# Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

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# **VE Day Celebration**

What a wonderful day we had yesterday marking the 80 year celebration of VE Day. In the morning, the children were welcomed by the community at a little gathering outside the memorial hall for a short service of remembrance. The children's behaviour was impeccable which was noted by several email comments sent in from parents and also these words from the organiser of the event.

"Just a short note to say how much we all enjoyed this morning's parade and how wonderful the children were. I hope they didn't get too cold but they were all good as gold, a real credit to themselves and the school; several people have commented about how well the two girls read their pieces and as for the singing .... it was great."

In the afternoon, a street party was created on our school playground where the children thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful food that you provided (thank you!) whilst listening to war time songs. We then ended the celebrations with some dancing and a huge cheer to the brave soldiers that fought for our country.



#### Mrs Ball

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# Diary Dates

May

Monday 12th Rugby Workshop - Goldfinch and Swallow Class

Wednesday 14th Reception Class vision screening

Thursday 15th Kingfisher and Starling Class trip to Wake the Tiger Monday 19th Rugby Workshop - Goldfinch and Swallow Class

Tuesday 20th Year 3 Maths Event - 4 - 4.45pm at Somervale Secondary School Tuesday 20th Robins Preschool - Stay & Play Open Morning 9.30 - 11.30am.

Wednesday 21st - 23rd Swallows Class Residential trip

Friday 23rd End of Term 5

#### **Notices**

- Wake the Tiger We are still awaiting for consent for 38 children to attend the Wake the Tiger Trip. Please check and provide these on Parent Pay if you haven't yet given it.
- Robins Invoices for the summer term have now been distributed.
   Please return your parent declaration and payment choice forms to the school office by 12th May.
- Vision Screening Reception class will have a vision screening on Wednesday 14th May. If you would like to opt out, please return the letter to the office.
- Rugby Workshop Children in Swallow and Goldfinch class will have a Rugby workshop on the following Mondays and will need their PE kit - 12th May, 19th May, 2nd June, 9th June, 16th June
- St Giles Church There will be a manned Spring Spectacular event every Thursday - 2.30 to 4.30pm in St Giles church. Drink and Cake only £2, or £1 for children.

# Top Doodlers

#### **Doodle Maths**

Kingfishers - Orianna & Paige Starlings - Sienna & Darcey T Goldfinches - Caitlin

Swallows - Sophia

Top Doodlers - Starlings

<u>Doodle Tables</u> Starlings - Flo Goldfinches - Kye

#### Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Alice Starlings - Xanthe Goldfinches - Lettie Swallows - Ava

# Stay & Play Open Morning



at Leigh on Mendip School

Join us for a stay & play open morning and find out about our wonderful preschool.

DROP IN - 9.30 - 11.30AM

TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY & TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

Spaces
Available
for children aged
2-4 years old



For more information, please email office@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk

# **Useful Contacts**

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# **News from the Classrooms**



In Robins this week we are continuing the theme of farming and we have been talking about the different machinery used. We had a visit from a local farmer who showed us his tractor. It was interesting and good fun.





This week, we concluded our Science unit, exploring different materials and their properties.

We learned about more Jewish festivals and had great fun rewriting new twists and turns of our book of the week - "The King's Pants."





This week, Starlings took part in their final Archery session with IG Sports. They enjoyed using their training to participate in a competition which will be judged against other schools within the Frome area. We will let you know the outcome!





This week in English we had fun looking at characters from the book 'Gigantic'. In one of our lessons, we acted out how characters might behave depending on their status. We ranked their status from 1-6 and children had a great time playing the role of someone who might have a high status, parading around very confidently compared to someone who was down on their luck with a lower status. The children went on to write some amazing character descriptions!





In Swallows, we've been looking at historical sources from WW2 to see how Bristol was affected by the Blitz. We looked at photos, a choropleth map, German aerial maps of Bristol and a newspaper article from 1942. See an example of their work here.



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