



Open Days

We held an Open Morning and an Open Afternoon for prospective parents over the last couple of weeks. It was great getting to meet some new faces and show them what goes on at our school. I would like to say a huge thank you to our three Year 6 pupils - Isla, Liucija and Lottie - as well as some of the Year 5s - Jack, Henry and Sophia - who took our visitors on the tours. Everyone visiting commented on how fantastic they were as tour guides, really knowledgeable and positive about the school as well as being polite and respectful.

Parent Governor

We have our next Local Governing Body meeting on Thursday next week and will be welcoming Vikki Fear as our new Parent Governor. We would like to thank her for volunteering for this role and look forward to working with her on the committee.

Mr Turull

BOOK FAIR

We are excited to announce that from next week, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair at our school. The children will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day to create a 'wishlist'. Parents are then invited to visit at school collection time to browse and purchase any books.

Dates - 28th November - 9th December

Time - 3.15pm - 3.30pm

Place - School Hall

Payment - This will be a cashless event and payments can be made online. We will have payment posters around the hall. Please show a member of staff your payment confirmation and you will then be able to take your books home with you.

We hope that this event will be well supported. The more books that we sell, the more FREE books the school will receive!



We would like to invite parents into school for a festive Christmas Craft Afternoon.

Thursday 5th December - 1.30pm - 3pm

1.30pm - 2pm - Join your child for a warm drink and mince pie - donations welcome.

Please initially go to the classroom of your youngest child. Each class will then have a chance to go to the hall for refreshments.

2 - 3pm - Christmas craft activities will begin at 2pm with children remaining in their usual classroom. Parents of siblings are welcome to move between classrooms to join in with the activities.



Diary Dates

November

Tuesday 26th Book Fair arrives at School
Wednesday 27th **INSET DAY**

December

Friday 6th FOLS Print and Prosecco Evening
Saturday 7th Christmas Fayre & Christmas Tree Sale
Monday 9th Christmas Violin Performance - Goldfinches 2.45pm
Tuesday 10th Book Fair Ends
Thursday 12th Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th Whole School pantomime trip
Monday 16th Starling Class Christmas Nativity 2-3pm
Wednesday 18th Swallows/Goldfinches Christmas Carol Service 2-3pm
Wednesday 18th Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 19th Kingfisher Class Christmas Nativity 2-3pm
Thursday 19th FOLS Movie night
Friday 20th **End of Term 2**

FOLS 100 Club

We are excited to announce our very first winners!

1st Place (£30) - Number 100 - Natalie Light
2nd Place (£20) - Number 33 - Adam Cooke
3rd Place (£10) - Number 35 - Rosie Leschallas

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

Notices

- **Christmas Artwork** - We have now received the children's beautiful Christmas Artwork that was ordered last term. The children will be given their items to bring home once the orders have been paid for. Please complete this via Parent Pay.
- **Pantomime** - Reminder to all that the Pantomime trip will take place on 13th December. Please ensure you provide consent beforehand via Parent Pay.
- **Clubs** - There will be NO school run after school clubs on the last week of school (16-20th December)
- **Inset Day** - Don't forget that Wednesday 27th November is an inset day.
- **Coats** - Now the weather is turning colder, please can everyone ensure that children come to school with a warm winter coat and appropriate clothing.
- **Parking** - Please can everyone be sure to park considerably. We have had another complaint from a local resident after a parent obstructed the driveway with a cream/white BMW. The owners of The Old Vicarage would be grateful if parents give their driveway extra room during school collection times. Thank you.
- **Christmas Festival** - Come and join us for our Christmas Festival on Saturday 7th December between 10am-2pm to raise funds for Leigh On Mendip School. We will be hosting:
Our popular christmas tree sale, a brand new Santa's Grotto Experience, independent stalls, elf workshop, games and crafts, festive refreshments.

To enable a viable event, please book your Santa's Grotto Tickets asap from Ticket Source or by following this QR code:



Christmas Trees can be ordered on the day or in advance to the school office.

Well done Flo!!

"Over the weekend I swam 230 laps of the pool, that's 3,250m! For a worthy cause being the Paediatric Oncology team at the RUH in Bath. So far, together we have raised over £33,000!"

What an incredible achievement Flo. A huge well done from everyone at Leigh on Mendip School.





News from the Classrooms



This week we have been exploring space themed activities. The children have enjoyed creating planet paintings, watching rocket launches and learning about gravity.

The children were amazed that the garden was full of ice this week, which has meant we have read lots of winter-themed books.



The preparations for the Christmas Nativity are in full swing!

The children are practising their words and songs frequently.

This week's book was *Percy the Park Keeper - One Snowy Night*, we have been wishing for a bit of snow to play.

The Year 1 children started a new topic in Geography - *The UK* - we have been learning about the four countries and their capital cities.

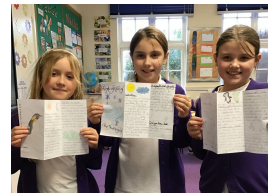
The reception children had lots of fun playing games and learning about composition of numbers from 2 to 5!



This week in Starlings we have been continuing our Science investigation into rocks. We designed a plaque for the school gate using the type of rock that we thought would last the longest. In English we have continued our writing based on the Egyptian Cinderella Story and on Wednesday we were lucky enough to attend a gymnastics festival in Frome where we all tested our skills on bars, balance beams and rope climbing!



This week, Goldfinch class produced amazing information leaflets all about Antarctica to attract tourists to the continent, this is linked to both our english and geography topics. They filled them with bright pictures and loads of interesting facts, they have learnt so much! They are on display on our Antarctica display board for you to view on your next visit.



In Swallows this week, we started our DT topic. Our design brief is to make a stuffed toy for someone younger. We had to be really specific with our designs and include any appliqués and decorative stitches that we would like to use.





LEIGH ON MENDIP SCHOOL

Christmas Festival

7TH DECEMBER 2024
10AM - 2PM

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
SANTA'S GROTTTO**

PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED, PLEASE SEE BELOW

**ELF WORKSHOP
INDEPENDENT STALLS
FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS
GAMES & CRAFTS
RAFFLE**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE IN
SANTA'S GROTTTO,
PLEASE VISIT:

