



# Lewknor C of E Primary School

## Newsletter



Monday 1st October, 2018

### HARVEST FESTIVAL AND MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you for all your wonderful Harvest Festival donations. I think we have collected more food than ever before and this will be packed up in boxes and delivered to the elderly residents in the village by the Year 6 children.

We also had a mountain of mouth-watering cakes and home-made biscuits donated for our coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support charity, which was held after the Harvest service.

A thank you to Mrs Wakefield for organising the coffee morning and to all those parents and staff who helped serve the coffee and wash up at the end.

See next week's newsletter for photographs of our amazing children performing in the church.

### Headteacher's Welcome

#### SLITHER ME TIMBERS

#### CHILDREN GET A CLOSE UP LOOK AT SNAKES AND TORTOISES



*Above: Miss Lawes shows the children a corn snake*

Children had the chance to hold a tortoise and a snake when Erica Godwin visited school with her animals. Mrs Godwin, who volunteers at Whipsnade Zoo each week, often takes her exotic animals to schools. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children, who are learning all about living things and their habitats in science.



*Above right: Slow and steady wins the race. One of Mrs Godwin's tortoises*

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Mrs Godwin told us some super facts about her tortoises such as how long they live, how they breed and what they like to eat. They are all from one family and one tortoise had hatched from its shell only one month ago. They seemed very happy to roam freely around the Upper Juniors classroom and to be held by the children.

After this, the children were shown some corn snakes, each differently coloured. Mrs Godwin talked to us about how they shed their skin, how they constrict the breathing of their prey, their diet and how to care for them.

Miss Lawes, who organised the visit, said: "As we all held or stroked the snakes, we could feel the way they moved along, and their texture, which was dry and almost like plastic. It was amazing."

Mrs Godwin left a shed snakeskin, which is now on display in the classroom for all to have a look.



***Top left: Freddie and Charlie stroke the tortoise gently***

***Left and top right: Close-ups of the baby tortoise***



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*Top left: Rowan holds the baby tortoise with great care*

*Top right: Stanley strokes the mother tortoise*

*Bottom left: Miss Harjette shows the children a corn snake*

*Below: Animal lover Erica Godwin with another corn snake*





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*Left: Children listen to Mrs Godwin's talk on tortoises and snakes*

## ELLIOT BRINGS HIS MUSEUM TO SCHOOL

As a prize for reading lots at home, Elliot was allowed to bring in something to show from home, but we weren't expecting a whole museum!

The items we were able to inspect included: the shed skin of a hairy tarantula (see the photo on the next page if you dare!), Elliot's bearded dragon, a shark's jaw complete with multiple layers of teeth, stick insects, wasp nests, military shells, coins, bones, fossils, feathers and crab claws.



All were beautifully displayed, labelled and arranged in partitioned boxes. Elliot is pictured above showing his fascinated classmates all his treasures.



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*Top left: I think Chloe is the bravest child in class!  
Look at the size of that tarantula skin!*

*Above: Elliot shows his friends scores of objects  
carefully collected over the years*

*Left: Callum thinks this shark's jaw is just the  
coolest thing*



## **UPPER JUNIORS APPEAL**

The children in the Upper Juniors class will be studying the Tudors this term and they need some lavender trimmings (they will be making lavender bags) and cereal boxes (to make Tudor houses). Miss Lawes is also putting out a request for disposable plastic drinks bottles, any size up to one litre. All donations will be gratefully received.

**Mrs Cole**



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# School Uniform

## SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER - TRUTEX SCHOOLWEAR & MORE

We now have a new uniform supplier, Trutex Schoolwear & More based in Didcot.

To order online, please visit [www.myschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.myschoolwear.co.uk) and search for Lewknor Primary School where you can view uniform items (clothing and bags) and delivery details. Please note that the hooded top available on the website should only be used for PE lessons.

Please be aware that initial orders will take 10-14 days to arrive whilst new stock is ordered in for embroidering.

The quality of uniform provided by our new supplier is much improved and should look better, wash better and last longer.

If you have any questions regarding the supply of uniform, please contact Trutex Schoolwear & More direct (see contact details below).

Trutex Schoolwear & More have a shop in Didcot where you can visit to try uniform on for size and order should you wish.

During the first few weeks (October/November 2018), it would be advisable to contact the shop direct before travelling over to Didcot to ensure they have clothing in stock to try on. Once orders are placed, the uniform is embroidered with the school logo.

### Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday

Saturday - 9.00am-4.00pm Saturday

Sundays and Bank Holidays - Closed

### Contact details

E-mail: [enquiries@myschoolwear.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@myschoolwear.co.uk)

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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

3rd October	UJ class trip to Hampton Court Palace
2nd October	LJ swimming lesson
9th October	LJ swimming lesson
12th October	Individual and sibling school photographs
14th October	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
16th October	LJ swimming lesson
19th October	Big Me Day
19th October	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm
29th October	Return to school
31st October	UJ trip to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
2nd November	School Open Day
2nd November	Flu vaccinations (Reception and years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)
8th November	Transformation Evening
9th November	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11.00am
11th November	Young Puzzlers (Children's Church) 10am at St Margaret's Church, Lewknor
13th November	Bag2School collection
14th November	Parent evening (3.30-4.30pm)
15th November	Parent evening (5.00-7.00pm)
16th November	Children in Need
29th November	Visiting Pantomime
30th November	Christingle service
30th November	Year 5 visit to ICC
TBC 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



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





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## Diary Dates

### 2018-2019 continued...



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
TBC January	Whole school trip to the Primary Schools Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre
7th January	Return to school
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
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

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2018-2019 continued...

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 budding 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)
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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If you would like help raise additional funds for our school via AmazonSmile, please visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and search for Lewknor School Educational Fund. Thank you!



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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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If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School,

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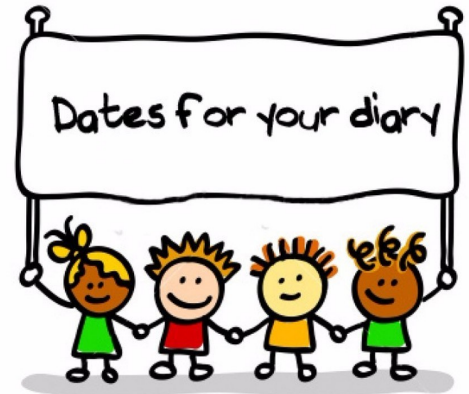
## Friends of Lewknor School

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### DIARY DATES

TBC October 2018	FoLS AGM
13th November 2018	Bag2School collection
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.

## easyfundraising .org.uk

Don't forget that FOLS is registered with Easyfundraising. For more information, please click on this link:-

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoflewnorschoolfols)



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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION



### GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

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[www.issuu.com/grapevinezine/docs](http://www.issuu.com/grapevinezine/docs)



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