



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 21st March, 2022



MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

I am still keen that we celebrate Mother's Day on Friday 25th March even though the number of Covid-19 cases at school is rising.

We are planning to hold the assembly in the playground at 9.10am and we will set up socially distanced pairs of chairs for the adults beyond the fence.

Unfortunately, we will need to limit our numbers to two people per family.

The children will give the posies to their mums at the end of the school day rather than during the service. I will keep you posted if there are any changes to our plans.



Headteacher's Welcome

SCHOOL LAUNCHES NEW CHRISTIAN VISION



As a Church of England Primary School we are encouraged to reflect upon our Christian vision from time-to-time. Our vision needs to be clear and distinctive; it should be relevant to our unique school and it should permeate all aspects of school life. It should enable all pupils and all adults to flourish.

Our vision should be based on Christian narrative, ie, linked to a passage in the Bible that we consider has a particular meaning for our school.

The vision should be shared with our whole school community. That's not just the pupils and staff, it includes parents, grandparents, governors, our village community, everybody and anybody connected to the school.

It is important that our vision is understood by all and so our newsletter this week is dedicated to doing just that— setting out our Christian vision so that you are aware of what it is and what it means.

Our School Motto

Building strong foundations for a happy and successful life.



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Biblical Text (The parable of the two builders)

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”



Vision

Like the wise man who built his house on rock, we seek God’s wisdom to enable us to nurture our school community so that all can flourish and achieve their best in every aspect of school life.

Inclusion

Our school takes pupils from all faiths and none

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Core values



- Wisdom
- Integrity
- Friendship
- Resilience



We will try very hard to...

- Respect and be kind to each other
- Listen to and include others
- Be sensible and safe
- Always try our best

Welcome to our school

Anyone who has ever visited Lewknor Church of England Primary School will know that it is a caring school with a strong vision and ethos that reflects our distinctive Christian character. Our school family— pupils, staff, parents, governors, past pupils, the Church and community—is committed to building strong foundations for the children in our care and ensuring that they are given every opportunity to flourish and excel.

We have high aspirations and ambitions for all and a strong focus on nurturing individual talents, which produces curious and confident pupils who have a zest for learning and life.

The best advertisement for any school is happy children and the children at Lewknor are certainly happy—why don't you pop in and see for yourself!

Mrs Cole



Our Aims

At Lewknor Church of England Primary School we foster in every child a sense of their own individuality. We enable pupils to identify and use their skills and talents by engaging in a meaningful and exciting curriculum, taught by passionate and inspiring people from the teachers and teaching assistants to parents, leading to outstanding progress in all areas. Our close family community helps pupils to engage in respectful relationships with others, and develops a sense of responsibility and confidence that drives a thirst for learning.

Our aims for all members of the school community— pupils, staff, parents and governors— are:

- To achieve excellence in both academic learning and personal conduct
- To promote Christian values and an awareness of the value of life itself, whilst fostering a sensitivity towards the beliefs and values of others
- To develop a sense of responsibility and respect for ourselves, for others and for the world in which we live, enabling us to make considered, confident and informed choices about our lives
- To build and maintain positive relationships
- To encourage enthusiasm for lifelong learning and personal development for all members of our school community
- To prepare for the future challenges of education and of adult life
- To encourage reflection about self, learning and personal growth
- To develop independence as well as team-working skills
- To be mindful of our safety and the safety and welfare of others
- To continue to be an integral part of the community, to ensure the viability of the school for future generations

The Church

The school was founded by the Church of England, and it is proud to retain its 'voluntary controlled' status today as a church school. This means that the school works in partnership with the local church and diocese to provide a service to the local community that is rooted in Christian values and is open to all.



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The School Prayer

This is our school.

Let peace live here.

Let the rooms be full of happiness.

Let love live here:

Love of one another,

Love of mankind,

Love of life itself and love of God.

Let us remember, as many hands build
a house, so many hearts make a
school.



Amen.



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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: Keeping Safe

Dear Lord

Grant, O Lord, your protection, and in protection, strength, and in strength, understanding, and in understanding, knowledge, that we may use this to keep ourselves and others safe.

Amen



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WORD OF THE WEEK

Quaint

Adjective

Something that is *quaint* is unusual and rather pretty.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Psalm 23: 1-4

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Mrs Cole

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FRIENDS OF LEWKNOR SCHOOL

Hello my name is Louise and I am the recently elected Chair of FOLS. When I was approached for this role, I began to think about what I could bring to FOLS and what FOLS could do for the school and YOUR child. Here are my thoughts.

My family have been a member of this school family since 2019 and I remember quite vividly what attracted my husband and I to this special place. It was kindness. A small but mighty school bursting with love and kindness. This is created by community. I remember my son and I feeling so nervous that very first day we entered the school playground but as we walked through the gates there were children playing and smiling parent faces welcoming us even though they didn't know us yet. I know I paint an idyllic picture and of course life at school is not all roses but fundamentally the school community; the pupils, teachers, parents seem to be driven by the same objective, kindness. And when a community has kindness at its foundation it creates a special energy that reaches far and wide.

I talk about this because I believe that our school community, family, has been deeply impacted by the pandemic. There are families that have joined the school in the last 2/3 years that have not had the privilege to truly see the special community that exists here. We have been forced to be separated which has impacted how we come together and engage with each other. We have been unable to celebrate in assemblies, we have had to cancel our events, we cannot gather at the school gates. All of these places are where we breathe life in to our community.

Now is the time to build up our community again, I want FOLS to foster those special relationships, to show our children what a special place Lewknor is because of this kindness and love that we all pour in to it.

In the past I feel that FOLS has been perceived as an exclusive or daunting organisation but I ask you to reconsider this perception. FOLS exists to enhance our children's lives at Lewknor School, all of our children deserve the very best education and we exist to help fill the gaps where funding is lacking. We exist to help foster and nurture a community of people with the same focus, our children. You are all part of FOLS, no matter what your role. Some of us can sit on the committee, some of us will attend the events, some of us will help fundraise, some of us will bake cakes, craft costumes but no matter what your role, we are all part of the same family.

Please help us build this community again. I encourage you to read our communications and to talk to us with any thoughts and ideas you may have, they are all important. Contact me directly if you would like, my email is louisefull@me.com.

We have some wonderful events that we hoping to announce this year, keep an eye out for more details and dates in the coming weeks:

- Summer Fete
- Bingo Nights
- Children's Film Nights
- Sports Day Celebration
- Bags2School
- Mufti Days
- FOLS Meetings

I really look forward to meeting more of you over this next year, it is an exciting time to be a part of FOLS and really make a difference to our little but powerful family.

Best wishes,
Louise



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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 **no cost** 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.



BANK DETAILS


**DONATIONS
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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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