Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

Newsletter 29 – 5th May 2023



We have put on celebrations for the King's Coronation in school today with all the children enjoying a tea party, which unfortunately had to be moved inside due to the weather. This included a feast of sandwiches, cucumber, decorated cakes and strawberries! The children also took part in many Coronation inspired activities in their classes and many are now looking forward to watching this spectacle on the television tomorrow. Thanks to FOLS for contributing towards the tea party and for buying each child a packet of wildflower seeds.

We often walk around the school to see the children in each class - and preschool - during their learning. We pick up on many things, most of it very positive, such as how well focused our children are, showing impeccable behaviour and how much they are enjoying their learning. However, today we did notice that many of the older pupils in the school have started to wear trainers. This is not part of our school uniform unless it is a PE day, so please make sure your child is wearing black school shoes. You can view our school uniform expectations on the school website -

https://www.leighonmendipschool.co.uk/parents-information/school-uniform.htm

There has been an influx of holiday request forms in the last couple of weeks. While we understand that holidays in term time are significantly cheaper than in the school holidays, we must remind you that we are unable to authorise these unless they are in very exceptional circumstances and that holidays of 10 or more school sessions (5 school days) in any 100 session period (50 school days) will most likely result in a penalty notice from the local authority.

We hope you have a lovely long weekend celebrating the King's Coronation and would like to finish by wishing our Year 6 children the best of luck in their SATs next week. They have worked very hard preparing and we are extremely proud of all of their efforts. We look forward to seeing them on Tuesday, bright and early for a delicious pre-SATs breakfast.

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

Diary Dates

May

Tuesday 9th Year 6 SATS week

Monday 15th 2.45pm - 3.15pm Starling Class drop in session for parents Tuesday 16th 2.45pm - 3.15pm Kingfisher Class drop in session for parents Wednesday 17th 2.45pm - 3.15pm Goldfinch Class drop in session for parents

Thursday 18th Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament

Class photos

2.45pm - 3.15pm Swallow Class drop in session for parents

Monday 22nd Year 6 residential to Barton Hall until Friday 26th May

Friday 26th Half Term

<u>June</u>

Monday 5th Start of Term 6

Tuesday 6th New Reception parents meeting 4 - 5pm

Tuesday 13th 6pm Goldfinch Class Play Performance in Memorial Hall Wednesday 14th 2pm Goldfinch Class Play Performance in Memorial Hall

Monday 26th Arts Week

Thursday 29th GB athlete to visit school

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News from the Classrooms



Our topic in Robins this week has been 'On the Farm' where the children have been learning all about the animals you can find on a farm and setting up and playing with their own farms. We've also been making Union Jack bunting and crowns ready for the Coronation.





This week Kingfishers discovered the meaning of cave paintings and hieroglyphics as a means of communication.

We learned about wild and garden flowers and explored the school grounds to identify which flowers we have in school.



In Wren Woods we used sticks, leaves and stones to draw a message.



Great news!! After replanting seeds (that didn't grow when our classroom's heating was not working) we are pleased to tell everybody that this week the seeds germinated and we now have little seedlings.





The children in Goldfinch class have been working hard this week in maths. Children in Year 3 have been measuring perimeters and children in Year 4 have been learning about fractions beyond one!





Swallows have had a productive, fun week. We have enjoyed writing using figurative language as well as finding out about and role playing the experience of evacuees in History. Why not ask your child more about our World War II topic?



FOLS

FOLS are organising the third annual Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May from 11am until 3pm at Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall.

There will be garden and house plants for sale as well as refreshments, so come and grab a bargain! They are also running a garden/plant related raffle with some great prizes on offer. Please can we encourage you to sell the raffle tickets that were put in your child's book bags and please return tickets stubs/money and any unsold tickets by Friday 12th May.