

Leigh on Mendip First School

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Last week Mrs Phillips and I held a meeting with Phil Newbury, who is the premises manager for the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership, as well as Greg Smith, a chartered building surveyor from a company called Hookway. The meeting was to look at the potential building works at the school with our imminent move to primary status in September. We discussed our needs for the next academic year as well as looking ahead to when the school will be full, in years to come. Greg is putting together some plans for us to consider which should be with us before the end of Term 3. Our initial aim is to develop the current Owl classroom this coming summer by adding more working space and a larger outdoor area so that it can house two classes. We hope to be able to share these plans with you soon; all the staff are very excited about the changes!

You may have noticed that Mrs Phillips has not been in school this week. Unfortunately she is absent due to family circumstances and will also not be in school next week. We all wish her the best and will welcome her back in school at the beginning of Term 4. I will be in school all day on Monday and Wednesday, as well as Friday afternoon next week if there is anything you need to talk about, or you can approach the school office or your child's teacher as usual.

Next Friday is going to be a busy day as we have Life Education workshops up at the Memorial Hall for all the pupils, with the Year 4 children also attending an author event at the Cheese and Grain during the morning. Please remember that there is a Life Education session for parents at the Memorial Hall from 2:30pm if you would like to attend.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have been in school helping over the last few weeks. Since we mentioned it in the newsletter we have had many kind offers of help, with parents hearing children read and accompanying them swimming, as well as the fantastic effort on the gardens. We really do appreciate all the support that you give the school.

Please remember that we have parents' evenings on the first week back after the half-term break. Sign-up sheets are available in the school hall so please add your name. It is really important that the teachers meet with all parents, so if you are unable to make the times on offer, please let us know and your child's teacher can sort out a different time with you.

Finally we welcomed the Genovia Quartet into school yesterday. They played a selection of different music to the children before Eagle Class children had the opportunity to join in with their own instruments. As we mentioned last week Eagles will now have an opportunity to show off their skills at the Grand Finale Concert at the Cheese and Grain on Tuesday 24th March. You can see some photos of the morning at the top of the second page.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Turull

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School Diary Dates - February

- Tues 11th** Year 2s Multi Skills Festival at Trinity School AM
- Fri 14th** Life Education workshops at the Memorial Hall.
Parents' session 2.30pm - 3pm
Year 4s to Authors Event at the Cheese and Grain, Frome AM
- Mon 17th - Fri 21st** Half term holiday
- Weds 26th** Parents' Evening (1.30pm - 4pm)
No Swimming lesson this week
(pool booked for a gala)
- Thurs 27th** Parents' Evening (5pm - 8pm)

After-School Clubs

As we emailed out earlier in the week, we are now asking for parents to sign up weekly for the Monday sports club. The list will be on the noticeboard in the hall. We will review this at the end of Term 4.

Elliant Club have now requested a term's booking rather than weekly so that they know how many will be attending and to ensure consistency from week to week.



Black Swan Arts in Frome is proud to announce the launch of the **Black Swan Arts Young Open** competition for 2020.

Now in its seventh year, the **Black Swan Arts Young Open** has become the most successful and prestigious art competition for young people between the ages of 8 and 19 years old, as well as the **BIGGEST** young art competition in the South West, attracting hundreds of entries.

Entries to the 2020 competition will be judged, curated and displayed in one of the region's leading **contemporary art galleries** and, as in previous years, prizes will be awarded in three age-group categories. These unique prizes will be in the form of **creative workshops** with practising and successful artists as well as individual prizes and certificates, to the winners in each category. So if you would like the opportunity to have your work exhibited at the **Black Swan Arts** gallery, as well as judged to win a prize, get creating NOW because the deadline for entering your artwork is **28 February 2019**.

We want to see original artwork in any medium or process that our artists can think of. The more unique the artwork, the better: painting, ceramics, modelling, drawing, inks, photography, video, animation, textiles, collage, linocuts, screen-prints, lithographs, collographs, mono-prints, sculpture, waxwork, graphic design, illustration, glass blowing, mosaics, stained glass, metalwork, woodwork, 3D printing and much more! For more information and to enter go to www.blackswanarts.org.uk