



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 4th February, 2019

COMMUNITY CONCERT—YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We have a number of great acts lined up for this year's Community Concert, where parents join their children to put on a fantastic show.

We will have music from the multi-talented Ashby family, our very own Valerie Vale aka Miss Lawes and her partner Mark Wallace, and Jess and her mum Fiona, who will be sure to delight the audience with their piece.

Other children will be performing solos or duets, which is extremely brave of them. Some will be singing, others will be playing instruments such as the violin and drums.

Our Year 3s and 4s will be performing several slick and jazzy pieces on cornet. And our wonderful choir (KS2 only) will no doubt give an enthusiastic performance.

However, to ensure the concert is a great success, I am asking all mums and dads (as well as children) to support it. We will need you there on the night. So do keep the early evening of **THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY** free. The concert starts at 6.30pm and will be held in St Margaret's Church.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY AND THE
COMMUNITY CONCERT!**

Headteacher's Welcome

PE IN THE PLAYGROUND



I thought you would enjoy these photos of the children having a PE lesson in the playground. It was a beautiful sunny day on Monday afternoon and we let the Infants class choose their favourite game. It came as no surprise when they unanimously voted for dodgeball!

Pictured below are: Lexi, Elexia-Rose and Izzy.



Left: Heidi and Thea keep warm in fetching hats.

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Left: Dodgeball –Crispin is first over the line and safe!



Left: Poppy tries to get the children out!

Below: Jack D. is stuck until a team-mate frees him.

Right: Jack P. has his sights on his class-mates!





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The Reception class (pictured above) use different movements to run around and land in different coloured hoops, for example, skipping, hopping, and jumping using two feet. They also had to freeze and balance on one leg. Here they are being coached by Erwin, who runs Monday PE. On Tuesdays the children are coached by Louis.

Pictured above are: Ollie, Emilie and Georgie.



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PE IN THE PLAYGROUND - LOWER JUNIORS



The children were practising different types of throwing—see photo at the top of the page.

Also pictured are: Livvy, Laurence, Theo, Olivia, Jasmine and Saffy.



PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE

I thought you might like to see the results of the pupil questionnaire, which the children completed in December.

ANALYSIS OF PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE – DECEMBER 2018 (87 pupils, each pupil approx. 1.15%)

		A	B	C	D	E
	QUESTIONS	Always	Most of the time	Total of A&B	Sometimes	Never
1	I am happy at school.	48 (55%)	38 (44%)	86 (99%)	1 (1%)	0
2	My school work is interesting.	54 (62%)	33 (38%)	87 (100%)	0	0
3	I find out new things in lessons.	64 (74%)	23 (26%)	87 (100%)	0	0
4	Do you get help when you are stuck?	63 (73%)	22 (25%)	85 (98%)	2 (2%)	0
5	I feel safe when I am at school.	69 (79%)	18 (21%)	87 (100%)	0	0
6	Children are expected to be polite, show respect and have a good attitude?	79 (91%)	6 (7%)	85 (98%)	2 (2%)	0
7	Teachers make sure that children are well-behaved.	76 (87%)	10 (12%)	86 (99%)	1 (1%)	0
8	It is explained to me how I can improve my work.	73 (84%)	14 (16%)	87 (100%)	0	0
9	Teachers and staff treat us fairly.	72 (83%)	14 (16%)	86 (99%)	1 (1%)	0
10	I enjoy the trips and school activities.	75 (86%)	11 (13%)	86 (99%)	1 (1%)	0
11	I am trusted to do things on my own.	65 (75%)	21 (24%)	86 (99%)	1 (1%)	0
12	There is an adult I can talk to if I feel worried.	74 (85%)	13 (15%)	87 (100%)	0	0
13	I ask when I don't understand something.	63 (73%)	22 (25%)	85 (98%)	2 (2%)	0
14	I have fun at school.	55 (63%)	32 (37%)	87 (100%)	0	0
15	School is important to me.	69 (79%)	18 (21%)	87 (100%)	0	0



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PUPIL COMMENTS

RECEPTION CLASS

What I like most about school	This school would be better if....
I love school I like playing Junk modelling is fun Making giant models Dressing up. I like the Elsa dress I'm allowed to take the milk to class I like to play outside	We had ballet lessons We had rugby lessons



INFANTS

What I like most about school	This school would be better if....
My teachers / I like the teacher helping me Running Doing school work Maths Games to help me learn I am trusted to do stuff by myself School trips Practising the nativity There are no bullies	I like it the way it is More playing There was more work The kindness tree being up all the time If it stays the same It is already good We could dress up and have a party We had a longer break at first break We could wear our own clothes We could stay at school for longer / longer day



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LOWER JUNIORS

What I like most about school	This school would be better if....
Maths Art My teachers / The teachers help me when I need help Trips PE Playing with my friends History ICT My best friend Going to see old people Having my favourite lessons The learning at school Doing jobs at school English Singing Spelling Assemblies Class plays School clubs Everybody is kind Lunch To get to do hard work There is loads of stuff that we get to do Everyone is kind and nice	We could do Halloween It was only three hours! Mufti days on Fridays More science Eating outside all year round We had a shorter break time! There was no red, orange or green (<i>Our reward and warning signs in class. Green is great, yellow is warning, red is you have got to improve! No child is left on the red at the end of the day</i>) Nothing should change!





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UPPER JUNIORS

What I like most about school	This school would be better if....
<p>I like playing with the children in the Reception class / I like looking after the little ones Art Breakfast Club ICT / Coding Topic lessons Science Cooking (and eating the cooking!) Times tables and doing the times table songs / Sing- ing the times tables because it helps me learn them Making the old people happy (when the children visit care homes for the elderly) Singing to the old people Spending time with everyone especially the teachers Trips DT (Design and Technology) Running / mile run Carol singing Clubs PE Buddies I like that we are a small school Lunchtime because you get to see everyone I feel safe because there are no bullies I can play with my friends and joke about with them</p>	<p>Have a day when our pets could come to school Have a day when you could sleep over night at school The toilets were cleaner / did not smell so bad / if there are no spiders in the toilets We need a bigger cloakroom We could go on more big walks More tests! We had a slide and swings Less homework, more break time and more running We did more charity events to help the less fortunate people, homeless, animal rescue centres etc It is already perfect If I could stay at school all my life!</p>





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SECOND STAY AND LEARN SESSION IN RECEPTION CLASS



Above: Miss Harjette with Matilda and Matilda's mum



Right: Jasper and his dad Andrew



Below: Lily and her mum chat to Ollie, who has just made a junk model

Above: Charlie with his nanny

Below: Emilie with her mum





Left: Aria shows her mum and baby brother a counting task, which helps develop fine motor skills



Below: Jack and his friend Jasper show Jack's mum a straw task, which also helps develop fine motor skills

ROCCO THE RASCALLY CAT—CHAPTER 4



Is Rocco fur real?! Last week he made yet another appearance at school, this time in the Infants class.

He looks very much at home and appears to be saying to Mrs Lomas 'give me a hard question!' Purr-haps he was checking up on his owner Hattie, who is sitting to the left of the desk.

I wonder where he will pop up next!

Mrs Cole



Ideas for a *'healthy'* lunchbox.....



A healthy packed lunch should include something from each of the four main food groups -

starchy carbohydrates (bread, rice, potatoes, pasta), fruit and vegetables, protein containing foods (meat, fish, eggs and beans), and milk and dairy foods – as well as a drink. Here are some ideas of items for each group:

Starchy carbohydrates

- A sandwich/roll/wrap/pitta bread (trying using wholegrain varieties or 50/50)
- Pasta/couscous/rice

Protein filling

- Lean meat/chicken/turkey (add lettuce or tomatoes!)
- Fish/tuna (add cucumber or peppers!)
- Eggs
- Beans

Fruit and vegetables

- Chop raw vegetable crudités such as carrot sticks which can be great for dipping in hummus
- Fresh fruit (apple, grapes, banana, kiwi)
- Dried fruits (raisins, apricots)

Dairy

- Low fat yoghurt – plain or fruit (watch out for those high in sugar!)
- Small pot of rice pudding
- Low fat cheese slices

Added extras

- Plain popcorn or reduced fat crisps
- Sugar-free jelly pot
- A plain biscuit
- (There's nothing wrong with this, just try to make healthier choices when you can)

Put in a drink – It is important to stay hydrated, so give your child a bottle of plain water, plain milk (skimmed or semi-skimmed), or no added-sugar fruit juice

For complete lunchbox ideas and tips, visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



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Diary Dates

Diary dates for this academic year can also be found on the Lewknor Primary School website.
New or changed diary dates are highlighted in green.

2019

7th February	FoLS Community Concert fundraiser, St Margaret's Church at 6.30pm
15th February	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm
25th February	Return to school
5th March	School vision tests (Reception)
28th March	Year 6 trip to Junior Citizens
28th March	Mother's Day posy making
TBC March	Year 6 induction evening at ICC
29th March	Mother's Day assembly
18th March	Sport Relief Week
20th March	Parent evening (3.30-5.00pm)
21st March	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
29th March	Choir to visit Chiltern Grange
TBC March/April	Cycling Proficiency training and test for Year 5
4th April	Choir visit to Hempton Court
5th April	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 donation per child)
5th April	Easter egg hunt
5th April	End of term - school finishes at 1.30pm
23rd April	Return to school
24th April	Bikeability Training (all year 5 children) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
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26th April	School open day
29th April	Bag2School Collection
29th April	Croft Farm meeting for UJ class parents (3.30-4.00pm)
TBC April	LJ swimming lessons (weekly on a Tuesday)
1st May	May Day celebrations at 1.30pm
1st - 24th May	End of KS1 (Year 2) SATS
13th - 17th May	End of KS2 (Year 6) SATS week
24th May	Break up for half term—school finishes at 1.30pm





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Diary Dates



2019 continued...



TBC June	Year 6 trip to IMPS
TBC June	Puberty talks for years 5 and 6
1st June	Sydenham Fayre
3rd June	Return to school
3rd-7th June	UJ residential trip to Croft Farm
7th June	Class and whole school photographs
10th-14th June	Year 1 national phonics screening
12th June	ICC buddying session for Year 6 children moving up to ICC
14th June	Father's Day assembly
19th June	ICC budding session for Year 6 children moving up to ICC
22nd June	FoLS Fun Day
24th June	New reception children induction (9.30am-midday) and parent briefing (9.30-10.30am)
24th June	Practice Sports day
26th June	ICC buddying session for Year 6 children moving up to ICC
26th June	Year 6 outing (details TBC in due course)
28th June	Sports Day
TBC July	IMPS fundraiser run by Year 6 children
1st July	New reception children induction (9.15am-11.45am)
3rd, 4th & 5th July	Transition days for Year 6 moving up to ICC
5th July	New reception children taster day including lunch (8.50-1.15pm)
5th July	Whole school moving up day
10th July	Dress rehearsal for KS2 production (1.30pm)
11th July	KS2 production in the church (6.00pm)
12th July	Reserve sports day
19th July	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 donation per child)
19th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly
19th July	End of term and school year—school finishes at 1.30pm

Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.10am. Parents and members of the community are welcome to attend.



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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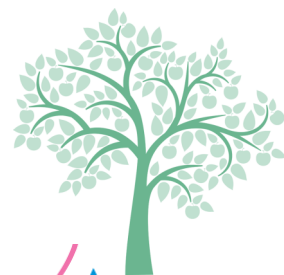
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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
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& 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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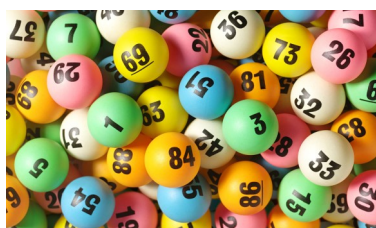


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DIARY DATES

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5th April 2019	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)
29th April 2019	Bag2School collection
1st June 2019	Sydenham Fayre (FoLS run a stall)
22nd June 2019	FoLS fun day (12-4pm)
28th June 2019	Sports day supported by FoLS who provide refreshments
19th July 2019	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)



EXCITING NEWS.... FoLS Lottery...

Please watch this space for details of a new lottery which we will be launching very soon!

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Don't forget that FOLS is registered with Easyfundraising. For more information, please click on this link:-

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols



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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:-

www.issuu.com/grapevinezine/docs



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