



All of our children enjoyed a fantastic whole school session with Jackdaws Music Education Trust this week, as part of the Year of the Recorder. We are currently looking into transport for the event on Wednesday 13th March at the Cheese and Grain, although with no luck so far we may have to ask parents to support in transporting their children. We will let you know after the half-term break.

It was Internet Safety Day on Tuesday this week, something which has become increasingly important for the generation of children currently in primary school. Mrs Ball led an assembly to discuss the positive aspects of using the internet, as well as the risks to children. There is a useful web page on the NSPCC website regarding talking to your children about this issue. You can find that here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety>

There are also other useful resources at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> for all age ranges.

A slight change to our World Book Day celebrations, as we now have another exciting event happening on Friday 8th March (more details to follow!) Therefore we will now be encouraging children to dress up on **Friday 1st March** as their favourite character from a book and classes will take part in a range of book related activities.

Today we are saying a very fond farewell to Georgia Simms, who has been our PGCE student teacher in Starling Class. The children have really enjoyed being taught by her and we wish her every success as she moves on to her next placement at Clutton Primary School. Next term, we will be welcoming two new PGCE students for their final placements; one will be based in Starling Class and the other will be in Goldfinch Class.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Rags 2 Riches Collection. Your clothes helped raise £57.75 for the school. We are also raising funds after school today with the Valentine's Day Cake Sale; we will let you know how much we raise in the next newsletter.

Finally, we would like to wish all of you an enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Phillips

Mr Turull

Weekly Diary for Term 4

Monday	<u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class <u>after school</u> Craft Club with Mrs Layland and Mrs Newbury
Tuesday	<u>8.00 am</u> Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves PE for all children with Mr Groves <u>Lunchtime</u> - Recorder Club with Mrs Ball (KS1) <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 Club with 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> - Dance Club with Mrs Smith
Friday	<u>pm</u> - Forest School for Kingfisher Class and PE for Starling Class



Diary Dates

February

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
Mon 26th - Thurs 29th	Parents' evening for Robins parents 3-3.30pm
Wednesday 28th	Parents' evening rest of school 3.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 29th	Parents' evening rest of school 3.30pm - 6pm No After School Clubs

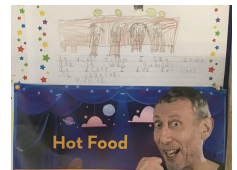
News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we've been reading *Handa's Surprise* and trying lots of new fruits at snack time. In the book Handa carries a basket of fruit on her head so we tried walking with a basket on our heads, it was very tricky!



In Kingfishers we continued exploring the concepts of height, length and time. The book of the week was *Handa's Surprise*, we learned about the African continent and how people and animals live in different habitats. We completed another phonics assessment and the children should all be very proud of their results.



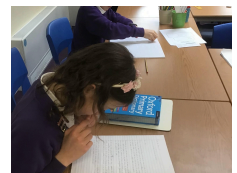
At the end of our music unit in Starlings we created a performance piece for 'Under the Sea'. We used an image of a diver in the ocean and when our conductor, Mrs Brooks, pointed to the image we had created music for we played our instruments. We had a wonderful time!!



In Goldfinches we had a wonderful time during a visit from Jackdaws. The children were shown all different types of recorders; from very small ones, to enormous ones, bigger than the children. They also had the opportunity to play the violin and they played beautifully!



In Swallows the children have written some incredible diary entries this week including writing as an inanimate object from the classroom which produced some very clever, funny work. We then worked on diary entries linked to Beowulf as part of our Anglo Saxon learning.





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**

3:15pm - 5pm **Friday 23rd February**

£2 per child

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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F.O.L.S **QUIZ NIGHT**

30TH MARCH 2024

Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

7pm for a 7.30 start.
Estimated finish time 9:30pm.

£30 per team (up to 6 people per team) includes cheese and biscuits.


Please contact Natalie Light to book your table(s)
Natalief_carter@hotmail.co.uk 07872647417.

Teams must enter before 18th March for a table.

Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks will be available to purchase at the bar.

Non refundable unless the organiser has to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.

Raising funds for our school

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