



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 28th January, 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

THANK YOU FoLS FOR OUR MAGICAL MUSICAL TRIP



On Friday we shut up school and took all our children by coach to the Oxfordshire County Music Service Schools' Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford. The children had the chance to listen to a full orchestra (the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra) play a range of classical and popular music that included: The Greatest Showman—by Pasek, Paul and Lewis, Hansel and Gretel by the composer Humperdinck, Fanfare to Precede La Peri by Dukas, Turkish Delight by Stephen Roberts, Kraken by Chris Hazel, Nimrod and Cockaigne Overture by Elgar and How To Train Your Dragon by Powell. The children also learned about the different instruments that make up an orchestra. Thank you to FoLS for providing the funds to make this very special trip possible.

Above: the children line up outside the Sheldonian Theatre

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Left: The Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra in action! Some of the children are only 15 years old. We were told that most of them played more than one instrument and several could play four instruments to at least a grade 5 standard. Impressive!



Above: Our children sat beautifully throughout the hour-long concert. Their behaviour was exemplary.

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LEWKNOR CHILDREN WERE PRAISED FOR THEIR FANTASTIC BEHAVIOUR AT THE EVENT



Left and above: Even the youngest children in the Reception class were perfectly behaved during what must have been quite a long performance for them. This was noticed by several organisers of the concert, who commented on their brilliant behaviour to Miss Harjette. Well done, children!



Above: Daisy was picked to represent her school to stand with the orchestra as they played the final piece, which was from the film How To Train Your Dragon



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The Sheldonian Theatre, built from 1664 to 1669, is a Grade 1 listed building. It was designed by Sir Christopher Wren.

The ceiling (see picture left) consists of 32 oil on canvas panels and was originally painted by King Charles II's court painter, Robert Streater.

The theatre is used for various functions today including University of Oxford degree ceremonies.

LOWER JUNIORS PRACTISE TELLING THE TIME

I thought you would enjoy this photo of the children in Mrs Wakefield's class learning how to tell the time (see right).

Mrs Wakefield is clearly assessing the children's understanding as she calls out a time, which the children have to show on their individual clocks.

It reminds me of a joke. What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds! (Geddit?)



Above: Lower Juniors make fast time learning the clock



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SNOW MUCH FUN!

Here are a couple of pictures taken by Mrs Birch, who runs the after school care club.

The children had great fun last Tuesday playing in the snow and I think Mrs Birch ended up the wettest of all!





RASCALLY ROCCO— CHAPTER THREE!

Here he is again! Readers of this newsletter will be familiar with the antics of Rocco, the adopted school cat.

Rocco is actually owned by Hattie but we at Lewknor Primary like to think of him as the school cat (isn't that right, Mrs Lomas?).

I discovered Rocco on my chair last Tuesday. It had been snowing hard that afternoon and he chose to come into the warmth for a bit of a cat nap.



Above: the cat's pyjamas, Rocco! Maybe we should get him a pair!

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>



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 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
5th March	School vision tests (Reception)
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
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
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
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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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 learn to **& 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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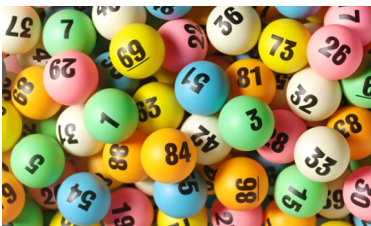
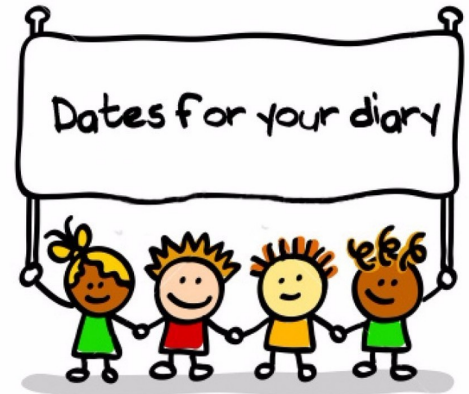
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7th February 2019	FoLS community concert (6.30pm)
5th April 2019	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)
29th April 2019	Bag2School collection
1st June 2019	Sydenham Fayre (FoLS run a stall)
22nd June 2019	FoLS fun day (12-4pm)
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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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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