



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Friday 21st December, 2018

SCHOOL IS TOP OF THE CLASS!

Government figures (out last week) show Lewknor Church of England Primary is 22nd out of 230 Oxfordshire schools for the end of Year 6 results. This puts us in the top 10% of all schools in Oxfordshire. And nationally, we are in the top 8%!

We only had six children in the Year 6 class last year and 100% of these children met the expected standard in reading, writing, and in the spelling, punctuation and grammar test. In maths, 83% made the expected standard.

Nationally, 64% of children meet the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.

We are particularly proud of our writing results because 50% of the children achieved greater depth.

Thank you to ALL the staff who always go the extra mile to make sure our children do so well. The children actually enjoy SATs week because they are so well prepared and they find the papers easy! And congratulations to our children who work so hard. This gives them the best possible start to their secondary school education. Well done!

Headteacher's Welcome



Little stars—the reception class

A STAR IS BORN! CHILDREN SHINE IN NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Charlie and Mia as Joseph and Mary



Remi poses as the very bad King Herod

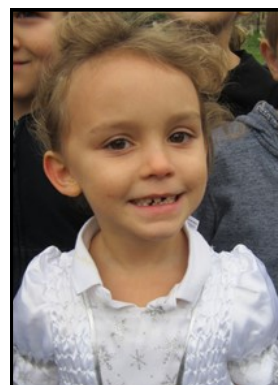
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Top: The Infants in costume

Above left: Poppy as a shepherd

Above right: Isaac as the donkey

The angels!

Above: Camille and Holly

Left: Izzy



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Left: Crispin, Stanley and Jack as shepherds



Below: Camille and Hattie as angels



Above: Annabelle, Taylor and Lexi as Kings



Above: The four shepherds! Elexia-Rose, Patience, Poppy and Jack

Right: Rowan, Heidi and Georgina as 'the children' in the play



Left: Freddie and Thea, the narrators



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CHRISTMAS DISCO AND SANTA'S GROTTO

Father Christmas took time out of his busy schedule to meet Lewknor children at the FoLS Christmas disco. All the children, who visited the grotto, were presented with a special parcel of reindeer food containing all sorts of goodies. The grotto, which came complete with fairy lights and fireplace, looked amazing.

Thank you to FoLS for organising this very popular event, which raised just over £350. Thanks also to former parent Martyn Ottery for taking on the role of DJ (and thank you Martyn for helping Nikki fix the front door security system).

Father Christmas said our children had been so good all year that he would like to come back again to meet them next year.

LEWKNOR CHOIR SINGS ON RADIO OXFORD

Children, parents and staff gathered round a speaker in the playground at 7.45 on Tuesday morning to listen to a recording of our choir sing It's Beginning to Feel A Lot Like Christmas on Radio Oxford (see photo right).

The children gave an enthusiastic performance and once the song was finished they could be heard wishing all the listeners a happy Christmas.

Another magical moment at Lewknor!



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CYCLING PROFICIENCY SUCCESS

Congratulations to all the children (see photograph above) who recently took the cycling proficiency test and ... PASSED! Thank you to Mrs Birch and mum Luarena for organising the training and for coaching the children over several weeks. You have clearly done a great job!



Well done! Mrs Birch presents Bea with her badge



A chuffed Callum with Mrs Birch



LOWER JUNIORS PERFORM CORNET CONCERT FOR KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN

Here's a photo of the Lower Juniors' class performing a number of hits for the younger children at school.

The Lower Juniors have cornet lessons every week over two years, which means everyone is able to play an instrument and read music before they leave Lewknor.

On this occasion the Years 3 and 4 performed: Mamma Mia, Jingle Bells, Cobbler and Good Better Best!

*Happy Christmas and happy
holiday to everyone.*

Hope it's magical for you all.



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 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

7th January	Return to school
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)
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
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
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)





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Diary Dates



2018-2019 continued...



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
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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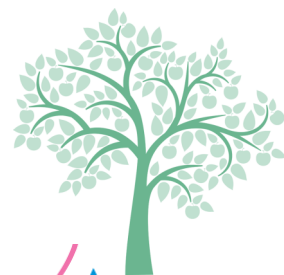
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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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If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School,



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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)



NEW FOLS LOTTERY

Watch this space for details of a new lottery which will be starting in the new year!

easyfundraising .org.uk

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:-

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