



# Lewknor C of E Primary School

## Newsletter



Monday 12th November, 2018

### WANTED... NEW PARENT GOVERNOR!

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the Governing Body, which is open to all parents of children at Lewknor Church of England Primary School.

Being a governor will give you the opportunity to help shape and guide the ethos and development of Lewknor Primary.

For the past three years, Oxfordshire County Council has said we are an outstanding school. The Oxford Diocesan Board for Education also agreed that we are an outstanding school following an inspection in June 2017. This could not be achieved without the on-going active engagement of parents and governors.

On page 5, 6 and 7 of this newsletter you will find some more information about being a governor.

Please do take a look. If you do not fancy the role yourself, then perhaps you could suggest someone you think might be perfect!

Thank you.

### Headteacher's Welcome

### LEST WE FORGET—REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



*Top: Children in Lower Juniors with the Chinnor war horses. Maurice and Lucinda Britnell with their horses Abbie and Blye*

Our Remembrance Service was particularly poignant this year when the children, parents, grandparents and members of the Lewknor community were joined by two special guests – the Chinnor War Horses.

Husband and wife team Maurice and Lucinda Britnell dressed up as World War One cavalry soldiers and rode their horses, 16-year-old Abbie and 14-year-old Blye into the school playground.

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Mr Britnell said the service was particularly moving for him because one of his ancestors, who died in the First World War, came from the Lewknor area. Albert Britnell, who served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Berkshire, died on the first day of the Battle of Loos on the Western Front on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915. He was only 24 years old.

Another relative, Arnold Jellis (see picture) was killed near Dunkirk on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1917. He was an acting bombardier in the Royal Field Artillery and he would have had to 'drive' six horses carrying heavy guns.

Mr Britnell explained that some of the cavalry horses would have had to carry 18 stone of provisions including camp beds, water and ammunition. 250,000 horses died on the Western Front but surprisingly the majority died of malnutrition rather than from battle wounds.

Mr Britnell said this is the first year he and his wife have dressed their horses as war horses and on Sunday they took part in the Remembrance Day parade in Chinnor. The couple are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**Top: Our school's Remembrance Service**

**Above: Arnold Jellis**



**Left: Grace with her lovely poppy hairstyle!**





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The children were asked to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in 1918, which signalled the end of World War One, by showing respect to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Heidi, Freya, Ralph and Tara read prayers and poetry, and Peter thanked everyone for coming along to share what was quite an emotional experience.

The children's behaviour was impeccable during the two minutes' silence and they sang Where Have All The Flowers Gone beautifully.

Thank you to all the staff, who helped prepare the children for the assembly and especially to Mrs Wakefield, who organises the Remembrance Service every year.

A huge thanks to Mrs Ashby, who contacted the Britnells and invited them to come to our school. This is one day that I will never forget.



*Left: Lexi with her lovely poppy bows!*





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*Lewknor children and the Chinnor war horses*





## **WANTED...NEW PARENT GOVERNOR CONTINUED!**

We are especially looking for people with any of the following skills: financial, analytical and strategic.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us via the school email. Mrs Jackson and Mrs Seston, our current parent governors, would also be available to talk to you about the role of parent governor in the playground.

If you would like to stand as a candidate, please complete and return the nomination form, included at the back of this newsletter. Please put the form in a sealed envelope (marked Parent Governor Nomination Form) and pop it into the school post box to arrive no later than 3.15pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please also include a short statement about yourself including reasons why you wish to become a school governor and how you can contribute to the work of the governing body.

If more than one parent applies then we would hold an election and all parents would be invited to vote for a candidate.

All new governors are required by law to undergo a check on their suitability to serve. This will be a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

### **Eligibility to stand**

All parents at the school are eligible to stand as candidates except:

- If s/he is an elected member of the local education authority (county councillor);
- If s/he is paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any 12 month period beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> August and finishing on 31<sup>st</sup> July (during one academic year).

## **Some Facts about our Governing Body**

### **What is the composition of the Governing Body?**

The governing body consists of parent governors, staff governor, the head teacher, foundation governors, three co-opted governors, a local authority governor and an associate governor. Our school currently has two parent governors (one vacancy). Parent governors have all the same powers and duties as other governors. Governor information, which includes a list of governors and their roles, is available on our school website. The Clerk to Governors is Sarah Uhart.



## **How much time will it take up?**

The full governing body meets five times a year. Most meetings run from 7pm to 9pm except for the July meeting which is held straight after school. If possible, every governor joins at least one of our three committees, for example, resources, teaching and learning, and pay and performance. The resources committee meets five times a year, while the teaching and learning committee meets three times a year. We invite governors to come into school occasionally during the school day so they can see how the school operates. Governors also help out at school events such as parent evenings.

## **What do governors actually do?**

Governors are responsible for the strategic direction of the school: they make long-term decisions about the progress and the development of the school. Governors may help to appoint senior staff, they make decisions about the school's budget, they decide on policies for every aspect of the school, and they set targets for pupil attainment, progress and attendance. Governors ensure that the school provides the highest standard of education for every child.

## **Can I get help to understand what happens at meetings?**

Yes. The Chair will meet new governors before their first meeting to talk through the agenda. New governors would be expected to attend the induction course provided by Oxfordshire's Governor Services so that you are fully aware of your role.

## **Can I talk to parents or other people about what goes on in meetings?**

You can talk about matters in a very general way, but you must not identify any individual member of staff or any child. As the governing body acts as a 'corporate body' you cannot talk about any differences of opinion during the meeting, you can only report the final decision of the governing body. Part of the agenda is strictly confidential (it might cover special educational needs or exclusions) and you must not talk about anything discussed during these sessions. Governors are asked to agree to a Code of Conduct that will be explained at your first meeting.





## **What are the benefits of becoming a governor?**

You will learn how the school manages its budget, personnel and buildings, and how school policies are developed.

## **What are the restrictions on becoming a governor?**

Governors must be over 18 years of age; not be bankrupt, nor have served a long prison sentence, nor have been disqualified from working with children.

## **Stone Age Warriors show their impressive knowledge at school assembly!**



I thought you would enjoy this photo of the children in Lower Juniors who had just put on a wonderful assembly recently all about the Stone Age and Iron Age. I was very impressed with all that they had learned. Thank you to Mrs Wakefield for helping to organise the assembly.

We will feature more Stone Age news in next week's newsletter, which will cover our Transformation Evening.

## Paul Gets A Rip-Roaring Send-Off!



We said farewell to Paul, Heather and their three delightful boys at a special assembly before half term.

Paul is pictured left with some of his presents, which included a life size cardboard cut-out of him in his Abba gear (the costume he wore at the last FoLS summer fun day). Paul also received a photo book that included lots of lovely pics of his time at Lewknor Primary. Thank you to Callula for putting that together. And then there were a few boxes of Magners cider—Paul's favourite!

Mrs Birch made an Everton leaving card, which all the children had signed. And the parents had clubbed together to buy Paul a (very expensive!) remote control vehicle. Paul was over the moon to receive that! Parents also gave Paul chocolates, cider and an Amazon voucher.

The children sang Dancing King and the school's favourite World in Union. Rowan requested that everyone also sang All Things Bright and Beautiful, his favourite hymn.

The boys did their own lovely presentation, which showed their new schools and their new home.

We have all promised that this is not goodbye and the Wild Westons will visit us again when they are next in the village. In the meantime we wish the Westons well and every success for life in their new rural idyll.

Paul's departure means that we can offer more teaching assistant hours to Charlotte Hawkes, who is currently working at Lewknor full time. Mrs Hemmings, who has always been our main caretaker, has now got a permanent contract with us, and Miss Jones has been taken on to work as a lunchtime supervisor and playground assistant five days a week. Good news all round!

### FOLS BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION—TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Don't forget to bring your donations for the Bag 2 School collection on Tuesday morning. For more information regarding what can be donated, please see the Bag 2 School page further on in the newsletter.

**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 crudité's 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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# School Uniform

## SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER - TRUTEX SCHOOLWEAR & MORE

We now have a new uniform supplier, Trutex Schoolwear & More based in Didcot.

To order online, please visit [www.myschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.myschoolwear.co.uk) and search for Lewknor Primary School where you can view uniform items (clothing and bags) and delivery details. Please note that the hooded top available on the website should only be used for PE lessons.

Please be aware that initial orders will take 10-14 days to arrive whilst new stock is ordered in for embroidering.

The quality of uniform provided by our new supplier is much improved and should look better, wash better and last longer.

If you have any questions regarding the supply of uniform, please contact Trutex Schoolwear & More direct (see contact details below).

Trutex Schoolwear & More have a shop in Didcot where you can visit to try uniform on for size and order should you wish.

During the first few weeks (October/November 2018), it would be advisable to contact the shop direct before travelling over to Didcot to ensure they have clothing in stock to try on. Once orders are placed, the uniform is embroidered with the school logo.

### Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday

Saturday - 9.00am-4.00pm Saturday

Sundays and Bank Holidays - Closed

### Contact details

E-mail: [enquiries@myschoolwear.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@myschoolwear.co.uk)

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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.

### 2018-2019

13th November	Bag2School collection
14th November	Parent evening (3.30-4.30pm)
15th November	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
16th November	Children in Need
29th November	Visiting Pantomime
30th November	Christingle service
30th November	Year 5 visit to ICC
TBC December	Science Club Assembly
7th December	Choir to visit Chiltern Grange
9th December	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
14th December	FoLS whole school Christmas lunch
14th December	FoLS Christmas disco
14th December	Choir to visit Hempton Field
19th December	Nativity dress rehearsal at 1.30pm (reception and infant classes)
20th December	Nativity at 6.00pm (reception and infant classes)
21st December	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 donation per child)
21st December	End of term - school finishes at 1.30pm
TBC January	Whole school trip to the Primary Schools Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre
7th January	Return to school
5th February	Travelling Book Fayre (one week)
13th January	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
18th January	NCMP weights and measures (reception and year 6)
7th February	FoLS Community Concert fundraiser, St Margaret's Church at 6.30pm
10th February	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
15th February	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm
25th February	Return to school
5th March	School vision tests (Reception)
10th March	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
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





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## Diary Dates

### 2018-2019 continued...

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
14th April	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
23rd April	Return to school
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
12th May	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
24th May	Break up for half term—school finishes at 1.30pm
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
9th June	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
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 buddying 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)



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





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## Diary Dates

2018-2019 continued...

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
14th July	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
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



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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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If you would like help raise additional funds for our school via AmazonSmile, please visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and search for Lewknor School Educational Fund. Thank you!



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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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If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School,



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### Next Bag 2 School Textile Recycling Collection

Tuesday 13th November 2018

Our next Bag 2 School Textile Recycling collection will be on **TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018**. Collection bags have been sent out, however feel free to bag them up in other strong carrier bags or bin liners if you need additional bags. Please note that all items are for **RE-USE** and must be clean and in good condition. The list of what they do and don't accept is shown below - **please note they currently accept bed linen, curtains and towels as well as the usual clothes, shoes, soft toys, handbags, hats etc.**

Please bring all items for collection to school by **9am on Tuesday 13th November**. If you are unable to bring your bags to school on the collection date or have problems storing your filled bags then please speak to Fiona (mum to Jess) and she will arrange to store them for you.

Bag 2 School accept the following '**good quality**' items for **RE-USE**:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. In addition it also helps to raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.



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## Friends of Lewknor School

Registered Charity No: 1045910



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14th December 2018	Whole school Christmas lunch provided by FoLS
14th December 2018	FoLS Christmas disco
21st December 2018	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)
7th February 2019	FoLS community concert (6.30pm)
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)



The 100 Club is an easy way for you to support the school (tickets are £1 each per month - so £12 for the year). We still have some numbers left so if you haven't already bought your tickets then there is still time! The more numbers you have, the more chances of winning. If you would like to buy more numbers or you have yet to buy some, please download a form from the school website.

# easyfundraising

.org.uk

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

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols](http://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:-

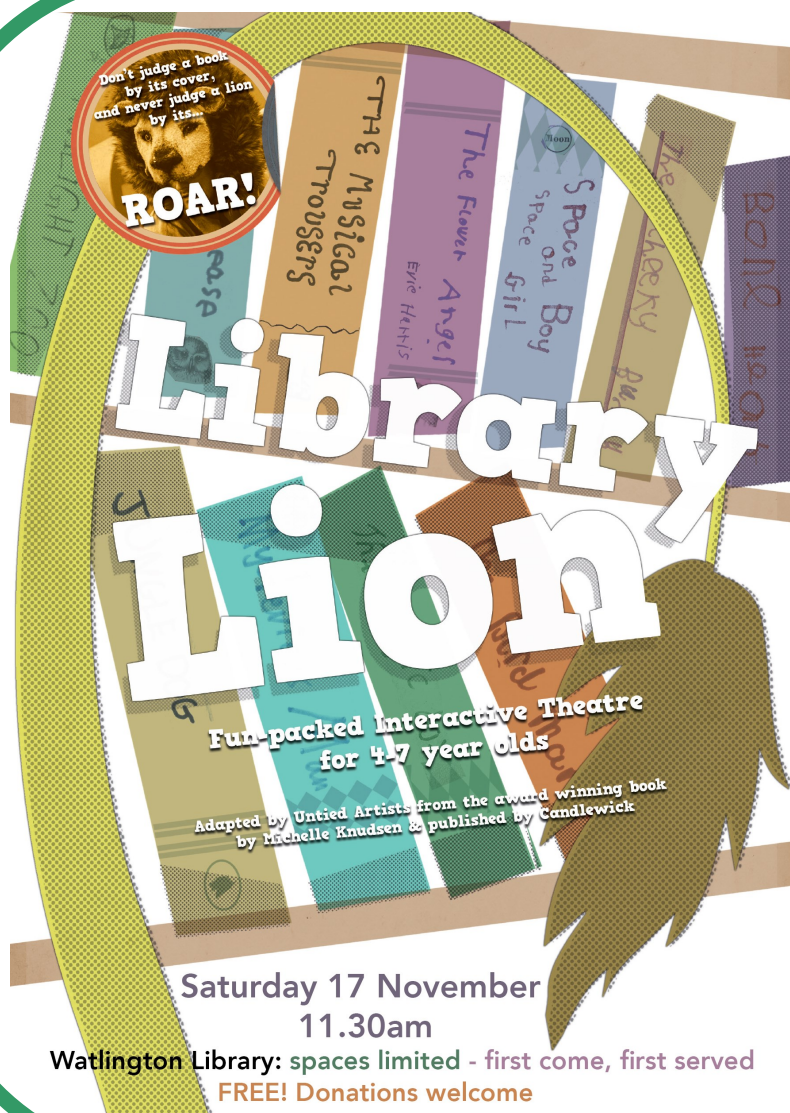
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At 11.30am this coming Saturday (17th November), The Friends of Watlington Library have arranged for a Fun-packed Interactive Theatre show of the book The Library Lion.

This is specifically aimed at 4-7 year olds and therefore ideal for pupils in Reception and years 1 and 2.

The event is free of charge (although donations will be very welcome) and they warmly invite your children to join the fun.