



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 27th September, 2021



A HUGE THANK-YOU to all at FOLS for organising a super circus fundraiser. No-one could have predicted just how unsettled life was to become when you booked the circus. Many people are still wary of meeting up in enclosed and public spaces so you have done a magnificent job selling so many tickets. It really is remarkable given that we are such a small school too! Thank you also for remaining so cheerful and positive throughout. School would certainly not be the same without you.

## DIARY DATES

PARENTS' EVENING VIA TEAMS: Wednesday 29th September and Thursday 30th September

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Friday 1st October

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: October

BAGS2SCHOOL: Tuesday 12th October

OPEN DAY (for prospective parents and children): Thursday 21st October

FLU VACCINATIONS: Friday 12th November

## Headteacher's Welcome

### HARVEST HAMPER DONATIONS FOR THE ELDERLY



*Harvest art: the Reception children Amy, Violet, Faith, Henry, Laura, Austin, Clark and Aila show their apple artwork*



*Above: Laura added her name to her picture — impressive*

To help celebrate our Harvest Festival this year we are asking for food donations so that we can deliver our traditional hampers to the elderly in Lewknor. Please would the children bring in their donations this week. Donations might include: tinned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish), spreads (butter, jam, marmalade, honey etc), long-life milk, juice and other drinks, dried pasta, cooking sauces, condiments, rice, cereal, tea and coffee. We are planning to deliver the Harvest hampers next week (week beginning Monday 4th October).

This year also we are running a number of projects across school to encourage the children to think about the wider world. We want to give our children opportunities to take action for the common good, to teach them that they can change the world and make it a better place. We will be tackling racism, climate change and poverty for example.

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The teachers will be talking about food banks in the run-up to Harvest – how they work and why people need them. Many supermarkets operate food bank collection boxes and we will be suggesting the children might want to make a donation while out shopping with their parents. Please would parents take a photo of their child with the donation they plan to make at a food bank collection point (or take a photo at the actual collection point) and send it to Gemma at the school office. I am hoping to include these photos in our school newsletter. This will help highlight our children's awareness of the need to support and be kind to the vulnerable.

Thank you.

## AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUB STILL GOING STRONG



Our After-School Club is as popular as ever, which is probably down to all the fun activities that are planned every day. These pictures show some of the children working on arts and crafts with Basia. We also run a computer club from time-to-time but, of course, we prefer the children playing outside as much as possible getting plenty of exercise. Miss Power, who works as a teaching assistant at school, has taken over the running of the club on Wednesdays. Thank you to both Lynne and Basia for running such an excellent club.



*The photos above show Basia with Skye, Violet, Francis, Florence, Sonny and Raffi*



## PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE

**RECEPTION CLASS (15 pupils, each child represents approximately 6.67%)**

		A	B	C	D	E
	QUESTIONS	Always	Most of the time	Total of A&B	Sometimes	Never
1	I am happy at school.	15 (100%)	0	15 (100%)	0	0
2	I enjoy my learning.	15 (100%)	0	15 (100%)	0	0
3	I feel safe when I am at school.	15 (100%)	0	15 (100%)	0	0
4	Do you behave well at school?	13 (87%)	2 (13%)	15 (100%)	0	0
5	I am trusted to do things on my own.	15 (100%)	0	15 (100%)	0	0
6	There is an adult I can talk to if I feel worried.	15 (100%)	0	15 (100%)	0	0
7	I ask when I don't understand something.	15 (100%)	0	15 (100%)	0	0
8	School is important to me.	15 (100%)	0	15 (100%)	0	0

What I like most about school	This school would be better if....
Learning After-school club Writing Making things PE Singing Playtime / playing with other children Going to the park Lunchtime	We had a hot tub We had a farm We had a big, deep swimming pool We had a treasure chest





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## INFANTS, LOWER JUNIORS, UPPER JUNIORS (61 pupils, each child represents approximately 1.63%)

		A	B	C	D	E
	QUESTIONS	Always	Most of the time	Total of A&B	Sometimes	Never
1	I am happy at school.	34 (56%)	26 (42%)	60 (98%)	1 (2%)	0
2	I enjoy my learning.	36 (59%)	23 (38%)	59 (97%)	2 (3%)	0
3	I feel safe when I am at school.	57 (93%)	4 (7%)	61 (100%)	0	0
4	Children are expected to be polite, show respect and have a good attitude?	56 (92%)	5 (8%)	61 (100%)	0	0
5	Do you behave well at school? Do teachers make sure you behave well?	54 (89%)	7 (11%)	61 (100%)	0	0
6	I ask when I don't understand something.	40 (66%)	20 (32%)	60 (98%)	1 (2%)	0
7	Do you get help when you are stuck?	47 (77%)	14 (23%)	61 (100%)	0	0
8	It is explained to me how I can improve my work.	53 (87%)	8 (13%)	61 (100%)	0	0
9	There is an adult I can talk to if I feel worried.	55 (90%)	6 (10%)	61 (100%)	0	0
10	I am trusted to do things on my own.	53 (87%)	8 (13%)	61 (100%)	0	0
11	I have fun at school.	45 (74%)	16 (26%)	61 (100%)	0	0
12	School is important to me.	59 (97%)	2 (3%)	61 (100%)	0	0

## INFANTS (Years 1 and 2)

What I like most about school	This school would be better if....
Playtimes My friends / making lots of friends / making friends quickly Cooking Maths English Writing Drawing My teacher It is perfect.	We could play all of the time My sister was here Less handwriting More maths More homework It was bigger We could wear our own clothes and have sweets. Nothing because it is already good. I don't think this school could get any better. I like this school just as it is.



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## LOWER JUNIORS (Years 3 and 4)

What I like most about school	This school would be better if....
EVERYTHING! The pupils and my teacher. The books we read – The Iron Man, Fantastic Mr Fox and The Wild Wood. I like every subject because the teachers make it fun and exciting. Reading, PE, Art Mile Run There is always a kind person to help me. The children are never mean/ all the children are kind and caring to each other (though some can be cheeky). Listening to stories. Doing experiments. Doing practical things like Design Technology. Children are punished when naughty because it's really annoying. I like it when we are rewarded if we do something good. I like school because it is fun. It's safe and I have all my friends here I liked it when we made sandwiches and when we made purses. Our parties and our lovely surprises.	We had two more minutes for first break. We could wear our own clothes. We had solar panels. A new climbing frame. We had more time to read. There is nothing to improve. I think the school is already perfect. It's the best school ever!

## UPPER JUNIORS (Years 5 and 6)

What I like most about school	This school would be better if....
The teachers The teachers and TAs are always kind and sort out problems. Seeing my friends Playing four Square Writing stories and writing workshops. PE at the hall / field Eating with my friends / eating outside Science / science experiments English /Art / making sculptures Percentages PSHE African drums and Bollywood dancing The old building Rocco!	More play equipment / can we have our climbing frame back? Can we have more musical instrument clubs after covid – cornets back, drumming back. Can we also have guitar and saxophone? More football / can we have a vote on what we do in PE? New playground More walks Can we have a gardening club again? We had a computer / coding club

### Additional comments

#### Q6 I ask when I don't understand something.

Some children said they sometimes do not ask their teacher if they do not understand something because they ask their friends and sometimes they want to work out things themselves.

#### Q7 Do you get help when you are stuck?

Some children said their teachers will help if they ask them to and they are told how to improve their work but it is important to be independent learners and 'to face challenge head on.'





# 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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Every week in our school newsletter, we will include a prayer and a Bible reading. These are taken from our new Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RE (Religious Education) and are shared with the children in class and at whole school assemblies.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### Being Me In My World

Dear God

Thank you for giving us knowledge, talent, and ideas. I pray that I can use all that you have given me to help others reach their potential and flourish in our school community. Amen



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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Courage

Noun

Courage is showing that you are not afraid of something.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Galatians 6: 1-2

Brothers and sisters, if someone is committing a bad act, you should help that person gently. But watch yourselves or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

Mrs Cole



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If you haven't already registered, please take a look on the following page to see how shopping with the companies registered with Easyfundraising can boost our fundraising pot!

#### 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.

**Friends of Lewknor School Committee**





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