



Lewknor C of E Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 30th September, 2019

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for some new recruits to join our dedicated and hard-working team.

We have several positions available at school such as:

Parent governor with an interest in children with special educational needs (see page 7 of this newsletter for more details);

Teaching assistant, who could work two and a half days a week (check the school website for the job advert and application form).

Clerk to governors (a job advert is also available on the website)

If you, or someone you know, are interested then send an email to office.3184@lewknor.oxon.sch.uk or call Vicky or me on 01844 351542.



Headteacher's Welcome

CARE HOME SAYS THANK YOU TO OUR RECEPTION CLASS AND THROWS A TEDDY BEAR PICNIC IN THEIR HONOUR



The children in the reception class had a fantastic time when they were invited to a teddy bears' picnic at Hempton Field Care Home, in Chinnor, at the end of last term. The children had made a big impression when they visited with the rest of the school choir during the year to sing and chat to the elderly residents. Care home workers wanted to say thank you to school and so organised a special party. The children had a fantastic time as did the staff and parent helpers.



Left: teddy bear surprise. The reception children were not expecting to meet a walking talking teddy bear!

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Left: The children enjoy lots of treats during the picnic

Below: Archie gets to grips with the croquet mallet and ball



*Left: anyone for swingball?
Charlie, Fred and Lily have a smashing time!*



Right: Emilie and Rubie chat and show their teddy bears to one of the residents





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FUN TIMES AND PRIZES GALORE AT THE LEWKNOR VILLAGE SHOW



Below: Jess with her prize-winning Elmo from the Muppets cupcakes. They look too good to eat!



The annual village show was a huge success with our children coming away with many prizes. Eva, who is pictured above and left, was this year's overall winner and her name will be engraved on this rather splendid shield. Eva won prizes for her cupcakes, her flower arrangement (flowers from her own garden as well as her nan's), a painted mask with sequins and feathers, a special pebble which had a painting of a flower on it, and several toy foam teddies, which she had created from a pattern and sewed together.



Above: Elliot, a former overall winner of the village show, with one of his creative entries this year



Above: Sisters Meira and Callula. Callula won prizes for her beautiful quilt and patchwork bag



Above and left: Holly and Heidi with their face paintings of rainbows

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Left: Judo Sensei Ron is pictured with some of our children who belong to our after-school judo club (including former pupil Josie on the right).

The children gave a fantastic demonstration of some of the skills they had been taught (see picture below).

We still have some spaces in our club, which takes place on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to book a place for your child, then call Vicky in the office. Each session, which starts straight after school and ends at 4.30pm, costs £5.



Above and right: Alex has a fantastic time zorbing



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Left: the A-Team. Isaac, Stanley, Jack, Laurence and Wilfred take part in the penalty shoot-out game



Left: Aria, Thea, Noah, Isaac and Ariana with their gorgeous prize-winning dogs. Both dogs won for having the waggiest tails.



Above and left: Pull...Lewknor Primary children take part in the tug-of-war

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The dads' tug-of-war was a new event this year at the village show. There were two teams: school v pub, and it was our dads that won on the day!

Left: the dads look relaxed



Left: The dads realise a little more effort is required



Right: Richard, dad of Freddie and Charlie, administers first aid to himself in the form of ice cubes for his battered hands following the tug-of-war



WANTED...NEW PARENT GOVERNOR!

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the Governing Body, which is open to all parents of children at Lewknor Church of England Primary School. Being a governor will give you the opportunity to help shape and guide the ethos and development of Lewknor Primary.

For the past five years, Oxfordshire County Council has said we are an outstanding school. The Oxford Diocesan Board for Education also agreed that we are an outstanding school following an inspection in June 2017. This could not be achieved without the on-going active engagement of parents and governors.

Below you will find some useful information about being a governor. We are especially looking for people with any of the following skills: financial, analytical and / or strategic, as well as an interest in special educational needs.

If you have any questions please contact us via the school email. Mrs Jackson was our previous parent governor who stepped down at the end of last term because her family moved to Herefordshire Mrs Seston and Mr Hall, our current parent governors, would be more than happy to talk to you about the role of parent governor.

If you would like to stand as a candidate, please complete and return a nomination form in a sealed envelope to the school office (marked Parent Governor Nomination Form) to arrive no later than 3.15pm on Friday 18th October. The nomination forms are available in the school office or on the website. Please also include a short statement about yourself including reasons why you wish to become a school governor and how you could contribute to the work of the governing body.

If more than one parent applies then we would hold an election and all parents would be invited to vote for a candidate.

All new governors are required by law to undergo a check on their suitability to serve. This will be a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Eligibility to stand

All parents at the school are eligible to stand as candidates except:

- 1) If s/he is an elected member of the local education authority (county councillor);
- 2) If s/he is paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any 12-month period beginning on 1st August and finishing on 31st July (during one academic year)

What is the composition of the Governing Body?

The governing body consists of parent governors, staff governor, the head teacher, foundation governors, three co-opted governors, a local authority governor and an associate governor. Our school currently has two parent governors (one vacancy). Parent governors have all the same powers and duties as other governors. Governor information, which includes a list of governors and their roles, is available on our school website.

How much time will it take up?

The full governing body meets five times a year. Most meetings run from 7pm to 9pm, except for the July meeting which is held straight after school. If possible, every governor joins at least one of our committees, for example, resources or teaching and learning. The resources committee meets five times a year, while the teaching and learning committee meets three times a year. We also invite governors to come into school occasionally during the school day so they can see how the school operates. Governors also help out at school events such as parent evenings.



What do governors actually do?

Governors are responsible for the strategic direction of the school: they make long term decisions about the progress and the development of the school. Governors may help to appoint senior staff, they make decisions about the school's budget, they decide on policies for every aspect of the school, and they set targets for pupil attainment, progress and attendance. Governors ensure that the school provides the highest standard of education for every child.

Can I get help to understand what happens at meetings?

Yes. The Chair will meet new governors before their first meeting to talk through the agenda. New governors would be expected to attend the induction course provided by Oxfordshire's Governor Services so that you are fully aware of your role.

Can I talk to parents or other people about what goes on in meetings?

You can talk about matters in a very general way, but you must not identify any individual member of staff or any child. As the governing body acts as a 'corporate body' you cannot talk about any differences of opinion during the meeting, you can only report the final decision of the governing body. Part of the agenda is strictly confidential (it might cover special educational needs or exclusions) and you must not talk about anything discussed during these sessions. Governors are asked to agree to a Code of Conduct, which will be explained at your first meeting.

What are the benefits of becoming a governor?

You will learn how the school manages its budget, personnel and buildings, and how school policies are developed.

What are the restrictions on becoming a governor?

Governors must be over 18 years of age. They must not be bankrupt, nor have served a long prison sentence, nor have been disqualified from working with children.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Our fantastic FOLS team are holding their AGM at school on Tuesday 15th October, starting at 7.30pm. It would be great to boost the ranks so any new (or old) parents who would like to join, or if you just want to hear what this marvellous band of parents do for school, then you are very welcome to come along.





FAREWELL TO ERNESTINE

It is with sadness that I write to record the passing of Ernestine Mary Denham. Ernestine had been a big part of Lewknor School long before I started as Head in 2014. She volunteered and came into school every year to help the children make the posies for the Mother's Day assembly and the Christingles at Christmas. She attended many school functions such as May Day, Christmas and summer productions, as well as our special assemblies.

Her funeral was held at St Margaret's Church on Thursday 17th September and every pew, as well as the coffin, was decorated with Christingles.

Her family, and Peter, had organised a lovely service. Perhaps the most moving moment of all came when Ernestine's young great-granddaughter stood up and sang You Are My Sunshine.

The children and staff will remember Ernestine for her patience and kindness. She was very special to us.

INDOOR SHOES FOR INFANTS AND RECEPTION CLASS

As many of you will know, the Infant block was refurbished over the summer holiday. A wall was knocked through and a new partition wall was added. We have had new heating and lights installed, a new floor, new coat pegs, new fire door and everything has been given a fresh coat of paint. The reception class is now bigger with loos inside the classroom while the Infants' classroom remains large. The reception children also have easy access to the outdoor playground.

We want to keep the classrooms looking tidy so I was hoping that the parents would provide indoor shoes for their children. Our children do a lot of learning outside and shoes can get muddy (the berries from the yew tree can be particularly messy). If children wore plimsolls or slippers (with backs so that they stay on the feet) then we will preserve the new (and expensive!) mats that have been bought for the two classrooms.

Thank you.

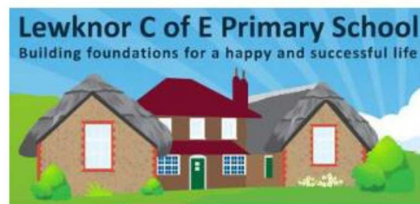
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**Buy Your Tickets Today
To Help Our School**



- Lewknor C of E Primary School has launched a lottery!
- Tickets cost just £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school.
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- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online.

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Ideas for a 'healthy' lunchbox.....



A healthy packed lunch should include something from each of the four main food groups -

starchy carbohydrates (bread, rice, potatoes, pasta), fruit and vegetables, protein containing foods (meat, fish, eggs and beans), and milk and dairy foods – as well as a drink. Here are some ideas of items for each group:

Starchy carbohydrates

A sandwich/roll/wrap/pitta bread (trying using wholegrain varieties or 50/50)

Pasta/couscous/rice

Protein filling

Lean meat/chicken/turkey (add lettuce or tomatoes!)

Fish/tuna (add cucumber or peppers!)

Eggs

Beans

Fruit and vegetables

Chop raw vegetable crudité's such as carrot sticks which can be great for dipping in hummus

Fresh fruit (apple, grapes, banana, kiwi)

Dried fruits (raisins, apricots)

Dairy

Low fat yoghurt – plain or fruit (watch out for those high in sugar!)

Small pot of rice pudding

Low fat cheese slices

Added extras

Plain popcorn or reduced fat crisps

Sugar-free jelly pot

A plain biscuit

(There's nothing wrong with this, just try to make healthier choices when you can)



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

2nd October	LJ Class swimming lesson
3rd October	Phonics meeting for Reception Class parents (3.15-3.45pm)
4th October	Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
4th October	Individual school photographs
9th October	LJ Class swimming lesson
9th October	Parent evening (3.30-5.00pm)
10th October	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
11th October	Textile recycling assembly
15th October	FoLS AGM — 7.30pm at school
16th October	LJ Class swimming lesson
18th October	Big Me Day!
19th October	FoLS Bingo Night
25th October	School Open Morning (9.00-11.00am)
25th October	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
TBC November	Year 5 visit to ICC
4th November	Return to school
5th November	Bag2School collection
11th November	Remembrance Day assembly at 10.50am (all welcome)
14th November	Transformation Evening - come and see what your child has been learning at school (time TBC)
22nd November	FoLS Film Night for children
26th November	Big Christmas Sing (selected children in KS2)
29th November	Bright Sparks assembly
5th December	Christingle making (afternoon)



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6th December	Christingle Assembly
6th December	FoLS Christmas disco (evening)
9th December	School choir visit to Chiltern Grange Care Home
10th December	School choir visit to Hempton Field 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
TBC March	Junior Citizens trip for year 6 children
5th March	World Book Day at Lewknor (children to dress up)
16th-20th March	Sport Relief Week
19th March	Mothers' Day posy making (pm)
20th March	Mothers' Day assembly
26th March	School choir visit to Hempton Field Care Home



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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
11th-15th May	KS2 SATS week (year 6 children)



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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
19th June	Fathers' Day Assembly
20th June	FoLS Fun Day
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:

07857 896600



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Have Fun
learn to
& Drum

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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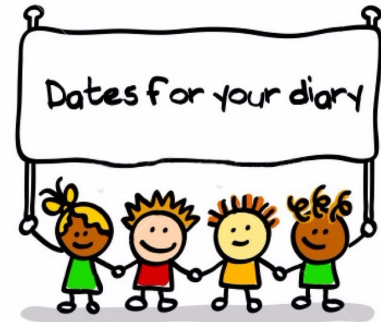
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15th October	FoLS AGM at 7.30pm
19th October	Bingo Night
5th November	Bag2School collection
22nd November	Film Night
6th December	Christmas disco
19th December	Christmas lunch
13th February	Community Concert
7th May	May Day
20th June	Fun Day



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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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