



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 17th September, 2018

HARVEST FESTIVAL

All parents, grandparents and friends of Lewknor Primary are very welcome to attend our Harvest Festival celebration, which will be held in the church at 9.10am on Friday 28th September.

This year the children are putting on a special play and will be performing a number of songs. Every child will have a role to play in the service.

We are asking for donations of non-perishable food, fruit and vegetables, which will be packed up into Harvest boxes. The Year 6 children distribute these boxes to the elderly in the village every year. Children can bring their donations to school from Monday 24th September.

We will also be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning straight after the service. Cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee will be served in Mrs Wakefield's class. All donations will go to the charity.



Headteacher's Welcome

HORTICULTURAL SHOW SUCCESS!

The children of Lewknor Primary came away from the annual Horticultural Show with a raft of prizes.

Thomas, pictured left, was awarded the Overall Junior Winner because he won prizes in the most categories.

Thomas won first prize for his miniature garden (see page 2 of this newsletter) and another first for his fun photograph of his dog Molly (see page 3).



Stanley also won first prizes for his space teddy rocket (see right) and for his magic potion (see page 2).



Freya and Tara are pictured left with their magic potions. Freya won second prize while Tara won third.

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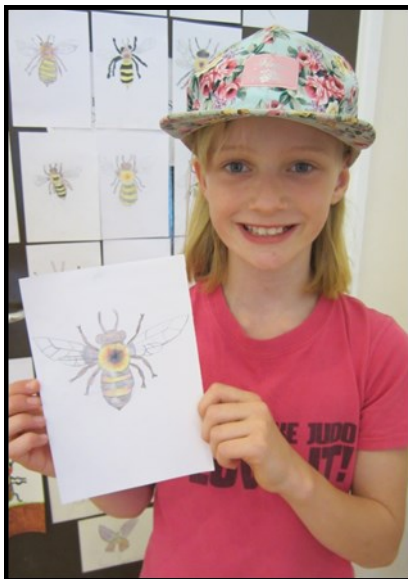


Right: Siblings Crispin, Olivia and Tristan, who have just started at Lewknor Primary, enjoyed all the many activities at the show.



Below: Meira and Jess with their winning drawings of bumble bees (the theme of the art competition this year was insects).

Eva, pictured centre, with her magic potion that won third prize.



Left: Thomas with his miniature garden.

Right: Stanley with his magic potion. The ingredients included: three leaves of doom, a duo of dancing feathers and a piece of majestic moss!





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Right: Freya with a beautiful flower arrangement (second prize).

Far right: Tara with her yummy canine cupcakes (third prize).



Left: Sisters Callula and Meira.



Callula, who has now moved to secondary school, won the first prize for her novelty duck cake and second prize for her shoulder bag in the sewing category (see below).

Thomas is pictured below with his prize-winning photograph of his dog Molly the Labrador complete with curly wig!





There were many other winners on the day such as those in the art competition. They are:

RECEPTION CLASS

First Prize: Charlie

Second Prize: Lilly

Third Prize: Fred

YEAR 1

First Prize: Poppy

Second Prize: Georgina

Third Prize: Rowan

YEAR 2

First Prize: Camille

Second Prize: Thea

Third Prize: Freddie

YEAR 3

First Prize: Clemmy

Second Prize: Bill and Sophia (joint second)

Third Prize: Freddie

YEAR 4

First prize: Stanley

Second prize: Eva

Third prize: Saffy

YEAR 5

First prize: Jess

Second prize: Meira

Third prize: Marie

YEAR 6

First prize: Tara

Second prize: Thomas

Third prize: Olivia



TAKE NOTE... EVA IS A TALENTED MUSICIAN

Eva is the latest pupil to perform at the start and end of our Friday celebration assembly. Eva asked if she could play her violin on Friday and everyone was very impressed with her musical talent. She performed two pieces - Kum Bah Yah and Allegro.

It was very brave of Eva to play in front of a packed church of pupils, mums, dads and grandparents, and she did it with aplomb. She is a superstar!

I wonder who will be next to volunteer—I can't wait to hear!

YOUNG SCIENTISTS STUDY HABITATS

I had these photos left over from the summer term and I thought I would share them with you. They show the Year 5 children studying insects they found in the church grounds. The children were studying different habitats and recording where they found different types of insects. Pictured below are Ivy, Thomas and Rose, and Bea and Grace.





Left: Tara inspects a bug before releasing it back to its habitat.

UPPER JUNIORS APPEAL

The children in the Upper Juniors class will be studying the Tudors this term and they need some lavender trimmings (they will be making lavender bags) and cereal boxes (to make Tudor houses). All donations will be gratefully received.



TOP SCIENTIST IS THE BEE'S KNEES!

Upper Juniors had a visit from super scientist David Hooper, who works as an atmospheric physicist at the Rutherford Appleby Laboratory in Abingdon. Mr Hooper took the day off specially to come and share with us his love of insects, which was rather appropriate because the Upper Juniors are currently studying the science topic Living Things and their Habitats.

Mr Hooper showed the children the different classes of insects and his photographs of creatures he had spotted, such as oil beetles, comma butterflies, grasshoppers and crickets, and a variety of bumblebees including red-tails, buff-tails, common carder bees and ivy bees.

The children were fascinated and asked him lots of questions, but were also enthusiastic to offer their own knowledge and ideas about these wonderful creatures.

Mr Hooper came to us as part of a scheme called 'Science Ambassadors' - where scientists come in to schools to share their enthusiasm and expertise. Not only is he a very interesting scientist but he is also a talented photographer. He took this beautiful photograph of an ivy bee on the right. Ivy bees are new to this country and they were first seen in 2001. Mr Hooper is hoping we might spot a few over the next few weeks.



Mrs Cole



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Diary Dates

Diary dates for this academic year can also be found on the Lewknor Primary School website.

2018-2019

TBC Sept/Oct	Phonics workshop for reception class parents
TBC Sept/October	Cycling Proficiency training and test for Year 5
18th September	LJ swimming lesson
25th September	LJ swimming lesson
27th September	LJ trip to Hill End
28th September	Harvest Festival Assembly
28th September	Macmillan coffee morning
3rd October	UJ class trip to Hampton Court Palace
2nd October	LJ swimming lesson
9th October	LJ swimming lesson
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
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
2nd November	School Open Day
2nd November	Flu vaccinations (Reception and years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)
8th November	Transformation Evening
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
TBC March	Year 6 Junior Citizens trip
5th March	School vision tests (Reception)
10th March	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
28th March	Mother's Day posy making (changed from previous newsletter)
TBC March	Year 6 induction evening at ICC
29th March	Mother's Day assembly (changed from previous newsletter)
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:

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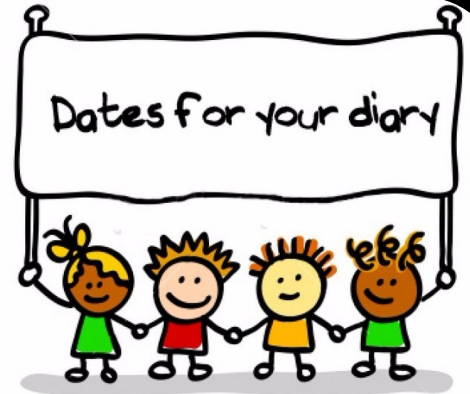
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DIARY DATES

Watch this space for future dates!



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

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