



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 29th April, 2019

NEW REPORT FORMAT AND EXTRA PARENT EVENING PLANNED

In past years parents have received an end-of-year report in July. This year we are trialling a new report format and have set aside an extra parents' evening in the last week of term.

Reports will go out on Friday 12th July and the teachers have agreed to meet those parents, who wish to discuss their child's report on Thursday 18th July from 3.30pm to 7pm. Term ends the next day at 1.30pm.

We will survey parents in the autumn term to ask what they think of the new report / extra parents' evening idea.



RAFFLE TICKETS RETURN

Please would parents return their raffle tickets and money to school ASAP.

Thank you.



Headteacher's Welcome

UPPER JUNIORS PERFORM THE SCOTTISH PLAY IN RECORD TIME!



Children in Years 5 and 6 re-told the story of Macbeth at a recent Friday celebration assembly. They acted out several scenes using improvisation skills to tell the story of the doomed king in 20 minutes!

The children spent considerably more time in class studying the play and discussing the feelings of the different characters and their motivations. There were debates on the rights and wrongs of killing King Duncan, and the children wrote a description about what it must have been like to meet the three witches.



Above: Callum crowns the King—Lucan!

Left: Banquo (Meira) fights off the soldiers—Ivy, Leah and Jess

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Above: Cameron M, Ralph and Logan are ready for battle



Above: Freya, who played King Duncan, with Macbeth's severed head! Freya, with help from her dad, made the head out of paper mache as part of extra homework she took on board herself—superstar!



Above: Poor Thomas, who also played King Duncan, looks rather bloodied—super costume!

The children also wrote a letter from Macbeth to Lady Macbeth, which showed how well the children understood Macbeth's character.

They also had great fun preparing for their class assembly. I hope you enjoy these photos.



Above: Hubble, bubble, toil and trouble—the three witches! Actually Olivia, Jess and Mylah and angels in class!



Above: Narrator Cameron R flies the St Andrew's flag



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More fight scenes—the whole class (left) had great fun!

Below: Cameron M gets the better of Ralph!



Above: On guard—Elliot and Logan. Good to see they are still smiling!

Below: Clang—Callum and Lucan clash!



Above: Bea and Cameron R fight it out



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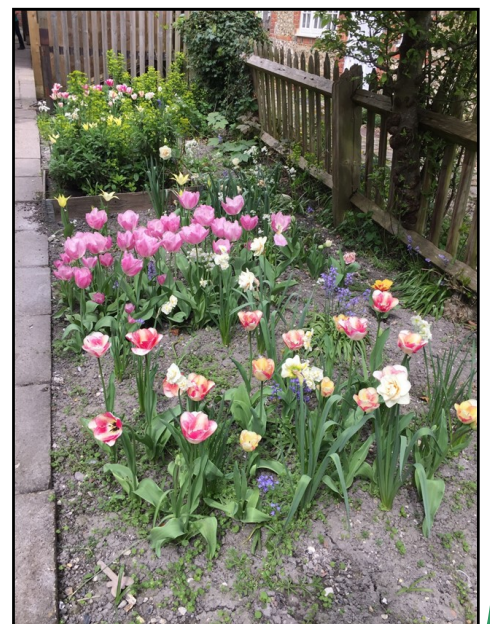


BLOOMIN' MARVELLOUS!

These beautiful flowers give some gorgeous colour to our school grounds. The bulbs, which were planted in November by children in the Reception class to Year 6, were donated by Bulbs4kids. Their aim is to get children involved in nature, specifically in what they can do in their gardens.

When Miss Lawes applied for a pack of bulbs, she thought she might receive a couple of dozen – enough for a small display. But school received 600 bulbs! The children planted 400 tulips and daffodils, but we still have 50 daffs, 100 crocuses and 90 grape hyacinths left over.

Mum Catherine Gallacher has just started a gardening club at school and I am sure she will help the children plant these bulbs at the right time of year.





PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to all the parents, who provided feedback at the parents' evenings in March. The feedback was extremely positive (there were no complaints though we received one or two suggestions!) The following are examples of comments made:

- This is a lovely school with excellent teachers and an ambition – rare in the state sector. I love the music too!
- As always, Lewknor school teachers demonstrate an individual knowledge of my sons. Good feedback on their progress.
- Very happy with the progression this year and XXXX is very happy in school.
- We are very happy that our children are at Lewknor. We really believe in the school and its values. Thank you for all you do!
- Great to see the progress that has been made over Year 6 and throughout the whole of XXXXX time at Lewknor. Thank you to all the staff.
- We love the school!
- Very caring school.
- We are over the moon at how XXXXX is developing at school. A big thank you to all. Lovely to see her workbooks and the progression since last parents' evening. Great to see everything she does and in so much detailed reporting.
- I'm so pleased with XXXXXX progress and what she has achieved so far. This is a wonderful school.
- We are very happy with how XXXX has settled into school. We have seen amazing progress and her confidence has improved greatly.
- We are very happy with how our daughter is progressing. It is a "happy community" at Lewknor School where learning happens in great strides. She is happy to come to school and has friends throughout all years. Hard-working and dedicated, friendly and approachable staff ensure a school that nurtures and inspires.
- Our school is amazing. Any issues are always sorted. Miss Lawes is an amazing teacher. I actually heard my son say, "I like writing, I will get my pen licence soon." I reckon she paid him!
- A very well run school, where child safety and comfort is paramount. Children feel safe and are able to disclose any issues. The school deals with issues and works with the parents. All in all an excellent environment for the children!
- Lovely school, great staff, no complaints!
- Great parents' evening. Children extremely happy at school and love their teachers. Wonderful school!
- Our daughter has not been here long and Miss Harjette seems to have grasped her as a person and a student very accurately. Thank you for a positive start!
- As ever Mrs Lomas provided an excellent summary of where XXXX is at with clear examples and areas of development. Mrs Lomas really knows and understands XXXXX which is so reassuring and lovely to see. I cannot think of any areas where the school could improve – excellent as ever. We really appreciate it.
- Mrs Wakefield provided an excellent insight into XXXXX world! XXXX loves Mrs Wakefield's class and we can see why. Thank you!
- We couldn't be happier. Both our boys are happy, learning and feel a great part of this wonderful school. The teaching is excellent. The boys come home talking happily about the many topics they are learning. Sports, the mile run, football matches...keep them very physically active! You are always looking to keep evolving, adding new ideas and opportunities for the children and always happy to talk, chat and tell us more about the school and what the children are getting up to. THANK YOU!



Other comments included:

- It is a shame that school is so small because friendships higher up the school can be forced through lack of pupils, but this isn't such a huge deal.
- Would always love more competitive sport.
- Some topic homework (arts and crafts) – ***this was a suggestion from a new parent, who hadn't realised we have recently moved away from 'topic' homework after we surveyed parents to find out their views on homework.***
- Miss an occasional hot meal – jacket potato / soup? Great new benches! ***We intend to investigate the possibility of providing the occasional hot meal in the future.***
- Would prefer a couple of inset days to be spread out to facilitate long weekends away. All in July makes for a long summer holiday. ***We plan our INSET days this way to help our parents book cheaper holidays in the summer.***

Mrs Cole



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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

29th April	Croft Farm meeting for UJ class parents (3.30-4.00pm)
30th April	Bag2School Collection
30th 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
17th May	Year 6 trip to IMPS
17th May	Pre-loved Uniform Sale
24th May	Class photographs (brought forward from 7th June)
24th May	Break up for half term—school finishes at 3.15pm
1st June	Sydenham Fayre (FoLS stall & Judo demonstration at 2pm)
3rd June	Return to school
3rd-7th June	UJ residential trip to Croft Farm
4th June	Government Dental Survey for children aged 5 on the day
10th-14th June	Year 1 national phonics screening
12th June	ICC buddying session for Year 6 children moving up to ICC
13th June	Puberty talks for years 5 and 6
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



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



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Diary Dates



2019 continued...



TBC July	IMPS fundraiser run by Year 6 children
1st July	New reception children induction (9.15am-11.45am)
2nd July	Whole school trip to Christchurch Cathedral
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
17th July	UJ Class Trip to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
18th July	Whole school walk to Chinnor and games
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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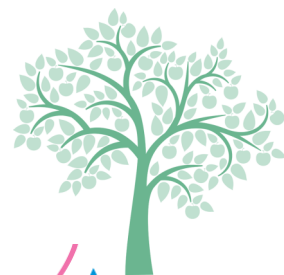
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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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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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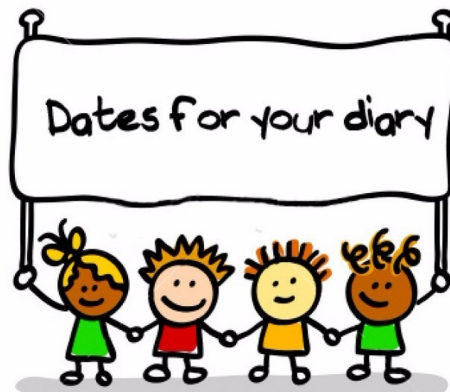


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DIARY DATES

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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)
TBC September 2019	FoLS Sponsored Walk (details to follow)



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