



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 16th November, 2020



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The FOLS (Friends of Lewknor School) AGM will take place on Monday 23rd November, at 7pm. It would be fantastic if all our parents could log onto the Zoom link to find out all about the terrific FOLS team and the wonderful work they do.

FOLS not only raise funds for our children's education (they donated a whopping £7,000 last year!) but they also create a strong sense of community within the school. New members are always welcome. You may think that you do not have a lot of time to spare but a few minutes here and there can make a big difference.

To make contact on the night, please log onto <https://meet.google.com/zsg-uphh-vep>

Hope to see you there! And a big thank you to the team for keeping things going in these tricky times.



Headteacher's Welcome

CHILDREN COMMEMORATE ANZACS ON REMEMBRANCE DAY



This year the children in the Lower Juniors class learned about the ANZACS (the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) as part of their Remembrance Day history lesson which commemorated the soldiers who gave their lives during World War 1.

And as the children are also learning about nutrition and healthy diets, Mrs Wakefield thought her class would enjoy making Anzac biscuits. These biscuits have long been associated with the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and it is claimed that they were sent by wives to the soldiers abroad because the ingredients (rolled oats and golden syrup) do not spoil easily.

Some claim the biscuits were made by Australians and Kiwis at home to raise funds for the war.

The children in the Lower Juniors class certainly had fun making the biscuits and they made a biscuit for every single child and adult at school.

Pictured above in the school kitchen are: Izzy, Georgina, Lexi, Jack and Crispin.



Delicious! Felix, Amelie, Ralph, Raffi and Isla tuck in

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The Lower Juniors enjoy the fruits (or should I say the biscuits) of their labour.

Pictured left are: Isaac, Elexia-Rose, Charlie and Mia

LEST WE FORGET REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

We held our annual service in the school playground on Wednesday 11th November. The children were kept socially distanced within their bubbles. Unfortunately, our booking of the Chinnor War Horse had to be postponed this year because of the current restrictions. However, the children solemnly marked the occasion with a two minute silence at 11am. Daisy read the John McCrae poem In Flanders Fields, James read the poem We Shall Keep The Faith by Moina Michael

and Ewan read a prayer. I would also like to thank the anonymous Lewknor resident who played The Last Post from their garden by the school. It was a particularly poignant moment and we wondered if they would take part in our service next year?



Above: the Upper Juniors pay their respects



Above: their first Remembrance Day Service at school - the Reception class and Miss Harjette



DARE I WHISPER IT? CHRISTMAS IS ON THE CARDS!



Pictured above are the Upper Juniors practising the songs and carols for the Big Christmas Sing. As you can see we have had to place the children facing forwards and in socially distanced rows to comply with Government guidelines.

The Christian Aid event is normally held at Oxford Town Hall and many Oxfordshire schools take part every year. However, this year each school will have to make a video recording of their children singing which will be sent to organisers, who will then share the videos with all the schools participating.

The Upper Juniors will be recorded singing several songs and carols including: Feliz Navidad, Once In Royal David's City, It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas, When I Followed The Star by Debbie Rose, and When Children Rule The World by Jim Steinman and Andrew Lloyd Webber.



Above: the children made this striking school banner for the Big Christmas Sing



REMOTE LEARNING PLANS IN PLACE IF SCHOOL HAS TO CLOSE

If a class has to be sent home to isolate and school has to partially close (or close completely) because a child or adult tests positive for COVID-19, then we will launch our Microsoft Teams program to communicate with children and parents.

The teachers will contact the children daily for registration and will give their class a brief outline of the tasks that are to be completed that day. There is a timetable so that the teachers can stagger their registration. This will allow all siblings in a household, with limited devices, to access the live video.

Teachers will check in with the children in their class daily. They will go through the work that was completed the day before and check for any misconceptions and misunderstandings before giving an outline of the work that has to be completed that day.

We have used Government funding to purchase books that children can work in while they are off school. The books include White Rose for maths and Scofield and Sims for English (grammar, punctuation and spelling tasks).

The teachers have created grids containing a variety of tasks for history, art and science. These tasks match the curriculum plan they would be teaching in school.

We also have plans in place to provide teaching and learning daily should a teacher fall ill and is unable to work.

Let's hope that we all remain well and healthy.

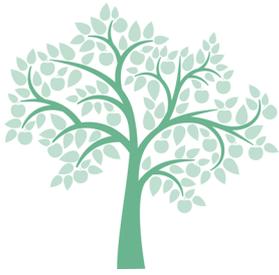
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WORD OF THE WEEK

Yak

Noun

A yak is a type of ox that has long hair and lives in Tibet.



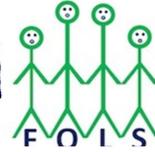
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CARD READER NEWS!

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



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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.

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