



We know many of our children are avid readers and love reading whenever possible. Mrs Phillips has been thrilled to see so many pupils coming to see her for a new book after being rewarded for reading regularly at home. Next week is National Storytelling Week and we have decided to mark this by reading some of our favourite stories to the children.

On Wednesday we will be holding the second of our coffee mornings. We would like to invite parents into the school hall after drop off to meet with both of us, as well as the class teachers. This is an opportunity for you to talk with staff about any issues you may have and share good news stories. We will have coffee, tea and biscuits ready and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

As you are aware, one of the development areas highlighted by Ofsted is communication with parents. We have discussed this with staff and have produced the following guidelines for parents

From school to parents

Via Office email – weekly newsletter, information about trips, school clubs, school closure, school lunches, etc. and termly updates from class teachers

Via Teacher's email – confidential information about child, request to meet with parents

Via Seesaw – weekly contact about class activities

Via Reading Records/Homework - feedback on your child's progress especially for children in EYFS (Kingfisher Class) and Key Stage 1 (Starling Class)

Via Phone – urgent request for parental help, information about child's health/welfare

From parents to school

Via Office email – informing school of child's absence (or by phone), changes to pick up arrangements, request to meet with Louisa Phillips or Dan Turull

Via Teacher's email – confidential information about child, request to meet with class teacher

Via Seesaw – information/photos to share in class

Via phone – urgent information for the school or class teacher, including informing of child's absence

Parents and School staff also see one another in person - on the playground before/after school, Wednesday after school drop ins, parents' evenings, ad hoc meetings arranged by parents or staff, and school events such as coffee mornings.

The class emails will no longer be used so please contact your child's teacher via email as follows:

Mrs Layland re: Robins and Kingfishers <PLayland@leighonmendipschool.co.uk>

Mrs Ball re: Starlings <MBall@leighonmendipschool.co.uk>

Mrs Smith re: Goldfinches <GSmith@leighonmendipschool.co.uk> or <LPhillips@leighonmendipschool.co.uk>

Mrs Newbury re: Swallows <KNewbury@leighonmendipschool.co.uk>

If you have any SEN queries please contact Mrs Smith <GSmith@leighonmendipschool.co.uk>

We hope that this will make things clearer and explain which forms of communication we will be using and why.

Mrs Phillips

Mr Turull



Weekly Diary

Monday	<u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class <u>after school</u> Sign Language Club with Mrs Newbury
Tuesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves PE for all children with Mr Groves <u>after school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves <u>Lunchtime</u> - Eco Club with Mrs Smith <u>Lunchtime</u> - Recorder Clubs with Mrs Ball (KS1) and Mrs Phillips (KS2) <u>after school</u> - Drop in sessions in all classes <u>after school</u> - Sunflower Club organised by Mr Groves
Thursday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves <u>pm</u> - Swimming lesson for Swallow Class and PE for Goldfinch Class <u>after school</u> - Football Club with Mr and Mrs Ball <u>after school</u> - Craft Club with Mrs Layland
Friday	<u>pm</u> - Forest School for Starling Class and PE for Kingfisher Class

F.O.L.S

**CHRISTMAS
PRESENT
AMNESTY**



(Yes, yes, we get it, no one wants to talk about Christmas when we've not even entered spring!)

**FOLS WOULD LOVE YOUR NEW,
UNWANTED, UNOPENED,
UNUSED AND IN DATE
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IN
DECEMBER 2024**

(And we promise not to tell anyone you have given them to us!)

Please place your unwanted presents in the box, which will be placed in reception this week. Thank you!



 Leigh on Mendip School

F.O.L.S Join us for a
Disco £2 per child

3:15pm - 5pm
Friday 23rd February

Tuck shop - bring money for some treats.

At Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall.
Please note that Parents/guardians must accompany their child/ren.

**LET'S GET
Groovy**



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Diary Dates

January

Monday 29th IG Sports Swimming Gala - some year 4 and year 3 children have been chosen to represent our school at this Frome School event held at the Frome Leisure Centre
Wednesday 31st Coffee morning 9am in the school hall

February

Wednesday 7th Jackdaws Music - Year of Recorder workshop for Goldfinchea and Swallows
Friday 9th Rags2Riches collection organised by FOLS
Valentine's Day Cake Sale after school raising funds for school equipment

Monday 12th - Friday 16th - Half term holiday

Tuesday 20th Dental Survey of all 5 year olds
Friday 23rd FOLS Groove-tastic Disco in the Memorial Hall 3.15 - 5pm

News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we were learning all about Jungle animals and we've made our own jungle to play in. We also had an exciting visit from Mark Carter from the NHS who taught us what would happen if we went to the doctors.



This week we also had a visit from Mark Carter and his teddy bears in which we discussed common health conditions and celebrated the wonderful work of the NHS. In Maths we learned to combine 2 groups and work out the total (part-whole model). In PSED we reflected upon ourselves and set up goals for the year ahead. In Science, we looked at how birds live and survive, and in RE we learned the story of creation. Finally, in music we explored the sounds of different instruments and learned different dance patterns in PE.



In Starlings over the last couple of Wren Wood sessions, we have been thinking about our Wren Wood name and making a habitat for our animal. Some of these had to be rather large and some were very small. The children thought carefully how they could use the natural materials from the wood to create a suitable place for their animal to live.



Goldfinches were very lucky to have been visited by Rose Aspery from Somerset Music who came to run a singing workshop with us. The children learnt how to clap to the rhythm of a song and tap to the beat. They sang beautifully in a round and Rose was very impressed!



Swallows have enjoyed creating inventive kenning poetry this week as well as exploring conductors and insulators in Science, experiencing a fun singing workshop and understanding Anglo Saxon society in History.

