



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



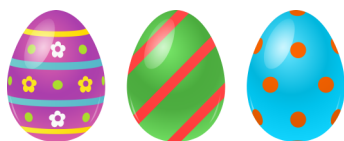
Monday 25th March, 2019

MOTHER'S DAY MAGIC

Don't forget that our Mother's Day assembly is this Friday (29th March), starting around 9am.

We are asking parents to donate some greenery from their gardens to help make up the beautiful fresh flower posies for all the mums.

Tradition has it that these posies are made up the afternoon before. So it would be fantastic if greenery donations could be dropped off at school on Thursday morning. Thank you.



MUFTI DAY AND EASTER EGG HUNT

A reminder that the children can come to school dressed in their own clothes on the last day of term before the Easter holidays (Friday 5th April).

The non-uniform day is a FoLS fundraiser and we are asking the children to donate at least £1 to the charity.

We will also be holding our annual Easter egg hunt that morning.

Don't forget school closes at 1.30pm on Friday 5th April.

Headteacher's Welcome

RECEPTION CHILDREN BRING JOY TO THE ELDERLY



These are some of my favourite photos of the year (so far!) They were taken by our TA Claire Birch, who takes the Reception class children to Chiltern Grange Care Home, in Stokenchurch, every other Friday afternoon. The children chat to the residents, play on the 'magic' light table (which we have featured in previous newsletters), and sometimes they just like to show how good they are at colouring in! The elderly residents look forward to these visits very much and are very impressed with how well the children behave and how polite they are! The picture above shows Charlie, Devon and Aria talking to Patricia.



Left: Devon strokes Patricia's hand

Above: Aria holds Patricia's hand

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SCHOOL RAISES £180 FOR COMIC RELIEF ON RED NOSE DAY



Above: Some children from Lower Juniors with their dramatic poses

The children came to school dressed in red for Red Nose Day. I thought you would like to see the pictures on this page and the following pages. The children certainly look like they had lots of fun!



Above: Jasmine with red cherries



Right: Saffy in red wig



Far right: Olivia with red bows



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Above: new girl Tilly

Left: superhero Isaac

Top: the Infants class

Right: two pics of Poppy showing her very neat hairstyle—gorgeous!

Below: Lilly, the lady in red!





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Above: our super-cool Upper Juniors class



Above: Lilly, Matilda, Devon, Ollie and... Rocco in the Reception class



Above: Year 1 friends together. Elexia-Rose, Patience, Lexi and Mia



Left: Tilly and Lilly (and Rocco) in the Reception class



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FOOTBALL FRIENDLY RESULTS IN LEWKNOR WIN!

Coach Louis, who helps to run our PE sessions, arranged a Key Stage 1 (plus some Year 3s) seven-a-side football friendly with Chalgrove Primary, one of our partnership schools. This was the first time the children had played together as a team and they won 3-0. The goal scorers were Laurence, who scored one goal, and Noah, who scored two. All the children played extremely well and had a lot of fun. Football is very popular at school and we run two lunchtime clubs plus an after-school football club on Tuesdays. Louis hopes to arrange a Key Stage 2 match with Chalgrove after Easter. Priority for the team will go to those children who love their football, ie, those who participate in the after-school and lunchtime clubs.



Above left: the two teams practise penalty shoot-outs in a warm-up before the game



Above right: parents watch the children play



HAPPY SNAPPERS PUT ON PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



Many thanks to Luarena, who organised our after-school photography club (see photo above). Over six weeks, the children were introduced to the basics of photography including how a camera works, composition and light. In the main the club concentrated on what makes a good photograph including: cropping, texture, leading lines, interest, beauty and the rule of thirds. The children used still life set-ups and artificial light to explore these ideas, and then also nature and natural lighting to further develop their skills.

Luarena said: "The children were amazing and very open to receiving constructive criticism of their work. I was so happy to see their enthusiasm at improving and how well they took on board instruction and advice about their work."

The children learnt how to improve their photographs by reviewing, deleting and re-taking until they were happy with the results. They learnt to pause, look and plan their imagery before pressing the shutter. Luarena added: "This was a huge contrast to the first week where it seemed like they were using their cameras like machine guns, taking a dozen images before even thinking about what they were doing."



Above: Stanley takes a photograph of some still life fruit and vegetables



CHILDREN'S WORK DISPLAYED IN EXHIBITION



Left: Meira's photo

Right: Elliot's photo



One week the children spent time adjusting and enhancing their photographs with Adobe Photoshop, using just a few techniques to improve the contrast, colour and crop of the images before the photos were sent to print at a professional lab. At the last session the children learnt about long exposures and they played with torch patterns in the dark.

The children's work can be seen mounted and displayed in the intervention room at school.



Left: Marie's photo

Right: Freya's photo of Leah!

Bottom left: Alex's photo



Above: Thomas's photo



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Above: Leah's photo



Right: Stanley's photo



LOOK WHO'S SNEAKED INTO THE INFANTS CLASSROOM—ROCCO!

Rascally Rocco's curiosity got the better of him when he noticed the children in Mrs Lomas's class working on white boards during 'carpet-time' (see photo left). He padded over for a quick pat before settling down for a nap.

Rocco's owner Catherine Gallacher told me that her cat only makes an appearance at her house once the children at school have gone home for the day.

One thing is for sure, Rocco is going to be one clever cat with all the tuition he is getting at the moment!

OUR CHILDREN AT PLAY!

I love this photo, right, of the Upper Juniors playing leap frog at lunchtime. The children in the background have organised themselves into a game called Four Square.

It's also good to see the children organise their own games in the playground each morning before school starts. That does not happen in many schools and shows how well our children get along with each another.





BINGO

A HUGE thank you to the FoLS team for organising a very successful bingo night. Not only did it raise a whopping £730, but the event was so well-attended that there wasn't an empty seat in the house! Lots of parents have commented on the fantastic atmosphere and FoLS have said they intend to make bingo a regular event.

A special mention must go to Ray Nicholson, 'the best bingo caller in the West', and Catherine Gallacher for providing the 'veggi' chilli.

Mrs Cole



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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.

2019

27th March	Reception Class trip to the Earth Trust (letter to parents to follow)
28th March	Year 6 trip to Junior Citizens
28th March	Mother's Day posy making
29th March	Choir to visit Chiltern Grange
29th March	Mother's Day assembly
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
23rd April	Return to school
24th April	Bikeability Training (all year 5 children) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
25th April	Bikeability Training (all year 5 children) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
26th April	School open day
30th 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
17th May	Year 6 trip to IMPS
19th May	FoLS Sponsored Walk (details TBC)
24th May	Class photographs (brought forward from 7th June)
24th May	Break up for half term—school finishes at 3.15pm
TBC June	Puberty talks for years 5 and 6
1st June	Sydenham Fayre (FoLS stall & Judo demonstration at 2pm)



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




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Diary Dates



2019 continued...



3rd June	Return to school
3rd-7th June	UJ residential trip to Croft Farm
4th June	Government Dental Survey for children aged 5 on the day
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)
2nd July	Whole school trip to Christchurch Cathedral
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
17th July	UJ Class Trip to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
18th July	Whole school walk to Chinnor and games
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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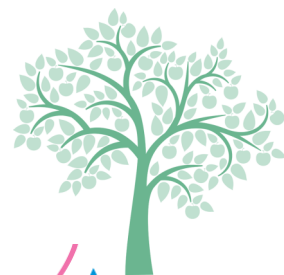
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PIANO LESSONS

Michael Davies works in many Oxfordshire schools and has worked at Lewknor for several years.

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If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School, please complete a Drum Lesson Interest Form which can be downloaded from the school website (Parents/Music Lessons) and return it to the school office.

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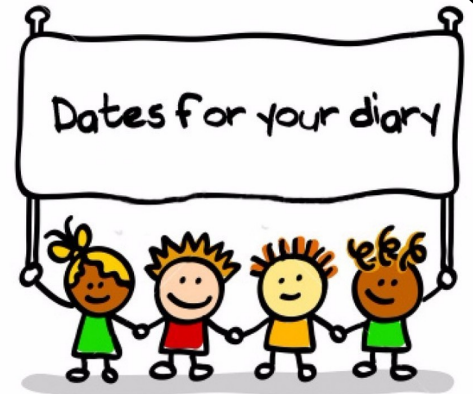
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30th April 2019	Bag2School collection
19th May 2019	FoLS Sponsored Walk (details to follow)
1st June 2019	Sydenham Fayre (FoLS run a stall)
22nd June 2019	FoLS fun day (12-4pm)
28th June 2019	Sports day supported by FoLS who provide refreshments
19th July 2019	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)



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