



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 20th January, 2020

NEW DRAMA CLUB TO START AT LEWKNOR

Rattle & Roll Performance is a company that provides a whole range of exciting music, dance and drama activities for children at schools across the country.

I have heard many great things about the group and would like them to set up an after-school club at Lewknor on Wednesday afternoons hopefully after February half-term.

The club would run straight after school until 5.30pm and will take the place of our usual After School Care Club. The judo club will continue to run after school on Wednesdays and our After School Care Club will continue to run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Rattle & Roll charge £9.50 per child for a two-hour session and we would need a minimum of 10 children for each session. The club would be open to all children from Reception to Year 6.

The club runs a different theme every term with the children showcasing a performance for parents at the end.

Please take a look at their website at www.rattleandrollperformance.com for more information. If you think your child would be interested, please email the office ASAP so we have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

Headteacher's Welcome

CHILDREN USE THEIR LOAF TO BAKE BREAD!



As part of their topic on World War 1, children in UJ learned about rationing. Since wheat was in short supply, wheat flour was substituted by other foods, such as ground turnips. The children made bread by substituting some of the wheat flour with mashed potato, or with barley flour.



Pictured on this page are: Zofia, Marie, Callum and Leah; Honor; Charlie, Jess and Kiran; James, Mylah and Mia

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Right: Kiran, Chloe, Charlie and Jess with their bread



Below: Jess, Kiran, Chloe and Charlie at work



The children practised their skills in following recipes, measuring, mixing, kneading and cutting; they saw the process of yeast helping the dough to rise and used specific vocabulary to describe the end product.

It was a wonderful day, covering aspects of history, DT, science and English, and it was great fun (the children also said the bread was very tasty!)

Top left: Eva

Right: Erin, Ewan, Olivia, Meira and Elliot

Below: Stanley

Below right: Stanley and Alex approve of the finished result!



Above: Marie





Above: Ewan gives James a hand



Above: Mylah keeps time while Kiran does his headstand

CHILDREN GET AHEAD IN SCIENCE

Anyone looking at these pictures would think that the children in the Upper Juniors class were having a gymnastics lesson. They were, in fact, in the middle of a science lesson.

And as part of their science topic, Animals Including Humans, the children carried out an investigation to answer the scientific question 'What happens to our pulse after we have done a headstand?'

The children practised taking pulses, doing headstands, presenting their results and explaining their scientific conclusions.

I am not sure if their pulse rate quickened because their hearts were beating faster during this investigation but I am pretty sure that the blood pumping through their hearts quickly went to their heads. Still it's a lesson they are unlikely to forget and another example of teachers making lessons fun.



Right: Mrs Birch helps Ewan



LEWKNOR PRIMARY'S COMMUNITY CONCERT WILL SHOWCASE A WEALTH OF TALENT



Lewknor Primary School's annual Community Concert will once again feature an impressive display of local talent from the very young to the not so very old!

Our sensational school choir and our cornet orchestra, pictured above, will be performing on the night. The choir's performance will include some African songs (with wonderful harmonies), a version of You Gotta Be by Des'ree and our all-time favourite World in Union. And the Lower Juniors cornet orchestra will be blasting out several jazzy pieces as well as the classical Clair de Lune by Debussy.

Elliot and Jess will be making a welcome return on drums. Elliot is going solo this year. His mum Dawn, who accompanied him last year, will also be taking to the stage to play her own drum piece. Jess will be performing The Pink Panther theme tune with her mum Fiona on clarinet.

Other acts will include our very own Miss Lawes, the Upper Juniors teacher, performing as Valerie Vale with her partner Mark Wallace on fiddle. Miss Lawes, who plays guitar, will be performing a number of Bluegrass and American Old Time numbers.

Also in the line-up are pianists, dancers and guitarists. Our singers will cover songs from Ed Sheeran and Billy Eilish to The Beatles and Whitney Houston.

All in all it should be a hugely entertaining evening. Everyone is welcome whether you are from Lewknor or further afield. The fund-raising concert, which is being organised by Friends of Lewknor School, will start at 7pm on Thursday 13th February in St Margaret's Church, Lewknor.

WELLIES AND WARM COATS FOR FRIDAY

Miss Lawes will be holding auditions for the community concert on the afternoon of Friday 24th January. The other teachers thought this would be a good opportunity to take those children, who do not want to take part in the concert, on a nature walk. Please would children make sure they have warm coats and Wellington boots or a change of shoes for the walk as the recent rainfall has left puddles on footpaths and muddy fields.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The **Hit Squad** (or Squaddie to be more precise as there is only one of them!) is returning to Lewknor. Musician Andy Nice, from the Oxfordshire Music Service, will be taking part in a special assembly to encourage the children to take up a musical instrument. Andy will be demonstrating how to play the cello and violin. Parents are very welcome to pop along to the assembly too, which will be held at 2.30pm on Monday 3rd February. The Hit Squad always provide excellent entertainment.

Parents please note that Miss Harjette has organised a **Stay and Learn Session** from 9am to 10am on Tuesday 4th February. Parents of children in the Reception class are invited to stay at school after registration so that they can observe how their children learn in the Early Years.

Mrs Wakefield is inviting parents of the children in Lower Juniors to stay after school on Thursday 26th March to go through important information about the **Kingswood** residential trip.

TA ROLE

We have had some interest in the Teaching Assistant role since we announced last week that Claire was leaving at February half-term. If you or someone you know would be interested in the job please contact the office and we can email an application form to you. Alternatively, paper copies of the form are available in the school office. The deadline for the application for the role of TA is on Friday 31st January. Interviews will be held on Friday 7th February.

CLERK TO GOVERNORS

We are still looking for a new clerk to the governors. Details of this job can be found on our school website. The closing date for the application is also Friday 31st January.

Mrs Cole

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Diary Dates

Diary dates for this academic year—new or changed diary dates are highlighted in green.

2019-2020

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings - Daily Mile

20th January	National Childhood Measurement Programme weights and measures for children in Reception and Year 6
3rd-7th February	After School Book Fair
4th February	Stay and Learn session for parents of Reception children
13th February	FoLS Community Concert fundraiser
14th February	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm
24th February	Return to school
4th March	UJ Class Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
5th March	World Book Day at Lewknor (children to dress up as a character from a favourite book)
12th March	Junior Citizens trip for Year 6 children
16th-20th March	Sport Relief Week
19th March	Mothers' Day posy making (pm)
20th March	Mothers' Day assembly
25th March	UJ trip to Oxford Science Centre
26th March	School choir visit to Hempton Field Care Home
26th March	Kingswood residential trip meeting for LJ class parents
27th March	School choir visit to Chiltern Grange Care Home



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1st April	Parent evening (3.30-5.00pm)
2nd April	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
3rd April	Easter Egg Hunt (whole school)
3rd April	Last day of Spring term - school finishes at 1.30pm
20th April	Return to school
TBC April	LJ class swimming lessons
22nd April	Bikeability training for all Year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)
23rd April	Bikeability training for all Year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)
24th April	School Open Morning
28th April	Bag2School Collection
29th April - 1st May	LJ Kingswood residential trip
TBC May	Year 6 trip to IMPS
TBC May	Puberty talks for UJ class
TBC May	Whole school and class photographs
1st– 22nd May	KS1 SATS (Year 2 children)
7th May	May Day celebrations
8th May	Bank Holiday
11th-15th May	KS2 SATS week (Year 6 children)
22nd May	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm



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1st June	Return to school
6th June	Sydenham Fayre
8th-12th June	Year 1 National Phonics Screening
13th June	FoLS Fun Day
19th June	Fathers' Day Assembly
24th June	Practice Sports Day
24th June	Year 6 outing
26th June	FoLS BBQ for whole school and families (midday-1pm)
26th June	Sports Day from 1pm
2nd July	IMPS fundraiser (Year 6 children)
3rd July	Whole school moving up day
9th July	KS2 production - morning performance at 9.30am
9th July	KS2 production - evening performance at 6.00pm
10th July	Reserve Sports Day
16th July	Parent evening
17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
17th July	End of Summer Term - school finishes at 1.30am



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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:

07857 896600



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Have Fun learn to & Drum

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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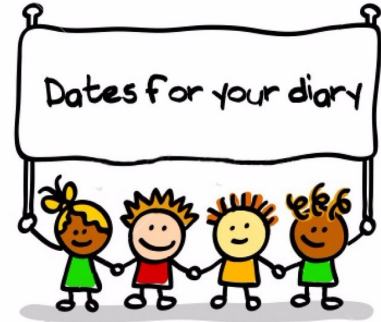
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FOLS DIARY DATES

13th February	Community Concert
7th May	May Day
13th June	Fun Day



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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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