



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



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## WANTED - PARENT GOVERNOR



Our wonderful parent governor Dawn Seston, pictured above with son Elliot, is stepping down next month now that Elliot has moved on to secondary school.

Dawn has been a parent governor for 8 years and was the governor responsible for child protection and safeguarding. She was also a member of the teaching and learning committee. Apart from being an active governor, Dawn supported the school in many different ways. Every year she would help the children make the bouquets for our Mother's Day assembly and she organised the floral arrangements for May Day—for the Maypole and the May King and Queen chairs, as well as garlands for the girls' hair.

The staff at Lewknor will miss Dawn hugely and her cheery laugh and smile.

Now that Dawn will be moving on, we have a vacancy for a new parent governor. See page 4 of this news letter for more information.

## Headteacher's Welcome

### HARVEST HAMPERS FOR LEWKNOR FAMILIES



The Year 6 children helped deliver harvest hampers to nine Lewknor families this year.

There were so many donations that each class was able to make up several boxes bursting with goodies. Some children carefully painted the boxes and arranged tissue paper to make them look like proper gifts. Unfortunately, not all the Year 6 children were at school on delivery day but those that were did a marvellous job. The children were very polite and spoke up well to those recipients who were in when we came calling. We also received a lovely handmade thank you card from Mrs Hill, who has painted a lovely picture of our school which is often featured at the bottom of the front page of this newsletter

**Above: bountiful harvest.  
The children who helped deliver the hampers were:  
Laurence, Noah, Tristan,  
Wilfred, Bill, Riley, Jayden  
and Sophie.**

**Right: Sophie, Jayden, Riley  
and Bill with Mrs Bunce**



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*Left: Wilfred, Laurence, Tristan and Noah with Mrs Sewell.*

*The children also left off a hamper for Mrs Sewell's friend and neighbour Ms Carter.*



*Bill, Riley, Sophie and Jayden*



*Laurence, Noah, Tristan and Wilfred*



## BE THE CHANGE

It was lovely to be able to once again support our local community with the delivery of harvest hampers in the village. The children have, however, been learning about the vulnerable in the wider world and how important it is to support these people too. Pictured left are brothers Isaac and Noah making a donation to the food bank collection point at their local supermarket. This is part of our Be The Change campaign to help teach children that they can make a difference and help make the world a better place. Well done Isaac and Noah. I think you are very thoughtful and kind.



## ARIANA—A CUT ABOVE THE REST



*Hair we go! Ariana before her lovely long locks got the chop! And Ariana with her new smart bob. Right: Ariana's donated plaits.*



## BE THE CHANGE

Here is another example of how our children are taking action for the common good. Ariana had her beautiful long hair cut short so that she could donate it to The Little Princess Trust. This is a charity that relies on donations to make wigs for children experiencing hair loss through illness. Ariana is also raising money to pay for a wig to be made — they cost £550 each. Her first fundraiser was a cake sale (pictured left), which raised a whopping £110. Ariana's family has set up a just giving page and so far she has raised £520, which is 94% of her target. Mum Louise said that Ariana came home from school saying that her friend Rubie had had her hair cut and that she had 'given it to the princesses'. The family discovered that Rubie had donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust. Ariana then decided she wanted to do the same as her friend and grew her hair so that it met the required length.

Louise said: "It's an inspiring lesson to learn that no matter how young, you are able to make a difference and contribute to such worthwhile causes. Small ripples can make big waves!"

Anyone who would like to make a donation should visit the following JustGiving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ariana-full>

### New drop-off times after half-term

We would like the children to start school a little earlier after the October half-term. Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) should be dropped off at 8.40am, while children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Reception should be dropped off at 8.45am. Younger siblings should continue to arrive at the same time as their older brothers and sisters. Pick-up times will remain the same for now.



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## 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 afford you the opportunity to help shape and guide the ethos and development of Lewknor Primary.

For the last seven 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 feel free to contact us via the school email. Mrs Seston will be stepping down as a governor in November – her son has now moved on to secondary school. Mr Hall and Mrs Reid, 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 the nomination form in a sealed envelope to the school office (marked Parent Governor Nomination Form) to arrive no later than 3.15pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. The nomination form is available on our school website under the vacancies tab and with this newsletter. Please also include a short statement about yourself including reasons why you wish to become a school governor and how you can 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:

If s/he is an elected member of the local education authority (county councillor);

If s/he is paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any twelve month period beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> August and finishing on 31<sup>st</sup> 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, co-opted governors, a local authority governor and an associate governor. Our school currently has three 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. The Clerk to the Governors is Emma Palmer.

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## **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 that 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; not be bankrupt, nor have served a long prison sentence, nor have been disqualified from working with children.





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## **NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT GOVERNOR**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Children in Year(s)**

**I am willing and eligible to stand for election as a parent governor at Lewknor Church of England Primary School. I confirm that I am able to fulfil the role including attending meetings as required, and by contributing to governance work outside formal meetings.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

***Nomination forms are available on our school website under the vacancies tab.***

**Mrs Cole**



# OPEN MORNING

## Thursday 21st October 2021

### 9.00-11.00am

(for in-year transfers and Reception 2022 starters)

We invite you to come and have a look around our wonderful school. Our head teacher Mrs Cole will be available to accompany you on your visit.

“Leaders and governors have high expectations for pupils at Lewknor. They are passionate about what they do and want the very best for every pupil.” (Ofsted, 2020)

“Pupils thrive at this school. They love learning and are curious and confident learners.” (Ofsted, 2020)

- ◆ Rated **OUTSTANDING** by Oxford Diocesan Board of Education
- ◆ Rated **GOOD** by OFSTED
- ◆ **Daily Breakfast Club** from 8.00am
- ◆ **After-School Activity Club** daily until 5.30pm
- ◆ **Childcare Vouchers** accepted
- ◆ **Nurturing and caring** environment
- ◆ **Outstanding SATs, Early Years and Phonics Results** (well above national and local averages)
- ◆ Tours of the school also available on other dates at a mutually convenient time.

Please e-mail [office.3184@lewknor.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3184@lewknor.oxon.sch.uk) or call 01844 351542 to book a place at our Open Morning or arrange an alternative time to visit our school

We look forward to welcoming you!

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## Friends Of Lewknor School

### Who are we?

A 'Friend' can be anyone with an interest in helping raise funds for Lewknor C of E Primary School. Currently we are a group of parents who give their time to arrange a variety of events with the aim of raising money to enrich the educational life for our children at school. For example; Bags2School clothes donation, Bingo nights, Quiz nights, mufti days, a Christmas Disco, an annual Summer Fun Day, the Spring Music Festival, after school Cinema evenings, cake sales, ice cream Fridays and many more including new ideas from you!

### What is the fundraising for?

All money raised is used to enrich the educational life for the children at Lewknor C of E Primary School. In previous years we have donated amounts between £3000 and £7000 to the school. This money is used to pay for a variety of licenses for computer programmes used in class each week, class trips, the whole school trip to a Pantomime and recently one of the new touch screen white boards.

### How can you help?

There are so many ways that you can help fundraise for our school;  
Join the school lottery- [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play),  
shop through the easfundrasing app which gives donations back to the school from the companies you buy from,  
help prepare for an event, run a stall, bake a cake, donate a raffle prize, support events by attending, spread the word to advertise events,  
organise and run your own event in aid of the school and many other ways!  
All of these are very much needed to continue the excellent record of fundraising we have.

### What next?

Well, now you ask..... we are hoping to involve many more families from school in the fundraising and events. We are hoping to increase the committee membership, especially to parents of children lower down the school.  
Owing to the pandemic we haven't been able to meet and get to know you as we would like to. Come to the AGM to meet us and hear more.

Please look out for the notice of the AGM coming soon or email [friendsoflewnorschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflewnorschool@gmail.com) for more information