

# Leigh on Mendip School

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We realise that this is such a challenging time for all of you; many families are juggling work and home schooling, which is not an easy task. Staff have been extremely impressed with the children; many of whom attend all the live lessons and complete the majority of the tasks. You will notice more opportunities for live learning; please do attend these sessions with your child as we have found they have had a positive impact on the quality of work submitted. We have also thoroughly enjoyed seeing them and having a chat!

Teaching staff are always available and if you have any questions or queries, please email the class email address or comment within google classroom and someone will respond. Please be aware any emails sent after school hours might not be answered until the following day. We will be contacting you within the next week to arrange a phone call or google meet. This is a chance for you and your child to meet with your class teacher, discuss online learning and the next steps.

If you have accessed Parent Pay within this last week you will have noticed a new payment option. This is a FOLS donation payment, and is optional. In the latest meeting, FOLS discussed the lack of fund raising events due to the pandemic and were keen to give parents the opportunity to donate money instead if they so wished. Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated.

*Mrs Phillips*

## Remote Learning

As we learn more about Google Classroom we find new features. This week we have tried a quiz for the older children and setting work as a google doc. Writing in a google doc after a live lesson has enabled teachers to see what the children are recording in real time and comment as they write.

A few points to remember:

- Please ensure your child is in a family space during sessions for safeguarding reasons (ie. Not alone in their bedrooms)
- Uploading work is probably the trickiest part - please try to ensure the work is uploaded into the correct day. Guidance on how to do this is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STRgCq-yVaQ>
- There will be no additional 'homework' on top of the work set on Google Classroom. This means that should you struggle to complete all the work set, you have extra time to revisit it or to respond to feedback.
- If you have issues with printing out worksheets at home, please email a request for a pack of worksheets using the class email address **by 9am on a Monday morning**. We will then prepare a pack of worksheets for your child and they will be ready to collect from 1pm on a Monday afternoon.

## Notices

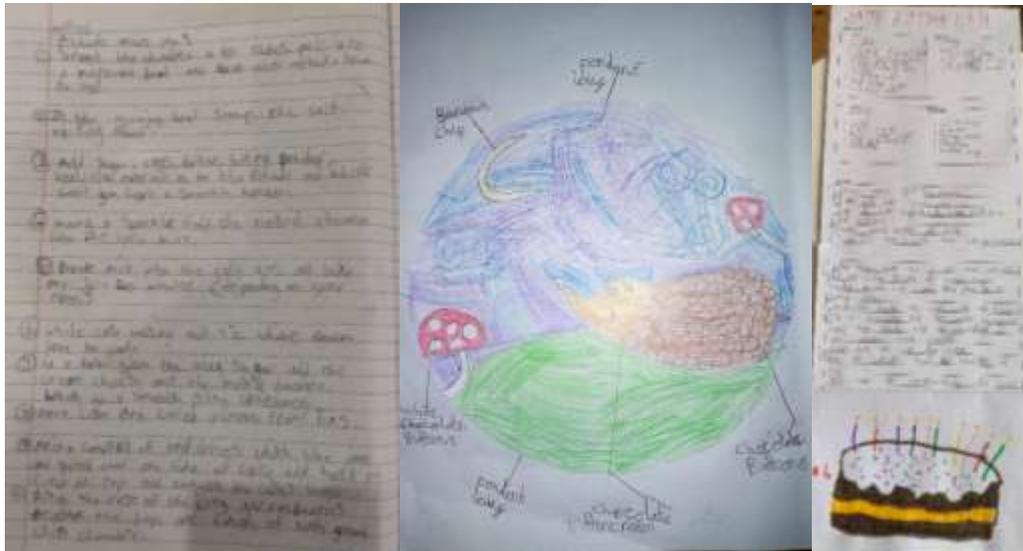
- **COVID-19** - please email us should any of your children test positive for Covid-19.
- **Lunches** - School lunches booked will be provided for those in Kingfishers and Starlings until further notice with the changed menu as emailed.
- **Milk and Fruit snacks** - We are now getting deliveries of free school milk for children under 5 years old who are in school, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables for their mid-morning snack.

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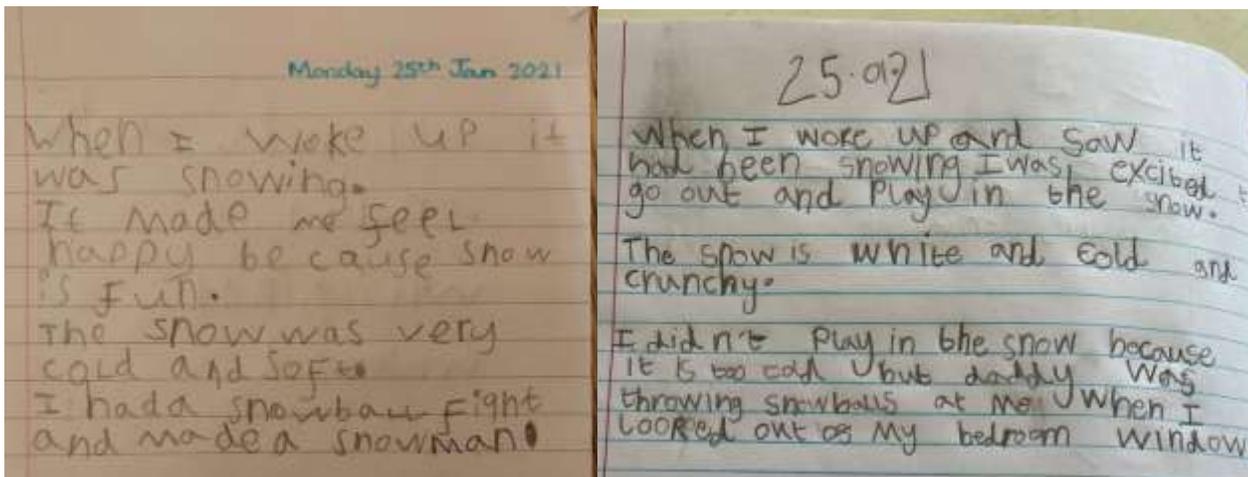
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Mrs Smith turned 40 this last week! The Swallows children were tasked with designing a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday cake and writing instructions. Some even made a cake. Great work!



We've also had fun in the snow!



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Kingfishers have been exploring traditional tales. After reading a variety of versions of the story we began exploring materials around our homes or classroom and built three pig houses. Isla predicted what might happen and then tried to huff and puff them over. Dexter wanted to make sure they could withstand a hurricane!



There's also been lots happening in school.

