



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 14th January, 2019

CALLING ALL POTTERS!

We would be delighted to welcome a local potter into school to work with our Year 5 and 6 children (10 and 11 year olds).

If you are a potter or you know one who would be interested in popping in to work with our children on a voluntary basis in the near future, please contact us at office.3184@lewknor.oxon.sch.uk and we will arrange for Miss Lawes (the Upper Juniors class teacher) to make contact.

If we are unable to find a local potter to come in, then we wondered if anyone in the local community might have a kiln that we could use to fire the children's clay work? If anyone is able to help then please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you.



Headteacher's Welcome

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB STARTS



SNAP HAPPY! Our new photography club started last Monday thanks to professional photographer and Stanley and Wilfred's mum Luarena, who will be running the club over six weeks. The children will be learning the basics of using a digital camera, talking a bit about lighting and a lot about aspects of composition - learning the rules of how to make a good photo. They will review their work with constructive criticism and the final session will include an exhibition of their best work printed and mounted. Parents will be invited to the exhibition to see the prints on display.



Left: Meira and Alex line up a still life shot of some carefully arranged fruit and vegetables

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WHAT'S COOKING?



Our very popular cookery club continues to run after school on Mondays. Here we see Laurence, Scarlet, Olivia and Jasper baking apple flapjacks with Mrs Elliot, who runs the club. Children will also be making sausage and bean hotpot, chocolate chip cookies, mini jammy cakes, pizza and vegetarian chilli this term.

We can only take six children each session but we do try to make sure that all children, who are interested, get a go at some stage during the year.

The club, which runs until 4.45pm costs £5 a session, which is great value!

Along with photography and cookery on Mondays, we also run an after school care club until 5.30pm every day Monday to Friday. Mrs Birch organises a range of activities including arts and crafts and board games. Children even have the chance to do their homework, which frees up time when they get home.

NEW SCIENCE CLUB STARTS TOO!

Our very popular science teacher Nitro Jen, who works for Bright Sparks Science, has returned to Lewknor for another exciting six week science club.

Last week the children learned all about the science of sight and how we see things. They looked at lots of optical illusions and made a thaumatrope, an optical toy, to take home.



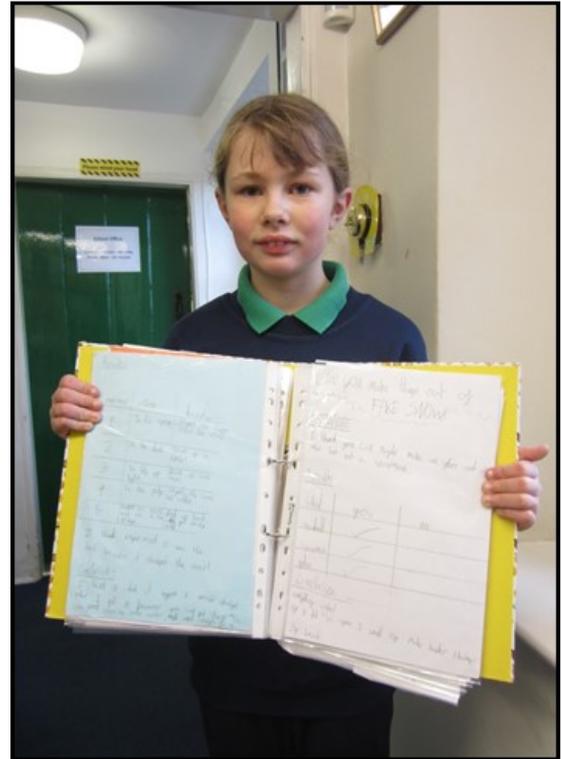
Above: Science teacher Nitro Jen with her band of super scientists! This was a very exciting first session and one child was heard to say: "Wow! That's the coolest thing I have ever seen!"



STAR PUPIL—LEAH SHINES!

At the end of last term, the children in the Upper Juniors class were having lots of fun making fake snow as part of a science lesson. The lesson clearly inspired Leah, who went on to do extra homework over the Christmas holidays. Leah investigated what would happen if she kept a sample of fake snow in different places such as: in the open, in the dark, in 'lots of light', in the fridge, and wrapped in a towel and put in the fridge. She wrote how she made the test fair, recorded her results in a scientific table and wrote up a conclusion. She then conducted two other experiments to find out what happened when you put fake snow in different amounts of water and if she was able to make different objects out of fake snow, for example, a snowman and an igloo! She wrote her predictions, described how she conducted the experiments, recorded her results once again and wrote up her conclusions. And from all of that I conclude that Leah is a superstar super scientist! Well done, Leah.

Below are more photos of her classmates having a go at making fake snow at school.



Above: Leah with her extra homework



Left: Callum and Tara

Above: Thomas and Marie



Upper Juniors were investigating the optimum amount of water to make the perfect fake snow - sodium polyacrylate polymer. The children used pipettes and measuring cylinders to add small amounts of water to the polymer.

Pictured below are: Bea and Erin, and Erin and Ralph



FRIENDSHIP TREE RAISES CASH FOR CHARITY

Elliott's Friendship Christmas tree raised £20.

Children and staff donated £1 to write their Christmas message on a sheet of card, which was laminated and attached to the tree.

This has become a Lewknor Christmas tradition and Elliot first came up with the idea for a friendship tree three years ago.

Elliott, who is pictured left with the tree, has asked that the funds go towards a cancer charity and so we will donate it to the Macmillan Cancer Support, which is a charity school has supported over the past few years.

Thank you Elliott and mum Dawn for providing the tree and for having such a great idea!





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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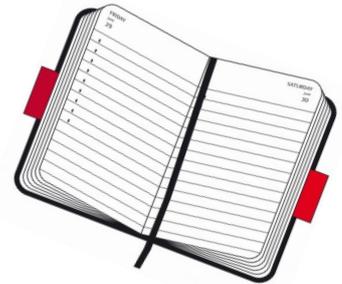


Diary Dates

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

25th January	Whole school trip to the Schools' Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford
29th January	Stay and learn session for Reception class parents
5th February	Travelling Book Fayre (one week)
18th January	NCMP weights and measures (reception and year 6)
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
TBC March	Year 6 induction evening at ICC
5th March	School vision tests (Reception)
15th March	Red Nose Day (all children to wear red please)
25th March	Bikeability Training (all year 5 children)
26th March	Bikeability Training (all year 5 children)
28th March	Year 6 trip to Junior Citizens
28th March	Mother's Day posy making
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
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
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



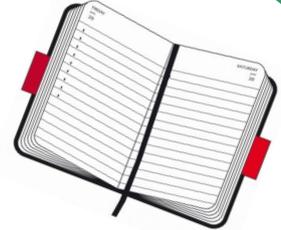


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Diary Dates

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
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 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
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

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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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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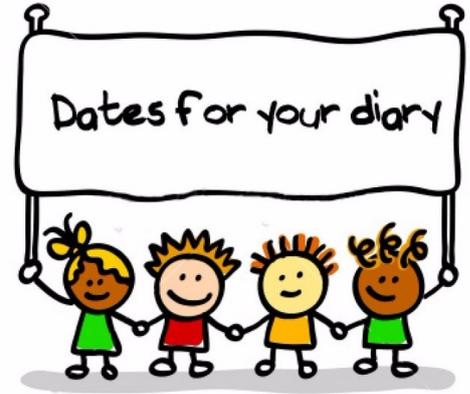
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DIARY DATES

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)



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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