



Although this has only been a five week term, it feels like we have fitted a lot into it. The children have been very busy with their learning, as well as some trips, forest school and preparing for our Jubilee Picnic and Perform after the half-term break.

Regarding our Jubilee event, we thought you would like to have more details, especially if you are able to come along on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th June. We have amended our timings slightly now that FOLS have kindly offered to have a barbecue as part of the celebrations. Therefore we are inviting everyone to join us at 2:30pm. The children will have some refreshments and will then perform a few songs to everyone. At 3:15pm, we will hand the children back over to you as usual, while hoping that you will then move up to the field where there will be a barbecue for children, parents, families and staff. The children can come to school on that day wearing red, white and blue. Any donations of cakes will be gratefully received as there will also be a cake sale to help raise money for the class trips. If you have any questions about the event, please contact the school office.

It has been brought to our attention by both the lunchtime supervisors and staff accompanying children on school trips, that some lunch boxes are not looking particularly healthy at the moment and that there are children bringing in items such as chocolate bars and fizzy drinks which should not be part of a packed lunch at school. Our Trust has a Packed Lunch policy which is used across all the primary schools. We can forward this to any of you if you would like. It includes the following:

*Government guidelines recommend that packed lunches should **not** include:*

- *snacks such as crisps on a regular basis.*
- *confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits, sweets and fizzy drinks.*
- *processed fruit such as fruit 'Winders' or sugar/yogurt coated fruit.*
- *processed cheese products i.e. cheese strings/Dairylea snack corners.*
- *meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages*

Please remember that not only is a healthy packed lunch better for children but it is often cheaper than buying products such as processed products or chocolate, as well as being better for the environment in terms of packaging.

I wanted to keep you updated on Mrs Phillips, who as you know has been absent from school due to illness relating to Covid. She is really missing everyone and is looking forward to returning to school when she is well again. Although she will hopefully be popping in during the summer term at some of our events, it is unlikely we will see her back in school full time until after the summer break. We continue to wish her all the best for her recovery. While Mrs Phillips is away from school, please feel free to contact Mrs Smith regarding any issues for the children in Goldfinch Class or contact either Mrs Claxton, Miss Stinchcombe or me for any other matters.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable week's break - fingers crossed for sunshine - and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 6th June.



### News from the Classrooms



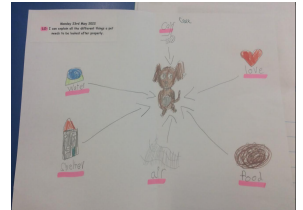
This week we have enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in Robins. We are all very proud of the children's singing. We have been talking about places in London and using the bricks to have a go at creating some of these. Big Ben has been the favourite.



In Kingfishers this week.... we learned about doubling odd and even numbers. We talked about what makes a good friend. And finally our first Butterfly has emerged from its Chrysalis.



This week in Science, Starling class looked at what our pets need to be looked after properly. We decided that all animals need four main things- food, water, a shelter and air. We also know that they need a lot of love and care.



In science, Goldfinch class have been learning all about plants and what they need in order to thrive. The children wanted to know what would happen if we changed the conditions that help them to grow so we thought we would find out!



Swallows were very excited to visit Carymoor Environmental Trust this week to find out more about what life as an Anglo Saxon would have been like. We got to dress up, read runes, decipher ancient animal footprints and make our own bread over a fire. The children had such a brilliant time - when asked about their highlights, lots of them said, 'Everything!'.





### **Diary Dates for the Summer Term**

#### **Each Week**

Monday	<u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Swallow Class. <u>after school</u> Board Games Club)
Tuesday	<u>7.45 am</u> Breakfast Club <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 <u>after school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>after school</u> - Sunflower Club
Thursday	<u>7.45 am</u> Breakfast Club <u>after school</u> - Yoga Club
Friday	<u>after school</u> - Rounders Club

#### **June**

Wednesday 8th	Jubilee Picnic and Perform Event
Friday 10th	Swallows and Goldfinches Trip to Bristol Hippodrome
Tuesday 21st	Sports Day (or 5th July if wet weather)
Monday 27th - 1st July	Arts Week

#### **July**

Thursday 7th July	Swallow Class play afternoon performance
Friday 8th July	Swallow Class play evening performance
Wednesday 13th July	Kingfisher & Starling Class Longleat trip

### **Friends of Leigh School**

#### **Art Week w/c 27 June 22**

During Art week, we swap our normal scheduled lessons for a week long immersion in all things Art! From painting to sculpture, pottery to dance, music, textiles and photography – we look to inspire our children in a range of artistic expressions.

If you have any contacts in the art world or suggestions for activities, please let us know by emailing [secretary.friendsofleighschool@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.friendsofleighschool@gmail.com) or talking to the office. Parents/Governors who are DBS checked would also be welcome to come and support. Please let us know if you would like to be involved.

#### **BBQ HERO NEEDED!**

Are you or do you know a grilling expert? FoLs own a professional BBQ – but none of us know how to use it! We're looking for someone who'd like to fix it up, make sure it's functional and then work their grilling magic at a couple of events over the summer. Email [secretary.friendsofleighschool@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.friendsofleighschool@gmail.com) or talk to the office if you can help.

#### **FOLS MEETINGS**

We're trying some different times and locations over the coming months to see if we can encourage more people to come and along and see what we do. Hopefully it goes without saying, but there will be cake at all meetings!

7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm – School hall

5<sup>th</sup> July, 3.15pm – School hall





### Community News

#### Leigh on Mendip Celebrates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June

Here's all you need to know! Come along! Get involved!



##### Thursday

**12 noon** - Planting of birch tree to support Queen's canopy and siting the Jubilee bench. Grass at Park Hayes opposite the flats, with Fizz and Jubilee cake donated by Juliet Fenne Green

**3pm -Afternoon Tea** by invitation only  
(due to space constraints) at the Memorial Hall.

**9.30pm - Lighting of Leigh Beacon** at the Recreation field  
with sausage rolls, beer and cider!

##### Friday

**11am - The Church Bells** will ring out 840 changes, one for every month of the Queen's reign.  
At the same time as the  
Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral

**2.30pm - Trio Paradis** playing in St Giles Church

##### Friday and Saturday

##### Leigh Fest at The Bell Inn

Real Ale and Gin tent. Live music on both days. Hog Roast  
Friday and Burgers Saturday. Tickets available now from the  
Pub!

##### Sunday

##### 1pm onwards- Village Picnic at the Recreation Ground Rain or Shine!

Bring your own picnic and drinks.  
Free activities for children include; Games, Bowls, Potting up of seedlings to take home, Table top treasure hunt, Treasure hunt around the field. Parade of Kings and Queens by school children.

Bring your own Games, Planes etc

##### Leigh Time Capsule.

Watch as the time capsule is filled by the organisation's in the village! at the Village Picnic!  
What will go in it?

##### All Weekend - Best decorated house competition

Decorate your house anyway you like! Flags, flowers, bunting, pictures etc. **Judging will take place Thursday pm/ Friday and announced at the Picnic.**

**The winning house gets a free Sunday lunch at the Bell Inn for the whole household!!!**

##### KEY FOBS

To commemorate the event, local artist Richard Blaker was commissioned to create unique KEY FOBS for every child of Primary school age and younger living in the Village.

**These are free for the children and adults can purchase them from the Bell Inn village shop. The children's key fobs can be collected from outside the shop Thursday morning between 9.30am - 11.00am**

##### THANKS

The organisers send their grateful thanks to our Sponsors  
Cookwood, Peppers, John Shepherd Feeders, The Bell Inn  
Organisations and Individuals in the Village, which made it happen.

**Celebrate! Get involved! Come along!**



The Leigh on Mendip Summer Fair will be taking place on Saturday 16th July. The children will be taking part in the 'May pole' and an art competition, which will have the winners announced on the day of the fair.

In the evening, there will be a Barn Dance for all the family at which FOLS will be running a sweet stall. Under 12s are free -it's just £4 if they would like some of the homemade food.

Please come and support this event!

