



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 19th March, 2018

100 CLUB WINNERS

The 100 Club Winners for this month are:

First prize (£25):

Sally Saville

Second prize (£15):

Emma Hunt

Third prize (£10):

Lynne Power

The 100 Club winners for February are:

First prize (£25):

Emma Hunt

Second prize (£15):

Sarah Smith

Third prize (£10):

Emma Hunt

We still have numbers available. If you purchase a number it costs £12. The more numbers you purchase, the more likely you will win. Anyone interested in joining the FoLS 100 Club should contact Mrs Ashby in the office.



Headteacher's Welcome

MOTHER'S DAY MAGIC

We celebrated Mothering Sunday with a musical assembly and the children presented their mums with a Mother's Day posy.

The whole school choir started the assembly by singing the classic Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell song Ain't No Mountain High Enough (though they substituted the word 'baby' for 'mum'). Then the children in the reception class showed the wonderful watercolour portraits they had painted of their mums earlier in the week. They had also written a sentence describing their mums.

The Infants class performed their own song called You're My Mum. After that the children in Lower Juniors, who had made their mothers a heart-shaped bookmark and Mother's Day card, joined forces with the Upper Juniors to give a rousing performance of Consider Yourself (from the musical Oliver) and the Meghan Trainor song 'Mom'.



Our photos show Zofia, Remi and Freddie with their mums

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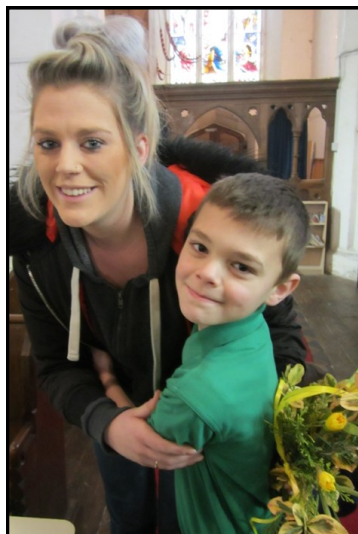
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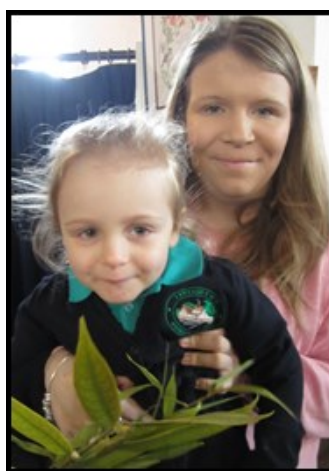
The Rev Peter Waterson praised the children's singing and then the assembly ended with the children's favourite song My Mum's One in a Million, which has become a well-loved tradition at Lewknor Primary.

Thank you to Claire Nicholson, Pauline Clayton and Ernestine Denham, who helped the children make the posies at school the previous day. Thank you also to Sarah, mum of Eva and Rowan, who supplied us with some lovely greenery from her garden to make up the posies and to Collin the gardener at Adwell House, who did the same.

Pictured left: Marie with her mum



Above: Erin, Logan and Mia with their mums



Left: Holly and Patience with their mums



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Top: proud parents film the children at assembly

Above left: Elodie and Annie making the posies for their mums

Above: Mum Claire, who organised the posy-making, with Harry and Daisy

Left: Rowan and mum Heather



Above: 'Parting is such sweet sorrow'. The last Mother's Day assembly for our Year 6 children (and Emma!)

SPORT RELIEF

The children are excited to be taking part in Sports Relief 2018 this week. They will be walking, running or jogging a mile each day around the playground or up at the field at Krakatoa. Each time they complete a mile they will be rewarded with a sticker to complete their 'Mile a Day Passport'.

Also during the week, there will be a daily challenge for the children to participate in during lunchtime play. There will be Hula Hoop Monday, Skip-a-Thon Tuesday, Wiggle Wednesday, Boogie Thursday and Footie Friday.

Hopefully, the children will be collecting sponsorship money for the charity, which can be handed in on Friday. The funds will go towards supporting the 2,000 Sport Relief causes in the UK and around the world.

Please ensure your child or children have their trainers in school every day. If they have not got suitable footwear they will have to walk, which might be less fun.





NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO HELP TRANSPORT OUR SCHOOL CHOIR

Our wonderful school choir has been asked to return to the Chiltern Grange Nursing Home at Stokenchurch and Hempton Field Nursing Home in Chinnor to perform for the elderly residents.

We need some parents to help transport the children to the homes on Friday 23rd March and Wednesday 28th March at 1.30pm. Those parents, who volunteer, are very welcome to stay and watch the children perform. The children need to be back at school before the end of the day. If you have some spare time and would like to help, please contact Mrs Ashby in the office who will provide you with a form which needs to be completed in advance. If you could also say how many children you can transport that would be very helpful. Thank you.

LETTER FROM EMMA

Dear Parents

I'm sure many of you know that I am running Virgin Money London Marathon on 22nd April.

What you may not know is that our family suffers from a life-limiting progressive genetic condition (Alpha1 Anti-trypsin deficiency) that affects the lungs and liver. As part of my marathon effort, I have agreed to raise funds for the Alpha1 UK Support Group, which helps support sufferers and carers of those with the condition to live a more fulfilling life whilst battling the illness.

The more longer-serving parents in the Lewknor Community, will remember I have always been a larger lady, and over the past 15 months I have worked very hard to lose 4 stone in weight and get fit for this incredible challenge. As yet, I haven't been tested specifically for Alpha1 (despite some lung deterioration, I am relatively well) but I am aware that I have at least one faulty gene. This means I will have a reduced level of Alpha1 Anti-trypsin in my body and I will be affected to some extent as I get older. Because of the condition, keeping myself fit and healthy has been a little harder than it would be for others, but these changes will help stave off infections that could see my lung function diminish permanently. The support group, for whom I'm raising funds, were very informative after my brother Paul's diagnosis, and incredibly supportive when he died from Alpha1.

Next Thursday (22nd March) is the fourth anniversary of Paul's death. To mark the date and raise much needed funds for the charity, I am holding a Coffee Afternoon at Back Street Coffee Shop in Stokenchurch from 2pm-5pm. There will be an amazing raffle, guess the sweets in the jar, guess the weight of the cake and a name the teddy competition. Some of the fantastic prizes in the raffle so far have been donated by parents at Lewknor School, notably Harriet Holgate (a two hour Interior Design consultation), Luarena O'Sullivan (photo session and print), Sara-Jane Morley (photographic print) and Katrina Coles (free month's fitness class pass), and tickets are available from me at just £1 each. Other prizes include meals out at local restaurants, high street vouchers, jewellery, ornaments, Turkish Hammam towels, sports massages, champagne, beauty products and merchandise from Marlow-based chef Tom Kerridge.

My aim is to raise £3,000 for the charity (I'm at around £1,600 so far!) and it would be great to see some of you at the Coffee Afternoon next week. Come before pick up, bring the children afterwards, or if you can afford a pound or two, just buy a ticket if you can't make it! I will be in the playground after school on Friday 16th and Tuesday 20th with the tickets, you can email me on emma@raymondgood.co.uk or find me on Facebook if you would like me to sort some for you.

If you would like to read a little more about Alpha1, take a look at their website (www.alpha1.org.uk) and read my story on my fundraising page <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/emmahunt1969>

Thank you



Above: Emma and Annie



SISTERS ARE STAR WRITERS

Sisters Rose and Ivy have been writing stories about UFO s in class. I was so impressed with their imaginative tales that I thought I should publish them in our newsletter so that you can enjoy them too.

ROSE'S STORY—Was it a UFO?

The weird things happen on ordinary days, like yesterday. When I reached the beach, Fern (my dog who does whatever she likes and can go anywhere she wants!) was there and so was my best friend Dulsea. As soon as she saw me she waved me over and Fern wagged his tail.

It was sunset but really warm and sunny. I felt really jolly. I ran around collecting shells, climbing on rocks and made a sandcastle with Dulsea. I lay on the sand although I was in my school uniform. I really, really wanted a swim. OK, just a little paddle!

In the end I ran over and jumped in. The sea was calm and warm. Fern did a doggy paddle further out. I couldn't resist following.

Suddenly, things started going black. Everyone and everything was still except for the sea. It whipped up and down violently almost drowning me. I clung onto Fern! The little dog was so tiny she could get hurt.

Then it stopped. I swam to shore. Like normal, Fern hankered for a stroke. As normal, other children stuck flags in their sandcastles, but what was not normal, was the silence. A tingling feeling swept through me then in the bright, blue sky came an even brighter light, which shone directly on Dulsea...

I woke up. Two eyes stared down at me. I put my arms around the dog. "Fern, what just happened?" I said. The dog sat by me. The beach was empty. It was morning and I could just see people coming. All the kids must have gone home but Dulsea wasn't there. She wouldn't leave, would she?

I sat. I thought back to the light, yes the light that came from a black dot. I sat surprised. Had Dulsea been abducted by aliens? Was this all because of a UFO?

IVY'S STORY—Was it a UFO?

It was a damp, misty night. All was calm. Looking out off my bedroom window I saw a field full of long, waving grass. Birds were singing, deers were grazing. I saw mountains looking down over the forest. I could hear the wind in the trees and rustling as woodland animals scurried through dried Autumn leaves.

Meanwhile, downstairs the TV was blaring. All of a sudden it stopped. "Hey!" shouted Mike. "Was that you?"

"No," I screamed back.

As I turned I saw that all the birds had flown up into the now cloudy, grey sky. The deer had scattered. I could not hear the breeze in the trees. But I could hear the creatures still frantically hurrying from one place to another. Then there was silence...

My blood froze! The clouds cleared. There was a clap of thunder, then a flash of red light and then I saw it – a black, spinning disc. Was it a UFO?

As soon as it appeared, it went, and everything went back to normal as if nothing had happened. But something was wrong. Then my heart skipped a beat. The great, craggy mountain that had once towered over the forest was gone...

NEW SYSTEM TO REGISTER CHILDREN IN MORNINGS

We have bought a new and more efficient software program to register the children in the mornings. However, to make our registration run even more smoothly than normal, I am asking parents who arrive late (even if it is only a few minutes) to go to the office to sign in their children. Children should not go with their parents to the office but should instead go straight to class so that their learning and the learning of others is not disrupted.

This system will improve our safeguarding procedures at school.

Thank you.

Mrs Cole



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A list of diary dates for this academic year can also be found on the calendar when logging on to the Lewknor Primary School eSchools platform. **New diary dates** are shown below in green:-

19th-23rd March Sports Relief Week

21st March: Junior Citizens Trip (year 6)

21st March Parent Evening (3.30-5.00pm)

22nd March Parent Evening (5.00-7.00pm)

23rd March Infant Class assembly

23rd March School Choir visit to Chiltern Grange

28th March School Choir visit to Hempton Field

29th March End of Spring term (school finishes at 1.30pm)

8th April Young Puzzlers (The Resurrection—the mystery of Easter)

16th April Return to school

18th April Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 1

19th April Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 2

25th April Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 3

25th-27th April LJ Residential trip to Kingswood

26th April Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 4

1st-25th May KS1 SATs (Year 2)

1st May May Day Celebrations - 1.30pm

2nd May Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 5

3rd May Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 6

9th May Cycling Proficiency (year 5) session 7

7th May Public holiday

10th May Cycling Proficiency Test (year 5)

11th May Lower Junior Class assembly

13th May Young Puzzlers (The treasure in the field—Jesus teaches about God)

14th-18th May KS2 SATs week

23rd May Multi-skills at Ewelme (selected children in year 1)

25th May Quad Kids at Chalgrove (selected children in years 5 & 6)

25th May School finishes for half-term at 3.15pm

25th May FoLS Film Night for children

4th June Return to school

7th June School Nurse Puberty Session for Years 5 and 6 with the School Nurse

10th June Young Puzzlers (The Prodigal Son—Jesus teaches about God)

11th-15th June Year 1 phonics screening check week

13th June Kwik Cricket at Watlington (selected pupils in years 5 & 6)



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



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Diary Dates continued...

15th June	Father's Day assembly
20th June	Rounders at Ewelme (year 6)
22nd June	Ultimate Frisbee (selected pupils in years 5 & 6)
23rd June	FoLS Fun day (musicals and rock stars theme), 12-4pm
27th June	IMPs Visit (year 6)
29th June	Sports Day
6th July	Reception Class assembly
8th July	Young Puzzlers (The Good Samaritan—Jesus teaches about God)
12th July	KS2 Summer Production
13th July	Reserve Sports Day
20th July	Leavers' assembly
20th July	End of Summer term (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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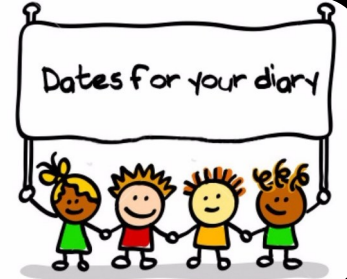


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DIARY DATES

10th March Family Bingo Night, Jubilee Hall, Lewknor

23rd June: Family Fun Day, Jubilee Hall, Lewknor



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.

easyfundraising .org.uk

Don't forget that FOLS is registered with Easyfundraising. For more information, please click on this link:-

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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GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING IN CHINNOR

Chinnor Youth Football Club are looking for more girls ages 7-12 years to join their girls football training on a Wednesday evening from 6.15-7.15pm at Whites Field in Chinnor. A few girls from Lewknor School already attend and would welcome some new faces so they can get a team together and start playing games. There's no need to book, just turn up on a Wednesday evening with football boots or trainers, shin pads, a drink and a waterproof coat if it's raining.

Chinnor Youth Football Club

GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING

(7-12 years)

Wednesdays
6.15-7.15pm

Whites Field, Mill Lane

Don't be shy!
Come along to have fun, exercise, meet new friends and learn new skills!