



We have been actively recruiting support staff over the last few months to join our team at school and following interviews this week, are really pleased to be welcoming two new staff members to Leigh on Mendip. Miss Aimee Burroughs and Miss Lauren Crew both impressed us when we met them and they will be working mainly as teaching assistants in Key Stage 2 classes, as well as at lunchtimes. They will start with us in a couple of weeks and as always, I know the children, staff and parents will make them feel very welcome.

We also have a new pupil with us this week who has moved into the village. Jaime has joined Starling Class in Year 3 and is already getting to know everyone in her class.

We hope you found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions helpful this week and as always, encourage you to contact us by phone, email or in person, if you have any questions or concerns.

For pupils in Year 6, it is that time of year when the secondary schools hold their Open Evenings. We will give you the dates in our newsletter, but would also encourage you to take up the opportunity to visit them during the school day as well so that you and your child can get a real feel of what the school is like.

Mr Turull

Arbor Parent Portal

We have had some great feedback from parents regarding the Arbor Parent Portal. We now have 97% of parents logged into this and encourage those remaining few to get signed up. Through this system, you are able to join your child to clubs, provide consent and change contact details. Soon this platform will also take over from Parent Pay where it will handle school meals, payments and trips too.

If you need any help with this process, please come and see Katie in the office.

Notices

- **Safeguarding** - Please see link to a free online safety training : <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>
- **Parental Consents** - These have now been obtained through Arbor. You are able to check your child's consent on your Arbor App. Please let Katie know in the office if you need to change any of these.
- **Contact Information** - It is important that we keep up to date contact details on record. If you have moved address or changed numbers over the summer, please update these via your Arbor Parent Portal.
- **Wednesday After School Drop in Sessions** - We will be continuing our Wednesday after school drop in sessions this year. You are welcome to go to your child's class directly after pick up to view your child's work.

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Diary Dates

September

Thursday 18th Norton Hill School Open Evening 4:45pm-7:30pm
Wednesday 24th Writhlington School Open Evening 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday 25th Somervale School Open Evening 5:00pm-7:30pm

October

Monday 6th Great Athletes Event (info to follow)
Wednesday 8th Harvest Festival in St Giles Church, Leigh on Mendip
Kingfisher & Starlings - 9am - 10am
Goldfinches & Swallows - 10am - 11am
Wednesday 22nd Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30am
Friday 24th **Inset Day**
End of Term One

November

Monday 3rd **Start of Term Two**
Monday 3rd Rags 2 Riches Collection
Monday 10th Individual & Sibling Photos
Thursday 13th Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 19th Open Afternoon - 1.30 - 3pm
Wednesday 26th Parents Consultations - 1.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 27th School Book Fair Starts

December

Monday 1st School Book Fair Ends
Saturday 6th Christmas Fayre
Friday 12th Whole School Pantomime Trip
Thursday 18th Kingfisher & Starling Class Nativity
Friday 19th **End of Term Two**

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Kylo
Starlings - Maisie
Goldfinches - Finn
Swallows - Aurora

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Mollie
Starlings - Amelia & Sienna
Goldfinches - Adele & Ivy
Swallows - Caitlin & Sophia

Top Doodlers - Goldfinches

Doodle Tables

Goldfinches - Adele
Swallows - Sophia

FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for September:

1st Place (£30) - Number 7 - Clare Jewitt
2nd Place (£20) - Number 41 - Jenny Atkins
3rd Place (£10) - Number 97 - Jackie Chubb

If you would like to be included in the 100 club draw,
please contact a member of FOLS.

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News from the Classrooms



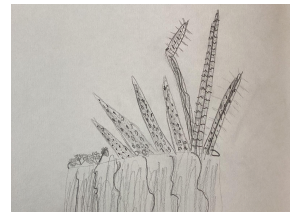
This week in Robins we have been learning about ourselves, making new friends, recognising our names. We have also been looking at the differences and similarities between us.



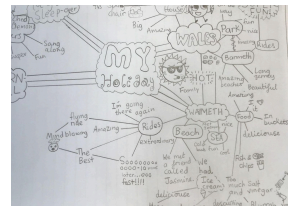
We have welcomed our new friends into the Kingfisher Class. The Reception children have settled very well and are having lots of fun! In year one, we have learnt about the lives of the children in the past and compared them with our lives in the present. We also explored how to stay safe online.



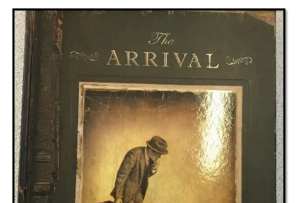
In Starlings class we have been looking at observational drawing. We looked at some plants and began by drawing their basic shapes. We then added in the detail and careful thought about shading the darker parts.



This week goldfinch class has been learning all about how to use description in their writing. They have produced some lovely pieces of work describing settings and have been planning to write a recount all about their holidays. Their mind maps are fabulous!



Highlights in Swallows this week have been the hard work the class have put in on their writing and vocabulary work. Using the book 'The Arrival' as a stimulus, I have been very impressed with the variety of the pupils' vocabulary when finding synonyms and antonyms! In Science, we looked at circuits where the children were pushing the limits of the tiny bulbs to their extremes with their series of batteries! Overall, a great first full week in Swallows!



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