



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 13th January, 2020

CAREER CHANGE FOR CLAIRE

Our super TA Claire Birch will be leaving Lewknor at February half-term to care for adults with learning difficulties and autism. This is an area that Claire worked in before she started her job at Lewknor Primary in September 2012.

Now that her son has left school and is in employment, Claire is able to work throughout the year and not just term time. This means she will be able to earn a bit more (as well as take holidays whenever she wants to!)

Claire has said she does NOT want a fuss when she goes but we will certainly mark the occasion at school.

I would like to reassure parents that the breakfast club and the after-school care club will continue after February half-term so please do keep booking places for your children. Arrangements to provide TA cover for the Upper Juniors' class are also being finalised.

In the meantime I am sure you will want to wish Claire the very best for her future and commend her for all her wonderful work at Lewknor.

Headteacher's Welcome



SCIENCE CLUB GETS OFF TO A SUPER START!

Bright Sparks super scientist Ballistic Brendon visited Lewknor last week to kick off an exciting six-week after-school science programme. For the first session our own band of 14 super curious scientists were introduced to the subject of light. They discovered what light is and where it comes from. They explored the rainbow of light using diffraction glasses and took a close look at lasers to find out how light can bend. They learned that black objects absorb light while white objects reflect light. India, Lexi and Livvy, who are pictured above, made pictures to test that very idea. The children were also able to use some scientific vocabulary and explain what was meant by translucent, transparent and opaque objects. They made shadow puppets to demonstrate, see below, that light does not travel through opaque objects (the puppets).



Above: the children make a spooky puppet theatre

Above: Camille and Emrys discover the science behind the puppet theatre of light, while Livvy and Stanley enjoy the show!

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The Light Fantastic—more science experiments



Above: scientists Jess, Marie, Lexi, India, Elliot, Leah and Theo discover how light can change colours when they are mixed together, and it's so much more fun to work in the dark!



SUPER SWIMMER SISTERS

Sisters Thea and Aria, pictured left, received swimming certificates and badges galore from Swim England at the Friday celebration assembly last week.

Aria has completed Stage 4 of the Learn to Swim programme, which means she can swim 10 metres. The next step is for Aria to learn to tread water. She was also awarded a certificate and badge for Stage 3 water skills. This means Aria can do a tuck float in water and exit the water without using steps among other skills.

Big sister Thea is pictured above with her Personal Survival certificate and badge. Thea is able to tread water for two minutes and swim 50 metres. She was also awarded the Stage 6 Learn to Swim certificate. Thea had to swim 10 metres wearing clothing, perform a 'shout and signal' rescue, and execute a surface dive.

Well done to both girls!



CHRISTMAS COOKIE TREATS!



As a repeat of last year's Christmas cookie-fest, children from Upper Juniors were invited to the Spaltons' house to decorate 300 cookies for the whole school!

Bea, Josie and Mary Grace provided icing, sprinkles and hundreds of tiny decorations and our children thoroughly enjoyed embellishing biscuit shapes of snowmen, Christmas trees and candy canes. A small number of broken cookies were enjoyed on the spot, but most of them made it to the piano where they were left to set (see picture left).

It was a wonderful Christmas treat and so generous of the Spaltons to provide the ingredients, the space and be left with the tidying up.

It was great to spend some time with Bea too, whom we miss! She thinks it should become a yearly event.



*Pictured left and right:
The Upper Juniors busy
at work making cookies
which were shared
among all the children
at school*



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents please note that Miss Harjette has organised a Stay and Learn Session from 9am to 10am on Tuesday 4th February. Parents of children in the Reception class are being invited to stay at school after registration so that they can observe how their children learn in the Early Years.

Mrs Wakefield will be inviting parents of the children in Lower Juniors to stay after school on Thursday 26th March to go through important information about the Kingswood residential trip.



FRIENDSHIP TREE RAISES CASH FOR CANCER CHARITY



Elliott's Friendship Christmas tree raised an excellent £30.

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 four years ago.

Elliott, pictured left with his mum Dawn and the tree, has asked that the funds go towards Cancer Research, which is a very worthwhile charity.

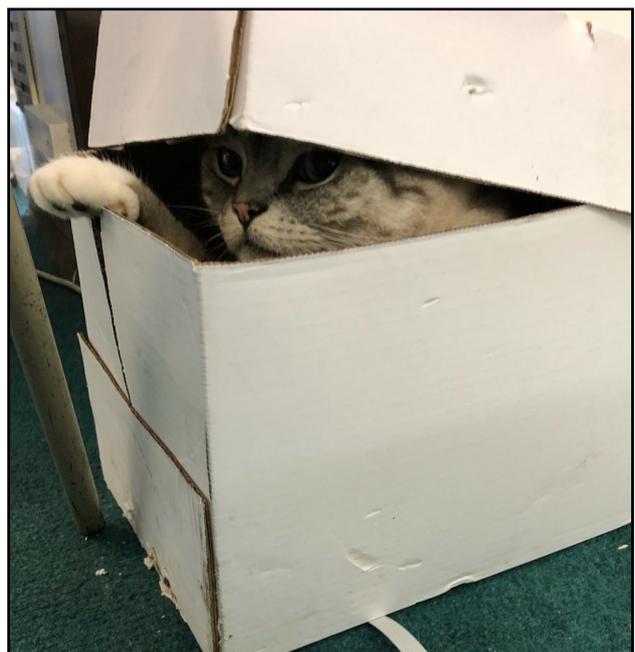
Thank you Elliot and Dawn for providing the tree and for having such a great idea!

ROCCO THE RASCALLY CAT PART 36 (but who's counting when there's that level of cuteness!)

Miss Hemmings, our TA/caretaker, gets the prize for the cutest cat picture of Rocco EVER (though some might disagree as every picture of our adopted cat is pretty adorable).

Rocco is pictured hiding in a cardboard box in the intervention room. I wonder what or who he is thinking of pouncing out on.

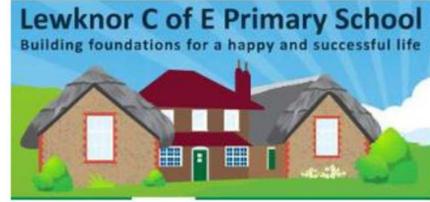
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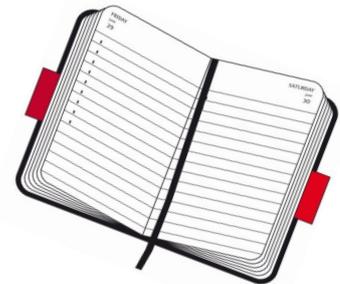
Diary Dates

Diary dates for this academic year—new or changed diary dates are highlighted in green.

2019-2020

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings - Daily Mile

20th January	National Childhood Measurement Programme weights and measures for children in Reception and Year 6
3rd-7th February	After School Book Fair
4th February	Stay and Learn session for parents of Reception children
13th February	FoLS Community Concert fundraiser
14th February	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm
24th February	Return to school
4th March	UJ Class Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
5th March	World Book Day at Lewknor (children to dress up as a character from a favourite book)
12th March	Junior Citizens trip for Year 6 children
16th-20th March	Sport Relief Week
19th March	Mothers' Day posy making (pm)
20th March	Mothers' Day assembly
25th March	UJ trip to Oxford Science Centre
26th March	School choir visit to Hempton Field Care Home
26th March	Kingswood residential trip meeting for LJ class parents
27th March	School choir visit to Chiltern Grange Care Home



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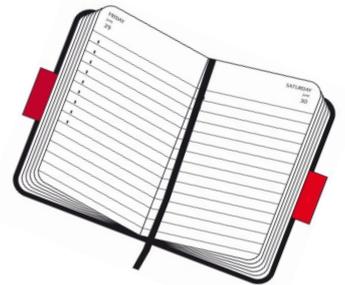
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1st April	Parent evening (3.30-5.00pm)
2nd April	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
3rd April	Easter Egg Hunt (whole school)
3rd April	Last day of Spring term - school finishes at 1.30pm
20th April	Return to school
TBC April	LJ class swimming lessons
22nd April	Bikeability training for all Year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)
23rd April	Bikeability training for all Year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)
24th April	School Open Morning
28th April	Bag2School Collection
29th April - 1st May	LJ Kingswood residential trip
TBC May	Year 6 trip to IMPS
TBC May	Puberty talks for UJ class
TBC May	Whole school and class photographs
1st– 22nd May	KS1 SATS (Year 2 children)
7th May	May Day celebrations
8th May	Bank Holiday
11th-15th May	KS2 SATS week (Year 6 children)
22nd May	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm



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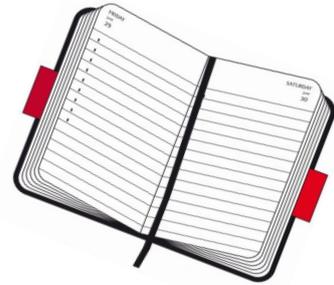
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1st June	Return to school
6th June	Sydenham Fayre
8th-12th June	Year 1 National Phonics Screening
13th June	FoLS Fun Day
19th June	Fathers' Day Assembly
24th June	Practice Sports Day
24th June	Year 6 outing
26th June	FoLS BBQ for whole school and families (midday-1pm)
26th June	Sports Day from 1pm
2nd July	IMPS fundraiser (Year 6 children)
3rd July	Whole school moving up day
9th July	KS2 production - morning performance at 9.30am
9th July	KS2 production - evening performance at 6.00pm
10th July	Reserve Sports Day
16th July	Parent evening
17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
17th July	End of Summer Term - school finishes at 1.30am



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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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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:

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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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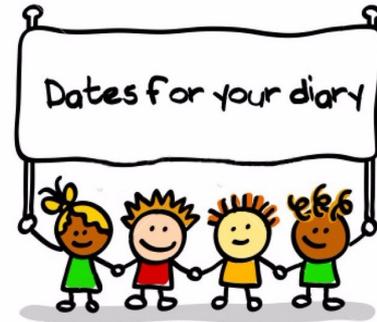


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FOLS DIARY DATES

13th February	Community Concert
7th May	May Day
13th June	Fun Day



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