Welcome

LEWKNOR CHOIR IMPRESSES BBC RADIO OXFORD



Our whole school choir (see above) sang like angels when BBC Radio Oxford visited to record the children singing two Christmas songs: Silent Night and It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas. They impressed the producers at Radio Oxford so much that they got back in touch to tell us that our school was one of the best and could they come out and interview Miss Lawes and a pupil. You will be able to hear the carols and interview at 7.45am and 8.45am on Tuesday 18th December. Thank you to our choirmaster Miss Lawes for organising the event—the children had a great time as recording artists!



Above: The Upper Juniors classroom is turned into a recording studio

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SWIMMING SUPERSTARS WIN RACE IN PARTNERSHIP GALA



Our school's swimming team had a whale of a time and swam as sleekly as sharks when they recently took part in a partnership swimming gala at Thame swimming pool. They even won one of the races—the mixed medley! Though Lewknor came fifth overall out of six schools, the team that came fourth only beat us by one point while the team that came third beat us by two points— it was so close! I thought the children did brilliantly considering we are the smallest school in the partnership, which also includes Watlington Primary, Chalgrove, RAF Benson, Stadhampton and Ewelme.

The children also took part in a mixed freestyle race and two wacky races, one of which included swimming while holding onto a range of apparatus then building a cannon and shooting the cannonball over the line!

The children worked fantastically well as a team, using some clever tactics, when they had to dive for rubber toys against the clock.

Well done to all the children - Elliot, Saffy, Erin, Marie, Jess, Ivy, Thomas, Elektra, Meira, Ralph, Leah and Tara.



KINDNESS TREE HAS ROOTS IN RANDOM ACTS OF GOODWILL

Following our Friday celebration assembly on kindness (see photos right and bottom), the children have been making sure they participate in random acts of kindness among their friends.

Each kind act is celebrated in class and a laminated note, which explains each child's good deed, is attached to our kindness tree by the front door of the school (see Kiran and Charlie in the picture above).

I have noticed that the children have been: picking up three pieces of litter, telling jokes to make someone happy, telling someone they are happy to see them and writing thank you notes. This is just wonderful!



Mrs Birch showed her kindness to a complete stranger in a shopping centre car park. She had bought some extra mince pies and spotted a chap and asked him if he liked mince pies. When he said he did, she explained what we were doing at school and that she would like to give him some mince pies as a random act of kindness. He was thrilled!



PUPILS RAISE CASH FOR CHARITY

School received a lovely letter from champion diver Tom Daley thanking us for raising £683 for **Sport Relief**. We also received a certificate to display at school. The money raised will help vulnerable children in the UK and perhaps others who live tough lives in some of the world's poorest countries.

Our **Bags2School** campaign raised £60. Thank you to Fiona for organising this annual collection for FoLS.

And the children also raised £77.60 for the **Poppy Appeal** this year.

Thank you to everyone who donated to these very worthwhile charities.



Above: Dawn and Elliot

CHILDREN MAKE CHRISTINGLES WITH HELP FROM MUMS AND GRANDMUMS

A big thank you to Ernestine, Sally, Dawn and Claire for organising the Christingle making this year. They helped every child at school to make a Christingle including some extra ones for the children at Krakatoa Pre-school.

Thanks also to Nicholas Keet for the kind donation of oranges. Mr Keet is a friend of Claire's and works as regional operations manager with the chain of restaurants called Turtle Bay. He ordered the oranges and went into Oxford especially to pick them up for us.



Right: Claire and Daisy



Above: Sally and Stanley

**SEE NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER
FOR MORE PHOTOGRAPHS OF
CHRISTINGLE INCLUDING SOME
OF OUR VICAR PETER BEING A
GOOD SPORT!**

PANTO RAPUNZEL IS A HUGE HIT - OH YES IT IS!



Here's a lovely photo to get you in the mood for Christmas! The Upper Juniors are pictured with actors and actresses from the travelling theatre company The Panto Bus, who came to school last week to put on a performance of Rapunzel. The children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime and joined in with much enthusiasm. The teachers thought it was our best visiting panto in recent years so we hope to invite them back in 2020 because next year we are planning to visit the panto in Oxford, which is a Lewknor tradition.

And it's a big thanks to FoLS who provide the funding for our pantomimes each year. The next FoLS events: Christmas dinner and the Christmas disco - fantastic fun!

Olivia's (Year 6) review of the panto can be seen on the next page.

Mrs Cole



Rapunzel, by The Pantomime Bus

The characters

Gothel (the witch), Rapunzel, Rio (the thief who saves Rapunzel), Wonder Wave (the fairy godmother who searched for Rapunzel), Tubby (the slave of Gothel), Ribbit (Rapunzel's best friend, a frog).

The plot

Gothel takes Rapunzel, who has healing powers. Gothel gets old and her powers are weaker, so she takes Rapunzel. Eighteen years later, Wonder Wave has been searching for Rapunzel all this time. Wonder teams up with Rio. Rio finds Rapunzel and as in every fairytale, they live – guess what – happily ever after (they got married).

Best bits

Tubby says, "I was playing hide and seek and I couldn't remember where I hid myself."

Favourite characters

My favourite character was Tubby because he was very funny – very, very funny. I also liked Rio because he was funny and the saviour of Rapunzel.

Any weak bits?

Perhaps the only weak part was that they could show Rapunzel returning to her parents. They could also have had Rapunzel kiss Ribbet (the frog) to see what happened. I would have liked to have seen what happened to the witch.

Hit or miss

I think it's a hit because they were all very good actors.

Rating (1-5)



Review by Olivia (Year 6)



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

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| 7th 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 |
| 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 |





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Diary Dates



2018-2019 continued...



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| 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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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:

07857 896600



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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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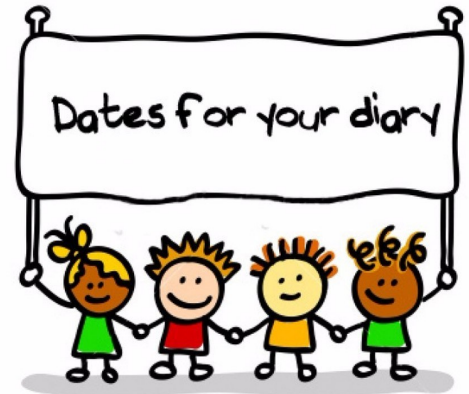
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| 14th December 2018 | Whole school Christmas lunch provided by FoLS |
| 14th December 2018 | FoLS Christmas disco |
| 21st December 2018 | Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child) |
| 7th February 2019 | FoLS community concert (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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