## Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

Newsletter 22 – 29th April 2022

Welcome back to the start of our summer term at Leigh. We have lots planned between now and the summer holidays to engage and excite our pupils, alongside national curriculum tests for Years 2 and 6, phonics screening for Year 1 and transition for all the children ahead of next academic year.

If your child is in reception year and up, you should be receiving an email from your child's class teacher today. This will contain relevant information about Term 5 (such as PE days) and will also have attached to it the termly overview for the class so that you know what your child will be learning. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about this or contact the office if you do not receive anything. Sometimes these emails do go into the spam boxes, so please check there if nothing has arrived.

From Monday, parents of children in Kingfisher and Starling classes will be able to collect their children from the decking area outside the classrooms at the end of the day. The main gate will be opened just after the children return to class following assembly (usually 3:10pm) and you can make your way up there then. As well as this we will be opening up our classrooms for 15 minutes each Friday after school so you can go in and have a look at your child's work. I know many of you have not really seen the new learning areas because of Covid so you will now be able to. We will still be keeping the morning routine the same with drop off in the playground as this helps to get the children into class and settled quickly.

We had a staff meeting this week in which we discussed outdoor learning and forest school. All the classes will be having the opportunity to attend forest school during the summer term - your child's teacher will let you know when that will be for the class, as we will ask them to come to school in different clothes on that day. All the classes will be having one of their PE lessons on a Tuesday with Mr Groves, so all children need to come to school in PE kit on a Tuesday.

Sadly we are not expecting Mrs Phillips back for another few weeks. However we have been in contact with her several times and I know that she is missing everyone at the school. All being well, it hopefully won't be too long before we see her back in school.

Goldfinches were very lucky to be visited by a tree specialist this week, which was a great introduction into their science topic on 'plants.' The children really enjoyed learning about different types of trees and what conditions trees need to grow into healthy, strong trees. After our talk the children were invited to plant a Sargent Cherry tree that has been kindly donated by our Chair of governors, Ty Schlechter. The children love our new tree and will take great care of it as we all watch it grow throughout the years.

This week in Robins they have explored feelings. Our story of the week was 'The worrysaurus' and this has created lots of conversations on how we feel. We have ended the week exploring the feeling 'excited' with feet painting.



Mr Turull

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### Photos from the tree planting this week



# **Diary Dates for this Term**

#### EACH WEEK

Monday	<u>PM</u> - Violin lesson for Swallow Class.	
•	After school Choir Club (yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Lego Club (Ryr and yr1)	
Tuesday	7.45 am Breakfast Club from	
	<u>AM</u> - PE for children in Kingfishers, Robins and Swallows with Mr Groves	
	<u>PM</u> - PE for children in Starlings and Goldfinches with Mr Groves	
	After school Sports Club with Mr Groves	
Wednesday	7.45 am Breakfast Club	
,	<u>After school</u> - Sunflower Club	
Thursday	7.45 am Breakfast Club	
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Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm		Fund raising Cake Sale presented by Goldfinch and Swallow Classes
Mon 9th & Tues 10th		KS2 SATS - English Papers for Year 6 children
Weds 11th & Thurs 12th		KS2 SATS - Maths Papers for Year 6 children
Weds 11th at 8.45am		Parent governor Catherine Farmer in the playground to meet parents
Monday 16th		Whole School Photos
·		Robins to Forest School
Wednesday 25th		Swallow Class day trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre Road Safety Workshops