## Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

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Following our Local Governing Body meeting this week, we now have a vacancy for a new parent Governor to represent Leigh on Mendip. Just to remind you, we are a joint committee with Hemington Primary School which has many benefits, including sharing expertise and good practice across the two schools. If you feel that you would be able to attend up to six meetings a year (usually Wednesday or Thursday evenings) as well as come into school for visits and to meet with staff, then please contact the school office for more information and a Governor application form. Please can you let us know by Friday 18th October so that we can look at the new Governor starting at our next meeting in November. This is a great opportunity for someone who would like to put forward their ideas of how to keep improving the school over the next few years.

We have been asked to share with you the following website where you will find a directory for information you might find useful for your family - <a href="https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/find/">https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/find/</a> There are always many events and activities going on in Frome and this website provides information about many things there as well as the surrounding villages.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Giles' Church next Wednesday morning for our two Harvest services. The children have been practising their harvest songs and also have some other items to share with you. The first service will begin at 9:30am for the children in Robins, as well as Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The second service is at 10:10am for all of the children in Key Stage 2. Fair Frome will be collecting any food items for donation; if children bring these with them to school on Wednesday, they can then carry them up to the church with them.

#### Mr Turull

### **Diary Dates**

October

Tuesday 8th Visual screening for year 1 children Wednesday 9th Harvest Festival in St Giles' Church

KS1 service to begin at 9.30am, KS2 service to begin at 10.10am

Friday 18th Individual & sibling photographs - ALL children to wear school uniform

Thursday 24th FOLS Halloween Disco - Please see poster in reception

Friday 25th INSET DAY End of Term 1

<u>November</u>

Monday 4th Start of Term 2

Wednesday 6th Parents' Evening - more information to follow

Wednesday 13th Open Morning - 9.30am - 11am Wednesday 20th Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3pm

Wednesday 27th INSET DAY

<u>December</u>

Thursday 12th Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th Whole School pantomime trip

Friday 20th End of Term 2

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#### **News from the Classrooms**



We have been talking about all things Autumn in Robin Class this week! We have discussed different seasons, Autumn colours, how the leaves change and different animals that hibernate. We made a hedgehog hotel and have started to decorate our window with leaf sun catchers too.





The reception children have been working very hard in Maths making patterns with Autumn items. The year ones have grown in confidence with their number families. We had lots of fun singing and reenacting the *Little Red Hen* story. In Art, we recreated a Harvest painting by Van Gogh - take a look here.





Starlings had a great time at Forest School this week making dens just like the three little pigs in the story we have been learning. The children have enjoyed writing their own versions that are really amazing! Will the wolf turn out to be a good guy or a bad one?! .....



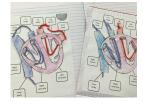


This week in music, Goldfinch class have been practising body percussion. We all enjoyed making musical sequences using 'boom, snap, clap, stomp' as different timbres to make our music.





This week, Swallows have been learning all about the heart and how it pumps blood around the body. We created diagrams to show how the blood enters and exits the heart. Take a look <a href="here">here</a> to see what we have created. Why not quiz your children on the names of the 4 chambers?



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### **Notices**

- Christmas Artwork This week, the children will have brought home their Christmas Artwork. Please
  return your order forms to the school office by the 11th October. Individual payments will be
  uploaded to your Parent Pay account.
- Harvest Festival Next week we will be holding our Harvest Festival. Please let us know if you
  would like to come.
- Rags2Riches We have a collection booked for the 12th November. If you are due a wardrobe sort
  out please consider donating.
- School Governor The MNSP Trust are seeking individuals to join the Governing Board. This is a
  wonderful opportunity for those who are passionate about education to make a meaningful impact
  on our school and help shape the future for our students. Please see the advert attached to this
  week's newsletter.
- Times Table Rockstars Some children are using an out-of-date version of Times Table Rock Stars at home. If using the website, please visit <u>play.ttrockstars.com/reset</u> to load the latest version in your device browser. Or, please check and update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.
- Vision Screening All consenting year one children will be having their vision screening on Tuesday.



