



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 14th December, 2020

## CHRISTMAS FEAST THANKS TO SAM!

The teachers and I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Sam for organising our Christmas lunch once again. The lunch will be held on Wednesday 16th December. This year the children will go outside to the playground and collect their food (which will be served in individual boxes) one class at a time. The traditional dinner will include turkey, chipolatas wrapped in bacon, roast potatoes, peas and carrots, Brussel sprouts and gravy. Puddings will include a fruit kebab, gluten free chocolate



brownie and marshmallows with chocolate sauce. The children will also get the chance to decorate individual cookies.

FOLS have very kindly provided drinks for the children and staff. The children can wear Christmas jumpers over their uniform on the day and we will have a mufti day on the last day of term too! Sam, we are all looking forward to this special treat very much.



## Headteacher's Welcome

### NATIVITY 2020 - BICYCLE SHED CONVERTED INTO STABLE



*Above: the Infants make up this lovely Nativity scene*

There may be restrictions on gatherings in churches due to the current pandemic but that did not stop the children in the Infants class celebrating the Nativity.

The bicycle shed at the back of the school was converted into a stable, albeit one with tinsel, baubles, Christmas trees and Mingle the pony!

Mrs Lomas, the class teacher, read The Christmas Story and then the children picked who they would like to be for a re-enactment around the stable. This year Mary was played by Lily C and Joseph by Tristin, although Si-Si and Wyatt took on these roles for the road to Bethlehem scene (see next page).

The children then gathered to sing Away In A Manger, Jingle Bells and We Wish You A Merry Christmas. Mrs Lomas recorded the children singing and has plans to put it on her class page on the school website for everyone to see.

Children throughout the school will be singing Christmas carols in their class bubbles, and we hope to perform The Twelve Days Of Christmas (an annual tradition led by Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Lomas) in the playground during the last week of term.



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## THE LONG WALK TO BETHLEHEM IS RECREATED IN THE PLAYGROUND



*Left: Si-Si (Mary) rides her pony Mingle (the donkey), which is led by Wyatt (Joseph).*

*The Upper Juniors sing carols in the background*



*Right: the bright stars Aria, Emmie, Rubie, and Ruby Tuesday*



*Above: Tristin (Joseph) and Lily (Mary)*



*Above: the angels Lilly, Georgie, Matilda and Tilly*



*Above stable animals Wyatt (hen), Charlie (cow), Archie (pig) and Ned (sheep)*



*Above: two kings Devon and Harry*



*Left: Shepherds and one sheep.*

*Jack, Ollie, Ariana and Halima plus Ned as the sheep*



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*Left: the Reception class watch the playground procession. They are pictured wearing their Star of Bethlehem hats.*



The Upper Juniors are also participating in The Big Sing this year. Here they are pictured left rehearsing in the church.

The Big Sing will be broadcast on Friday 18th December. We will give you details closer to the time to let you know how to access the video.



*Above: Wilfred and Noah*



*Above: Stanley, Tristan and Jayden*



*Above: James and Sophia*



*Above: Zofia and Ellena*



*Above: Sophie and Livvy*

## STAFF SAY THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS GOODIES



The office staff, teaching assistants, teachers and I would like to thank Stanley and Wilfred (pictured left) for their lovely Christmas gifts. Every year the boys drop in a hamper to school containing all sorts of goodies for the staff but this year, because of the Covid-19 restrictions, they thought it would be safer to individually wrap presents for each member of staff. It is extremely kind and thoughtful of you both and the gifts are appreciated very much.

## CAROL SERVICE IN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

(a message from Jean Senior)

Because of the current pandemic, no carol services are allowed in churches this year. So, it would be a shame not to be able to have carols. The Government has now agreed that carols can be sung outside even though we are in tier 2. To that end, we thought we would organise a carol sing-along in the school playground on Friday 18th December at 7pm, led by our own Festival Choir, to which everyone is invited. We ask all attendees to please adhere to social distancing measures at all times and to bring a torch as there is no lighting available. Individual households should not mix with other households unless the two households are in a support bubble. We would also ask that attendees wear a mask or snood particularly when entering or leaving the playground. A one-way system will be set up to avoid congestion at the gates.

Because Jean can't do the carols at her house this year, she will provide her mulled wine from flasks, but please bring a cup/mug which will eliminate rubbish and plastic waste collection by hand and will also be better for the environment. If you would like a carol sheet, please email [jean.senior3@btinternet.com](mailto:jean.senior3@btinternet.com) to obtain one. We hope you are able to come.



## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Clowder**

Noun

A clowder is a group of cats.

## REMOTE LEARNING IS A SUCCESS

We had some great feedback from parents whose children were self-isolating and had to tune in on Microsoft Teams for lessons at home. Comments included, 'That was totally brilliant. XXX came away from that lesson buzzing. We weren't expecting for XXX to be so involved but you really made him feel part of the class. You have really given him a boost. He thinks you are wonderful and we are so grateful.'

Another parent said: 'I just wanted to say a huge thank you. The lesson was brilliant. XXXX was attentive and joining in. We are very much looking forward to the English lesson.'

**Mrs Cole**





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### CARD READER NEWS!

We are very excited to tell you that FoLS now have a card reader! Over the coming months we will be able to use this at many events, which we hope will make it easier for parents and the committee.



### BANK DETAILS



We are keen to support the school as much as we can financially, although this year our fundraising will be lower than usual due to the current situation. This may mean that we will be unable to fund all the trips and licenses we usually do. We appreciate that many families are struggling financially, but for those who would like to support us by donating money that they would usually have been spent at our fundraising events, and are in a position to do so, we are providing our bank details.

Wishing every child and family at Lewknor School well.

**Friends of Lewknor School Committee**

