



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 12th July, 2021

BOLLYWOOD IS BACK ON!

We had to cancel our Indian dance troupe recently because the weather was just too wet for dancing in the playground.

However, Bollywood is back on (fingers crossed) for Friday 16th July.

We couldn't have the magic of May Day this year so I thought we could have some Bollywood colour to help cheer up everyone.

Dancers from K'z Dance Entertainment Ltd will put all the children at school through their paces during dance workshops throughout the day. Then all the children will come together to perform (in class bubbles) at an end-of-the-day show.

The children will not only learn about Indian dance but also about the culture and festivals.



THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO LEWKNOR!

Roll up! Roll up!
See page 7 of this
newsletter for details of
the FOLS circus
fundraiser in
September.

Headteacher's Welcome

A FOND FAREWELL TO MISS LAWES

(but make sure you stay in touch!)



Our wonderful Upper Juniors' teacher Georgina 'George' Lawes is leaving Lewknor for a life up north. Miss Lawes is moving to Harrogate to be with her partner Mark. The couple bought a house back in March 2020 so that they could be closer to Mark's elderly mother. George will be working in another village school from September teaching Year 5 and 6 again.

George is an outstanding teacher and we have been very lucky to have her as part of our team since September 2015. She is an enthusiastic and energetic teacher and has the ability to inspire all the children. She always works hard (and long hours) and is determined that all children in her care should experience success.

We're going to miss you - Miss Lawes



Miss Lawes with the Upper Juniors - the last production!

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Left: Miss Lawes practises with Erin for the annual community concert in St Margaret's Church. Miss Lawes and Erin performed a duet together

Miss Lawes is very creative. She is a writer, an artist and a musician. She sings and plays guitar performing at local venues and at festivals around the country. She has transformed the singing at Lewknor Primary, leading the whole school in singing practice every week. She has helped organise some lovely school events over the years such as the annual community concert, the Christmas Big Sing at Oxford Town Hall, several performances by our school choir at Dorchester Cathedral, visits of our school choir to local care homes and numerous school productions to celebrate Harvest Festival, Christingle, Mother's and Father's Days, Christmas and Year 6 leavers' assembly. One production I will always remember is when her class performed the whole of Macbeth in a 30-minute assembly - impressive. George also organised a number of visitors to school to help with her teaching as well as to inspire the children. We have had several professional artists, a sculptor and various musicians including a whole school African drumming day.

Miss Lawes is also very interested in science and she took charge of the science curriculum at school. There is now a more coherent approach to assessment, children have more opportunities to learn through science investigations and experiments, and the children say they really enjoy their science lessons. Children in all year groups attain highly in science at school. Miss Lawes also worked closely with scientists at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory at Harwell in south Oxfordshire. She organised several school trips to the lab where the children learned all about space and dark matter.



Above: Miss Lawes performs as Valerie Vale with partner Mark on fiddle at the school's community concert in 2019



Left: Miss Lawes and Mark perform American Old Time tunes with two of their friends (Sue and Tim) at the community concert



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Miss Lawes is a keen walker and has taken the children on some lovely rambles close to school in the Chilterns. There is a wood where the children love to play and we take them there for a special treat.

Miss Lawes has worked tirelessly for every single child she has taught at Lewknor. She knows every child inside out, what makes them tick and how best to motivate them. And she has got the best out of the children too - our Year 6 SATs results over the years are testament to that!

Slither me timbers! Miss Lawes has no fear of snakes or ... jackdaws that fall down her chimney!



Miss Lawes, dressed in Tudor costume, and Peter at Transformation Evening

But perhaps most important of all, Miss Lawes is one of the kindest people I know. And I have never heard her say a bad word about anyone—EVER!

George, you are not just a colleague but a dear friend and every single member of staff thinks you are absolutely wonderful. We will all miss you.

It has been a blast (and at times, BONKERS!)



Above: Christmas dinner. Miss Lawes and Theo



Left: Miss Lawes takes some of the school choir to sing to the elderly at a local care home



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*Left: recording carols for
BBC Radio Oxford*



*Right: an art lesson in the Upper Juniors
classroom*



*Left: trip to the Oxford University Museum of
Natural History — pre-Covid!*

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Left: back to school, June 2020, following lockdown. Miss Lawes takes Elliot's temperature

Below: Homemade PPE. Miss Lawes with her handmade face covering. The handy apron was made by Lexi



Left: remote learning via Zoom. Miss Lawes organised a science lesson to mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing for the whole school during lockdown. Here she is pictured with Mrs Lomas and Mrs Wakefield and with scientists from the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory



Left: good times. World Book Day, March 2017

Miss Lawes, Miss Williams, Mrs Lomas, Mrs Wakefield, Mr Weston, Miss Hawkes and Mrs Birch



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

Changing Me (looking forward to change)

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gifts which we receive when we are open to change. Help us to welcome change as an opportunity to further grow into the person we are meant to be. Amen



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

James 1: 17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

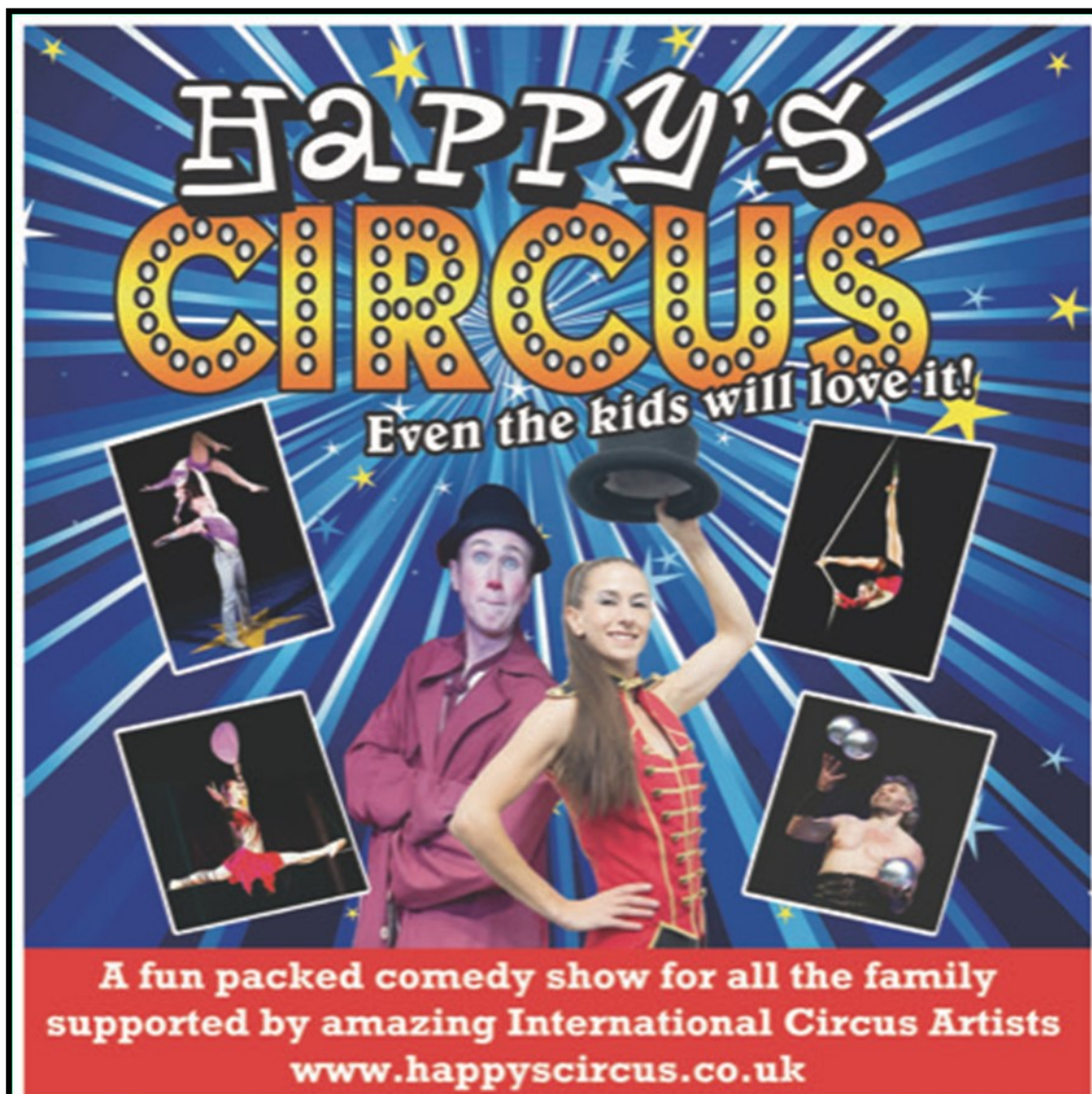
WORD OF THE WEEK

Utopia

Noun

Utopia is an imaginary place where everything is perfect.

Mrs Cole



Sunday 26th September 2021
Lewknor Village Hall
show times: 3pm & 5pm
tickets for sale online
www.pta-events.co.uk/lewknor



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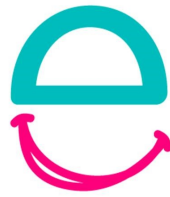
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CARD READER NEWS!

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

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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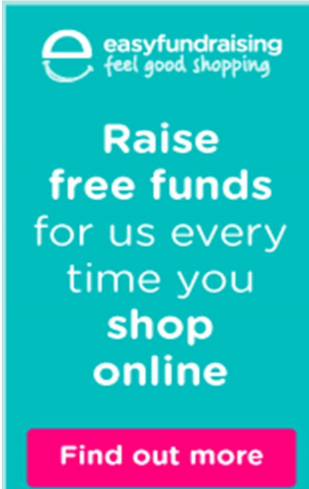
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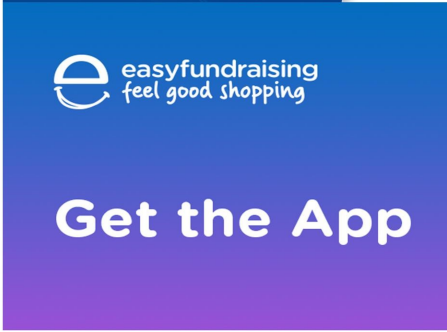




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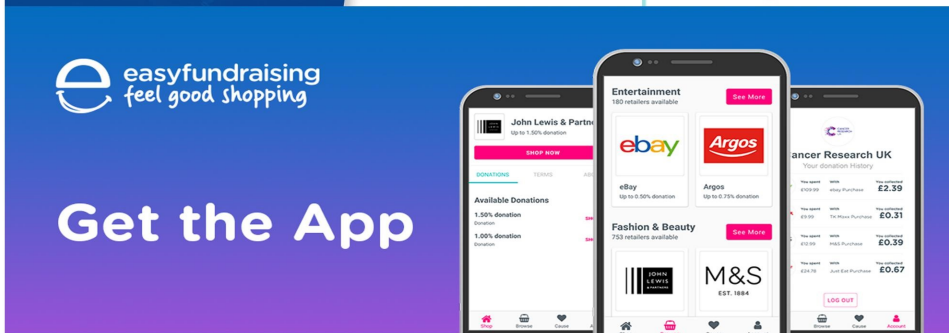


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