



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 9th December, 2019

BOOK YOUR CHILDREN'S CLUB FOR THE NEW YEAR

I am very keen to sort out the after-school clubs for the new year before we break up for Christmas.

Monday's cookery club is fully booked up to the February half-term.

Parents will have received an email outlining details of the Tuesday after-school football club and the judo club, which is on a Wednesday.

These clubs will start on the first week back, ie, Tuesday 7th January (football) and Wednesday 8th (judo).

Please would parents complete the club form and return it along with your payments before or on Monday 16th December to give us time to inform you if your child has got a place (places are allocated on a first come, first served basis).

Children, who belong to the judo club, retain their places until they choose to stop, but advance payment would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Please see page 6 of this newsletter for information on seating in the church during this year's Nativity and Christmas Concert.



Headteacher's Welcome

OUR LEADING LIGHTS AT CHRISTNGLE SERVICE



It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Christingle Service. Peter was on hand (without costume this year!) to explain how each part of the Christingle has a special Christian meaning. The orange represents the world, the red tape symbolises the love of Christ, the sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations while the lit candle is Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

The children, including those who attend Krakatoa pre-school, stood very still with their lighted Christingles while they sang Away in a Manger. They also sang Silent Night and Ding Dong Merrily On High.

Thank you to Claire Nicholson, Dawn Seston, Emma Palmer, Pauline Seston and Tiggs for helping the children to make their Christingle the day before.

*Our bright stars—the children of Lewknor Primary with their Christingles.
Many thanks to Richard Bonner for his photographic contribution!*

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Their last Christingle service at Lewknor Primary—the Year 6 children.



Above: Callum



Above: Jess and Erin



Above: Marie



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And the first...some of our Reception children!



Above: Ned, Wyatt and Harry with their Christingles.

Above right: Florence

Left: Francis

Right: parents take photos of the serene scene.



Right: What a smile! Wyatt smiles for the camera while the children sing a carol.



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Clockwise from the top: Peter explains the meaning of Christingle to the children.

Ellena-Rose

Ellena and Sophie

Devon and India

Ruby Tuesday, Charlie, Douglas and Francis

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Making the Christingles—mums on hand to help!





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CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AT AFTER-SCHOOL CARE CLUB

The children in our after-school care club got into the Christmas spirit by making these gorgeous Christmas stocking fillers.

Some children made beautiful Christmas trees from fir cones, which they painted and decorated. Others made these jolly sock snowmen.

Mrs Birch runs many art activities during the after-school care club throughout the year. By the way, Mrs Birch is taking over the cookery club on Mondays in the new year, while Miss Hawkes will cover the after-school care club on that day.

Pictured top are: Ruby Tuesday, Sophie, Stanley, Chloe, Heidi, Georgina, Jasper, Izzy and Florence.

Right: Ollie and Ariana



NATIVITY NEWS—SEATING IN THE CHURCH

This year the team has worked hard to arrange the seating in the church for the nativity and Christmas concert on Wednesday 18th. We try to be as fair as possible by issuing two pew seats to each family (priority is given to parents of children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. We will display the seating plan at the entrance to the church. This will contain the names of families so that you will be able to locate your seat. Family names will also be displayed in each pew just to make sure everyone knows where they are sitting. If you have more than two family members coming on the night, then they will be able to sit or stand further back. (To give you the heads up—people who stand at the back sometimes get a better view!)



FOLS CHRISTMAS DISCO AND SANTA'S GROTTO ARE HUGE HITS

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 sweet treat. The grotto, which came complete with fairy lights and fireplace, looked amazing. Many thanks to Holly and Cecile for creating such a magical place!

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

Pictured right are: Rubie, Georgie and Holly with Father Christmas.



Also, many thanks to FOLS for paying for our school trip to the Oxford panto. The children are very excited to be visiting the Oxford Playhouse to see a performance of Beauty and the Beast.

Debbie Cole

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- Lewknor C of E Primary School has launched a lottery!
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Diary Dates

Diary dates for this academic year—new or changed diary dates are highlighted in green.

2019-2020

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings - Daily Mile

9th December	School choir visit to Chiltern Grange Care Home
11th December	Whole school visit to Oxford Playhouse to see Beauty and the Beast
17th December	School Nativity (morning performance at 9.30am)
18th December	School Nativity (evening performance at 6.00pm)
19th December	Whole school Christmas lunch provided and served by FoLS
19th December	Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm
6th January	Return to school
20th January	National Childhood Measurement Programme weights and measures for children in Reception and year 6
3rd-7th February	After School Book Fair
13th February	FoLS Community Concert fundraiser
14th February	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
24th February	Return to school
4th March	UJ Class Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
5th March	World Book Day at Lewknor (children to dress up)
12th March	Junior Citizens trip for year 6 children
16th-20th March	Sport Relief Week
19th March	Mothers' Day posy making (pm)
20th March	Mothers' Day assembly



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25th March	UJ trip to Oxford Science Centre
26th March	School choir visit to Hempton Field Care Home
27th March	School choir visit to Chiltern Grange Care Home
TBC April	Kingswood residential trip meeting for LJ class parents
1st April	Parent evening (3.30-5.00pm)
2nd April	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
3rd April	Easter Egg Hunt (whole school)
3rd April	Last day of Spring term - school finishes at 1.30pm
20th April	Return to school
TBC April	LJ class swimming lessons
22nd April	Bikeability training for all year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)
23rd April	Bikeability training for all year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)
24th April	School Open Morning
28th April	Bag2School Collection
29th April - 1st May	LJ Kingswood residential trip
TBC May	Year 6 trip to IMPS
TBC May	Puberty talks for UJ class
TBC May	Whole school and class photographs
1st– 22nd May	KS1 SATS (year 2 children)
7th May	May Day celebrations
8th May	Bank Holiday



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11th-15th May	KS2 SATS week (year 6 children)
22nd May	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
1st June	Return to school
6th June	Sydenham Fayre
8th-12th June	Year 1 National Phonics Screening
13th June	FoLS Fun Day
19th June	Fathers' Day Assembly
24th June	Practice Sports Day
24th June	Year 6 outing
26th June	FoLS BBQ for whole school and families (midday-1pm)
26th June	Sports Day from 1pm
2nd July	IMPS fundraiser (year 6 children)
3rd July	Whole school moving up day
9th July	KS2 production - morning performance at 9.30am
9th July	KS2 production - evening performance at 6.00pm
10th July	Reserve Sports Day
16th July	Parent evening
17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
17th July	End of Summer Term - school finishes at 1.30am



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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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Have Fun
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If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School, please complete a Drum Lesson Interest Form which can be downloaded from the school website (Parents/Music Lessons) and return it to the school office.



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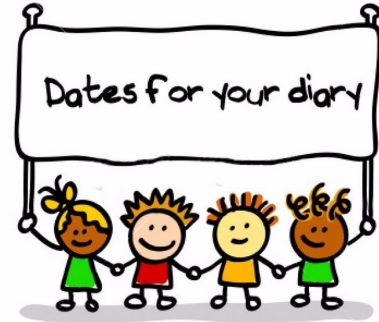
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FOLS DIARY DATES

19th December	Christmas lunch
13th February	Community Concert
7th May	May Day
13th June	Fun Day



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GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

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