



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 11th January, 2021

WHAT A WEEK!

On Monday the teachers, having planned through the Christmas holidays, thought it was business as usual.

On Tuesday those plans were thrown out of the window!

On Wednesday, we launched Microsoft Teams and made sure the children were able to access it. The parents came to school in the afternoon to pick up their child's learning pack.

On Thursday, English and maths lessons started online and we managed a whole school assembly where the parents were invited to take part in a question and answer session (thank you, Mrs Wakefield for leading that session).

On Friday there were more lessons and the children were taught how to upload their work securely.

And this week there will be a full programme of lessons online, so that the children continue to learn during this very challenging time of lockdown.

Thank you to all the parents who sent in such lovely words of encouragement. I have included some of your comments on page 4 of this newsletter. They are hugely appreciated.



Headteacher's Welcome

IT'S A CHRISTMAS CRACKER! AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO!



I love the photo above, which was taken on the last day of term before the Christmas holidays. The children in the Upper Juniors class have just been told that Father Christmas has delivered some Santa sacks at school. Look at the joy and surprise on their faces— absolute magic!

I would like to thank a certain Santa's helper for putting together such a wonderful treat for every single child at school— you know who you are! And of course the wonderful FOLS team who may have helped Santa to purchase some items.

It was a lovely way to end the year.



Pictured above: The Upper Juniors get a wonderful Christmas surprise. Each sack contained a huge selection of gifts—lucky children!

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Above: Happy children - Livvy, Lexi and Bill with the Santa sacks



Above: Homework superstars, Jayden, Livvy, Noah, Mia and Olivia

HOMEWORK HEROES

Last term the teachers handed out homework packs right at the beginning of September. The idea was for the children to work their way through a whole term's worth of homework at their own pace.

This was to prevent paperwork travelling back and forth from school to home to school, to lessen the risk of transmitting the virus.

Miss Lawes was very impressed with the detailed homework completed by the five children pictured left, and thought that they deserved to be mentioned in our newsletter.

Thanks also to the parents for their comments. This helped Miss Lawes better understand if any gaps needed to be addressed or whether the children needed more of a challenge.

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HERE WE GO AGAIN! LOCKDOWN!

Pictured above and left is Georgie with some of the home learning packs that were ready for distribution on Wednesday. Parents stopped off at school in the afternoon to collect their child's package of work. The packs contained white boards and pens, a pencil case, lined, squared and plain paper, workbooks for maths and English, and grids with details of activities and useful web links for the other subjects—art, science, geography and history. This should keep the children busy for several weeks. And school has this week ordered more maths books for the children in Upper Juniors.



Pictured below are Mrs Wakefield and Miss Lawes on their class computers. They are talking to some of the children who are working at home and they are able to answer any questions the children may have about that day's learning.

On Friday we learned that all our staff would be undergoing Microsoft Teams training over the next few weeks. However, last week the teachers coped very well themselves to make sure the children could access information that allowed them to continue learning at home. It has been a steep learning curve for both our teachers and the children and we are hoping that all will work smoothly this week.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS

'We would just like to thank you and all your staff for the amazing work you are doing during these difficult times. The approach you adopt to provide an excellent education for all of your pupils with your commitment, skill and ingenuity is outstanding. Certainly, from conversations with our grandchildren, they are thoroughly enjoying their school time which they find interesting, stimulating and fun. You have a superb team, who care very much about their pupils well-being. Preparing and delivering online learning, whilst also having children in school must be a tremendous challenge. Thanks again for all your efforts, which are greatly appreciated. Stay safe. Best regards...'

'As a busy family, it is hugely helpful to have the homework for the term in one place; it really works for us as we can do more during quieter weekends. XXXX is really enjoying school and we are immensely grateful for all that you do for her. Thanks lots...'

'We would just like to say a big thank you to your amazing team. These are difficult times but you have everything under control to keep the children happy and learning...'

WORD OF THE WEEK

Centenarian

Noun

A centenarian is someone who is 100 years old or older.

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.

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