



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 8th October, 2018

FoLS FILM NIGHT

The second FoLS cinema night for our children will be held on Friday 19th October, starting at 3.30pm

This time the big movie is The Greatest Showman (Mrs Wakefield's favourite!).

A band of FoLS members will cook up a treat of chicken nuggets and chips. Children will also be able to tuck into popcorn and sweets.

If your child would like to attend, please return the ticket form and payment (sent out by e-mail last week) so that we can make sure we have enough treats ready for all.

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IMPORTANT MEETING

Everyone is welcome to come along to the FoLS AGM, which starts at 7.30pm at school on Thursday 18th October.

This is a short meeting that looks at all the great work this merry band of volunteers has completed over the past year to help the school.

It would be great to see some new parents at the meeting. Everyone will be made to feel very welcome.

Headteacher's Welcome

HARVEST FESTIVAL MUSICAL GOES DOWN A TREAT



The whole school performed a mini musical called 'What's in a Word?' for our Harvest Festival service. The children said they realised they were lucky because they have plenty to eat each day such as strawberries from Italy and oranges from South Africa. They said Harvest was a good time to stop and remember how fortunate we all are.

During the service the children showed how the word 'Harvest' can be broken up into smaller words such as: eat, have, starve and share. They talked about the foods they liked to eat, and how they wanted to thank those who work hard to produce our food - those who grow the crops, prepare the food and transport the food to our towns.



Above: The reception children's first whole school performance

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When the children made the word 'starve' they talked about how some people in the world do not have enough food to eat. This may be because the soil is too hard, because the climate is too hot or because there is too much rain in some countries, which washes the plants away. Some people do not have enough money to buy seeds to plant. So the message of the service was to 'share' with others by giving to charities and those in need.

The children also sang a number of songs with enthusiasm and some of the children led the prayers. I was very impressed with all the performances and especially with the children in the reception class, who seemed to know all the words to all the songs. Peter thanked all the children and said a blessing at the end.

Thank you to all the staff, who helped make the Harvest Festival assembly such a success.



The photos on this page show how the children line up in the playground before they walk into the church calmly and quietly.



CHILDREN GO BACK IN TIME TO RELIVE STONE AGE AND BRONZE AGE

Children in Lower Juniors got a taste of life in the Stone Age and Bronze Age on a school trip to Hill End Outdoor Learning and Forest School.

They foraged for food in the woods and found blackberries, elderberries and chestnuts, which they then added to a dough they had made. The dough was baked over a campfire and became very tasty bread, which was enjoyed by all.

The children learned that during the Stone Age, people led a less nomadic life settling into communities and farming the land.



***Top: Baking bread round the campfire. Above left: Tristin tries out the tasty morsel (of bread)
Above right: Livvy with her finds from the forest forage.***

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The children also learned that people lived in huts in the latter part of the Stone Age like the one pictured above but roundhouses were the norm during the Bronze Age.

The children were set a task to build a waterproof shelter that would accommodate 11 children and their teacher (see left). The children had fun gathering twigs, leaves and animal skins to make a watertight roof. Then they sat inside their shelter while water was thrown on the roof to make sure it was closely sealed.



**Right: Stone Age
(friendly) warriors!**

**Ellena, Clemmy,
Mia, Olivia, Saffy
and Ewan with
charcoal effect
face paint.**



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Left: Children build their own water-proof shelter. Mrs Wakefield takes no chances and makes sure her hood is up for the water test!

The children had the chance to make Stone Age spears with flint. They also saw how bronze was smelted in the Bronze Age to make spearheads.



Above: Olivia with foraged fruit.



Left: Campfire's burning.

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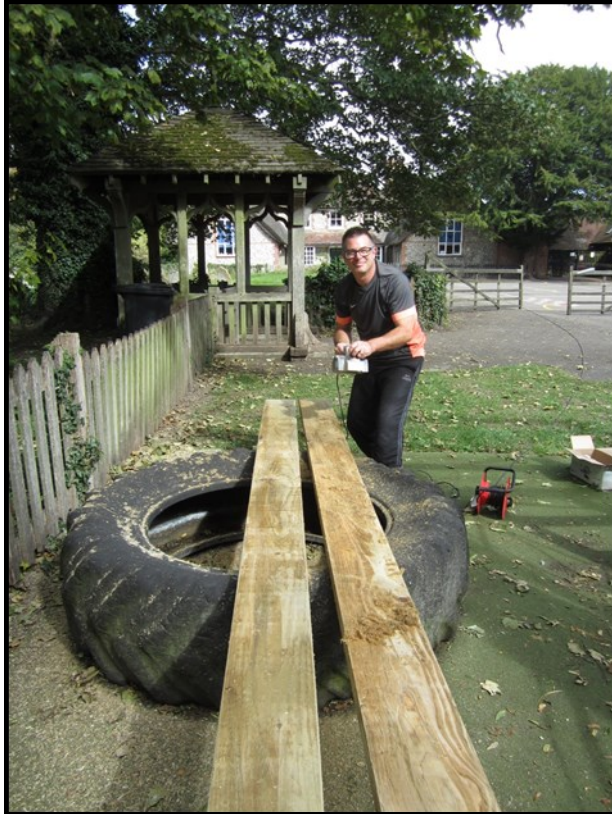
**READY FOR
BATTLE!**



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I hope you have enjoyed the photographs of our Stone Age and Bronze Age children and a big thanks to mum Lynne (see above) who volunteered to help out on the trip.



PAUL THE BUILDER CAN HE FIX IT?

YES HE CAN!

(with help from Mrs Hemmings and some children!)

Here is Paul turning his hand to the playground repairs. I just wanted to thank him specially because he does so much repair work around the school in his own spare time.

Paul is kept busy working as a TA during the day (which is a full-time job in itself) and then sets to a list of jobs after school.

I must also thank Nikki Hemmings, who works as a caretaker, as well as being a TA, at school. I am constantly amazed at her skills and expertise.

Right: Mrs Hemmings and Mr Weston saw the wooden pole, while the children in the after school care club sit on it to keep it still while eating their fruit snack.





CALLING ALL PARENTS OF RECEPTION CHILDREN—DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Miss Harjette is inviting all the parents of the new children in the reception class to a Stay and Learn session at school from 9am to 10am on Thursday 1st November. Parents will get the chance to see how and what their children are learning in their first year at school. Parents can work alongside their children or spend time browsing their child's learning journal, which will show work completed in the first term.

OUR INFANTS CLASS NEEDS...different sized cardboard boxes, straw or hay so that they can re-create Pudding Lane in class. The children are learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666 and you will be able to see their building designs at our Transformation Evening on Thursday 8th November.

LAST YEAR'S YEAR 6 CHILDREN RAISE RECORD AMOUNT FOR IMPS (Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools)

Last year's Year 6 class raised a whopping £176 for the IMPS programme at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. The children were so impressed with all that they had learned on a school trip to the hospital that they decided to hold a fundraiser for IMPS. The IMPS programme teaches children what to do in different types of emergency and first aid skills such as how to put an adult in the recovery position. The children also had a tour of the emergency department and even had one of their fingers put in plaster, which they loved!

Our Year 6 organised a range of events including a remarkable talent show, which involved many children at school. There was a cake competition and a drawing competition, outdoor activities such as having a go on Rowan's remote control cars and Rose and Harry had set up swing ball and a BB gun target practice. Annie gave a demonstration of CPR, which she had learned how to do on the IMPS course, and Elodie and Ceira organised a cake sale. Well done to all the children who organised the fundraiser and thank you to everyone who gave a donation to this most worthy cause.

THANK YOU TO LIZZIE GREENWOOD-HUGHES for her donation of children's paints. They are much appreciated and will be used in our art and DT lessons.

MESSAGE FROM ICKNIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

An orange pushchair was left at ICC following their Open Evening a few weeks ago. If this belongs to you or someone you know please contact the school on 01491 612691.

Mrs Cole



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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 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

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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

9th October	LJ swimming lesson
12th October	LJ Class assembly at 9.00am
12th October	Music Assembly at 2.30pm with The Hit Squad (Oxfordshire Music Service) - parents welcome!
12th October	FoLS Coffee Morning for parents/guardians at the Thame Lambert Hotel
12th October	Individual and sibling school photographs
14th October	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
16th October	LJ swimming lesson
18th October	FoLS AGM at 7.30pm, Lewknor Primary School
19th October	FoLS after school film night
19th October	Big Me Day
19th October	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm
29th October	Return to school
31st October	UJ trip to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
1st November	Stay and play session for Reception class parents, 9-10pm
2nd November	School Open Day
2nd November	Flu vaccinations (Reception and years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)
8th November	Transformation Evening (5.30-7.00pm)
9th November	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11.00am
11th November	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
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



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Diary Dates

2018-2019 continued...



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
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

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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 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



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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:

07857 896600



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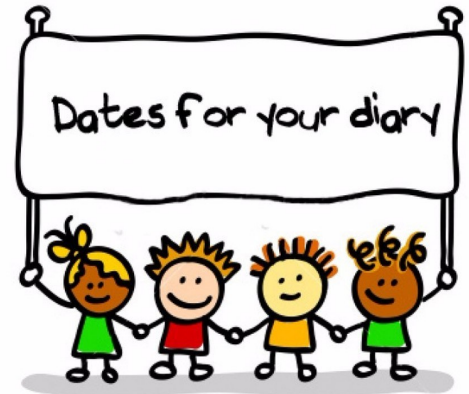
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7th February 2019	FoLS community concert (6.30pm)
5th April 2019	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)
29th April 2019	Bag2School collection
1st June 2019	Sydenham Fayre (FoLS run a stall)
22nd June 2019	FoLS fun day (12-4pm)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



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.

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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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