

# Newsletter



Monday 7th March, 2022



### MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Everyone — mums, dads, grandparents — are very welcome to attend our Mother's Day assembly in the church at 9.10am on Friday 25th March. FOLS (Friends of Lewknor School) are planning a cake sale at the end of that daymore details to come soon. And we are planning to run our Friday celebration assemblies again in the church from 1st April. At these assemblies the teachers hand out special awards to children and the children occasionally put on a mini performance. Everyone is welcome to attend these too. Our May Day celebrations will be held in the playground on Friday 29th April, from 1.30pm. All are welcome!



### Headteacher's Welcome CHILDREN SPEND THE DAY AS WW2 EVACUEES



The children in the Upper Juniors class (Years 5 and 6), *pictured above*, have been studying World War 2 in history, and Miss Baker thought it would bring their lessons to life if the they experienced what is was like to be an evacuee for the day. The children came to school dressed in wartime clothes and they were allowed one treat from home — a teddy bear! A life-size Anderson shelter was erected in the classroom (thank you Luarena for all your help there!) and the children got to experience just how cramped the conditions were. An air raid siren would sound in the classroom and the children scrambled under desks to take shelter.



Left: the children performed a number of World War songs, including It's A Long Way To Tipperary, Everything Stops For Tea, and Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag, in front of parents and grandparents in the church

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Left: Jasmine, Bill, Lily and Hattie stand by the UJ door which had a display of old newspaper cuttings from the war

The children made gas masks and named labels that included each child's address and where they went to the school. They also made sock teddies to highlight the culture of make do and mend.

The children received very moving letters from their parents, which they had not been expecting, and wrote back to them. Some letters were real tearjerkers and included phrases such as: "Remember to be good and say your please and thanks yous, and help as much as you can." And "I love you with all my heart. If you feel sad just look up, we are both under the same sky and will be together soon." One mum wrote: "And please, mister, NO BALL GAMES IN THE HOUSE!" before ending with, "Every night we will miss you and if you miss us too, look up at the brightest star shining and I promise you will be too."



Taking shelter: Wilfred, Noah, Ellena, Freddie and Sophie



Jayden and Riley with their gas masks



Left and right: Miss Baker provided the children with wartime food and drink





### School





Laurence, Bill and Tristan with gas masks



Holly with Miss Baker's gas mask



Miss Baker had made lashings of wartime food and drink in the form of fish paste, corned beef, spam, and sweet potato and chocolate sandwiches. There were Cornish pasties, potato fruit cake (and modern fruit cake for those with more discerning palates!) and a variety of home-made cordials including rhubarb and raspberry, lime and mint and Ribena. There were no rations though and the children certainly enjoyed tucking in—some even had second and third helpings!

Pictured left: Livvy, Tristan, Laurence and Harley with their tins of food and brown paper wrapped sandwiches Pictured below: Holly with the range of sandwiches on offer



Above: Isaac, Camille, Charlie and Heidi













#### **Letters From Home**

Pictured on this page with their letters from home are: Holly and Hattie, Laurence and Riley, Bill and Wilfred, Noah and Livvy.

Harley is picture below writing a reply to his mum and dad.

As I write this newsletter, I cannot help but think about the war in the Ukraine. It makes our evacuee day all the more poignant. However, the children had such an interesting day and I am sure they will have learned a lot that they will always remember. Thank you Miss Baker for giving the children

such a wonderful experience.











#### MORE ACTIVITIES AT AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB



 $Above: the \ boys-Raffi, Sonny\ and\ Cally-are\ too\ busy\ honing\ their\ computer\ skills\ to\ notice\ a\ very\ contented\ Rocco\ relaxing$ 







Dressing up time: from left to right, Florence and Ruby Tuesday, Amelie, and Florence and Amy







Every week in our school newsletter, we will include a prayer and a Bible reading. These are taken from our new Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RE (Religious Education) and are shared with the children in class and at whole school assemblies.

#### **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Healthy Me: Balanced Diets** 

#### **Dear God**

You give us all that we need to eat healthily and look after our amazing bodies. Help us to remember to make sensible choices so that we don't damage ourselves and to be grateful for the food that is available to us.

Amen



#### **WORD OF THE WEEK**

#### **Original**

**Adjective** 

Something that is *original* is new and not a copy.

If you say someone's ideas are original, you mean they are clever at thinking of new ways of doing things.

#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

John 6:27

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.

**Mrs Cole** 









#### Friends Of Lewknor School

#### Who are we?

A 'Friend' can be anyone with an interest in helping raise funds for Lewknor C of E Primary School. Currently we are a group of parents who give their time to arrange a variety of events with the aim of raising money to enrich the educational life for our children at school. For example; Bags2School clothes donation, Bingo nights, Quiz nights, mufti days, a Christmas Disco, an annual Summer Fun Day, the Spring Music Festival, after school Cinema evenings, cake sales, ice cream fridays and many more including new ideas from you!

#### What is the fundraising for?

All money raised is used to enrich the educational life for the children at Lewknor C of E Primary School. In previous years we have donated amounts between £3000 and £7000 to the school. This money is used to pay for a variety of licenses for computer programmes used in class each week, class trips, the whole school trip to a Pantomime and recently one of the new touch screen white boards.

#### How can you help?

There are so many ways that you can help fundraise for our school;
Join the school lottery- www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play,
shop through the easfundrasing app which gives donations back to the school
from the companies you buy from,

help prepare for an event, run a stall, bake a cake, donate a raffle prize, support events by attending, spread the word to advertise events, organise and run your own event in aid of the school and many other ways! All of these are very much needed to continue the excellent record of fundraising we have.

#### What next?

Well, now you ask...... we are hoping to involve many more families from school in the fundraising and events. We are hoping to increase the committee membership, especially to parents of children lower doen the school.

Owing to the pandemic we haven't been able to meet and get to know you as we

would like to. Come to the AGM to meet us and hear more.

Please look out for the notice of the AGM coming soon or email friendsoflewknorschool@gmail.com
for more information



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We understand that this is a very difficult time for many, but we want to take this opportunity to remind you about Easyfundraising.

You can use Easyfundraising to raise money for Friends of Lewknor School, without spending a penny! It's simple to set up an account and when you shop through the website or app, you earn valuable money for us, at <u>no cost</u> to yourself.

If you haven't already registered, please take a look on the following page to see how shopping with the companies registered with Easyfundraising can boost our fundraising pot!

#### **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.



# DONATIONS GRATEFULLY

Friends of Lewknor School Sort Code: 20-39-53 Account No: 90197432

#### **BANK DETAILS**

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.

**Friends of Lewknor School Committee** 



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