



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 26th November, 2018

POLITE REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Please would you contact the school office if you have arranged for your child to be picked up after school by someone else.

In recent weeks we have had some children tell their teacher that they are going home with someone the teacher / office has not been told about.

When questioned further the child then gets confused and says they are not actually sure who is picking them up.

Our procedure is for parents to contact Mrs Ashby either by phone or email so that she can inform the teachers who to hand the children over to at the end of the day.

This procedure ensures our safeguarding of children remains at the highest level.

Thank you.



Headteacher's Welcome

FIRE ENGINE SURPRISE FOR LEWNOR PUPILS



Lewknor Primary children had a special treat when firefighters stopped off at school to let the children have a look at their fire engine as well as have a go at the powerful water hose.

Devon's dad Tom works for the fire service and brought his colleagues along for the surprise visit.

The children learned about fire safety and that fire fighters don't just put out fires but rescue people and animals (including cats stuck up tall trees!) and that is why their job is called fire and rescue.



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Above: Izzy, Isaac, Annabelle, Holly and Cami with Mrs Wakefield and Fireman Tom



Above: Mia makes a splash!



Meira gives it a blast!



Below: Erin hits the target!



UPPER JUNIORS LEARN ABOUT DARK MATTER DURING COOL SCIENCE TRIP



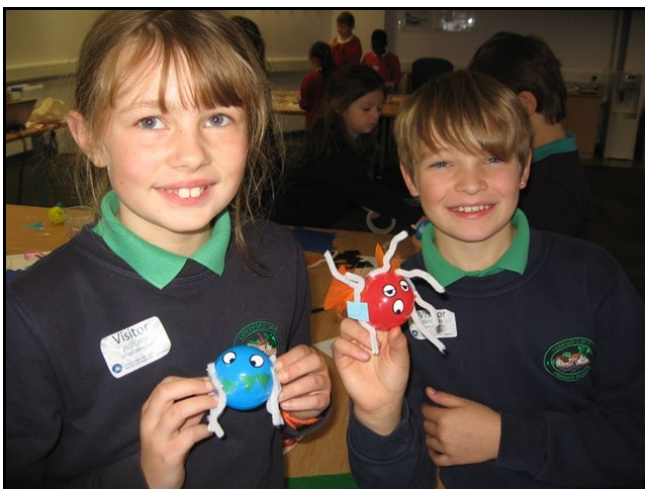
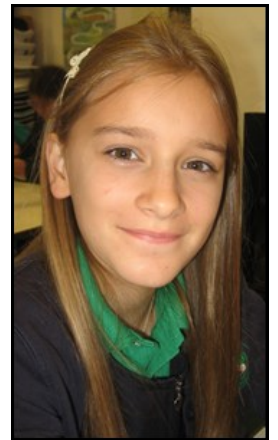
Left: Jess, Lucan and Ralph with their dark matter particle designs

The children in Upper Juniors had their second school trip recently. This time they visited the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory at Harwell as part of the science curriculum. Elektra, in Year 6, (pictured right) wrote a smashing piece about the visit. Here is her account.

On Wednesday, Upper Juniors class visited the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL). We went so that we could learn about Dark Matter Day.

The first thing that we did was to gather round a lady named Lauren who taught us how to program the Beebots, which were little robots that looked like a bee. We were each given one and we had to program them to move around a maze. It was great fun!

After that, we moved onto another lady called Sophie who told us about dark matter. Apparently 20 million pass through us every second! We then had a go at making our own dark matter particles. Mine was called Sparkle Wings because she shot sparkles out of her wings to move.



Above: Leah and Cameron M, and Honor with their dark matter particles



After lunch, we were taken into a planetarium by a lady called Vicky. It was a big, dark dome that showed the night sky inside it and Vicky told us all the different types of stars and galaxies. It was fascinating and my favourite stars were: Sirius the dog, Scorpio, Leo, Cassiopeia and Taurus.

Next we switched over to a different lady named Rebecca. She told us a little more about the stars then we were asked to design our own stars! After we did that, we wrote a story about the star. I enjoyed this thoroughly.

Finally, we went into the speech theatre and skyped two men called Chris and Shian who were in a mine! We asked them lots of questions about the mine: they told us some stories of what had happened in the mine throughout the years.

Written by Elektra



Above: Marie with a plasma globe

Left: Super serious scientists Logan and Callum record their Beebot work



MORE SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Upper Juniors have been looking at the surface of the moon and its craters. These pictures (left and right) show the children investigating how craters are formed. They dropped marbles into trays containing flour and cocoa powder. They changed the height of the drop and the size of the marbles. They then observed and recorded the different shaped holes left in the powder.





CHILDREN'S GARDENING **SKILLS KEEP GROWING!**

Upper Juniors teamed up with children in the Reception class to plant bulbs in the school garden.

The bulbs came from Bulbs4kids - an educational programme promoted by a Dutch organisation. Their aim is to get children involved in nature, specifically in what they can do in their gardens.

When Miss Lawes applied for a pack of bulbs she thought she would receive a couple of dozen - nice for a small display. However, we received 650!

So the children have now planted around 400 tulips and daffodils, but we still have 50 daffodils, 100 crocus and 90 grape hyacinths to plant soon!

Above: Olivia and Rubie

Right: Scarlet and Livvy



THE BOYS ARE BACK **IN TOWN!**

The Hit Squad (see pictures left and right) returned to Lewknor Primary with the aim of encouraging children to take up a musical instrument. The three musicians, who played guitar, the violin and the cello, are part of Oxfordshire County Council's Music Service. The Music Service also supplies our music teacher, Mr Edwards, who teaches cornet in the Lower Juniors.

After the band had played a number of rousing songs which had everyone clapping like mad, the children were encouraged to have a go on the instruments (see next page). If you would like your child to learn an instrument see page 12 of this newsletter for more details.





Budding young musicians! Patience and Scarlet have a go at the cello while Emilie, Ollie and Georgie are transfixed by the music performed by The Hit Squad

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

The feedback at parents' evenings was very positive. Some of your comments included:

- My two boys love school and seem to be loving this term's Topic.
- The staff are friendly and make me feel welcome.
- XXXXX has settled in quickly. Enjoying school. Likes lunches. No concerns.
- XXXXX is being set work to challenge her and is making good progress. The year group is close, lots of good friendships.
- I am pleased with the children's parents' evening.
- Thank you to everybody who works at / helps the school to make it such a happy place.
- We love how the older children look out and play with the younger children.
- We enjoyed meeting with our child's teacher. We had plenty of time to discuss progress and how she has settled in so well.
- We found parents' evening very useful and understanding of our child's progress. It is nice to know where your child sits in expectations and feedback on our child is extremely important. We are so amazed by the progress of our child in reception and think this school is wonderful.
- The work staff put into involving the families of Lewknor is outstanding (like Transformation Evening, Big Me Day). Thank you. Brilliant.
- We are always made so welcome by all staff at any event.
- The teachers have such enthusiasm.
- Our super school. Thank you to all.
- Lewknor school is a school that really cares about its children. All of the staff have the children's best interests at heart and this shows through. My children are extremely happy at school every day – I can't say more than that!



AND thank you to the parent who took time to email us with her comments following Transformation Evening.

'Just wanted to say thank you to all the staff for a wonderful evening yesterday. Having not been last year I had no idea how much effort went into the displays in the classroom or the activities organised for the children (and parents). It was great to see what they have been up to this term and the older children were amazing at helping the little ones with the activities.'

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TRANSPORT SCHOOL CHOIR

Our school choir will be visiting two homes for the elderly in December. They will be performing a number of carols and will then chat (and share jokes) with the residents. This is a magical experience for not only the children but the elderly residents, who really look forward to our visits.

On the afternoons of Friday 7th December the children will be visiting Chiltern Grange Care Home, Stokenchurch, and on Friday 14th December, Hempton Field in Chinnor. Every year our parents volunteer to help transport the children to the care homes and we are again asking for parent volunteers to help this year. We plan to leave at around 1.30pm and will be back before the end of the school day.

If you can spare the time and would like to stay and watch the wonderful performances, then please complete and return the Volunteer Driver Declaration Form, which is attached to this newsletter. Thank you.

ROCCO RETURNS



Rocco managed to sneak his way into school on Friday.

It looks like he is enjoying this story-book as much as Fred.

Fred certainly enjoyed reading to Rocco the rascally cat!



Mrs D Cole



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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



30th November	Christingle Assembly
30th November	Cycling Proficiency Training (selected year 5/6 children)
4th December	Cycling Proficiency Test (selected year 5/6 children)
7th 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
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
25th January	Whole school trip to the Primary Schools Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre
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
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



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Diary Dates

2018-2019 continued...



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
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 buddying 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)

Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.10am. Parents and members of the community are welcome to attend.



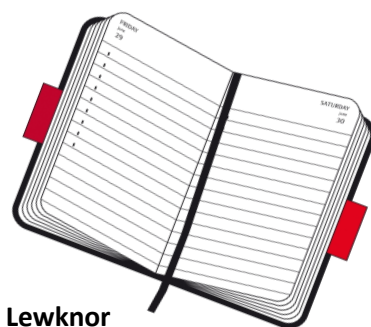
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28th June	Sports Day
TBC July	IMPS fundraiser run by Year 6 children
1st July	New reception children induction (9.15am-11.45am)
3rd, 4th & 5th July	Transition days for Year 6 moving up to ICC
5th July	New reception children taster day including lunch (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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If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School,



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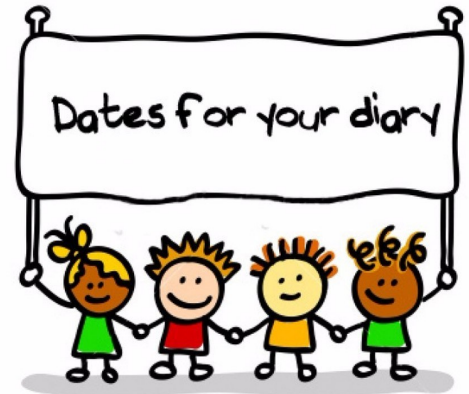
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DIARY DATES

14th December 2018	Whole school Christmas lunch provided by FoLS
14th December 2018	FoLS Christmas disco
21st December 2018	Non-uniform day in aid of FoLS (£1 voluntary donation per child)
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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