



Harvest Service

We held a lovely harvest festival on Wednesday this week at St Giles' Church. A fantastic effort from all the children with great singing and presentations. A special thank you to Father Graham for leading the service. For those of you who haven't met him yet, Graham is a retired vicar who lives in the village; we are looking forward to inviting him again for Christmas carols in December. There were so many kind donations of produce, which has all been taken to the Fair Frome food bank. Thank you to all of the children and their families for these contributions.

Parent Consultations

Parents' evening is booked for Wednesday 6th November and the sign up sheets for this will be available on the playground at the end of the school day every day from Monday afternoon (or in the office if it is raining). If you do not collect your child, please email us from Monday and we will find a 10-minute slot for you. This is a really good opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher about how the new school year has started. If you are unable to attend on that date, please email us and we will find a different day/time. With the current absence of Mrs Ball, we would ask parents to sign up and should a face to face meeting not be possible, we would then look at either a virtual meeting or rearrange for slightly later in the term.

Starling Class

We would like to update you on Mrs Ball's absence and the provision in Starling Class. We are very grateful for the members of staff and our supply teachers for standing in over the last few weeks around their other commitments, but are aware that there hasn't been a settled structure for the class. We have employed a different supply teacher, Miss Laidler, who will be covering the absence which will be at least up to half term. Mrs Bollin will continue to teach on Fridays and there will still be Wren Woods sessions on Thursday afternoons. Mrs Ball is still in a lot of pain and we are in daily contact with her. I know you will join me in passing on best wishes for her and hope that she is well again soon.

Mr Turull





News from the Classrooms



The children in Robin Class have been very busy this week! They have planted and washed vegetables, practised lots of different Autumn songs and taken part in their very first Harvest Festival! The children noticed the stained glass windows in the church, so they have had a go at colouring their own in. We have been reading *The Little Red Hen* and the children have worked together to bake their own bread.



This week we explored our sense of taste, we had lots of fun on a tasting session for something sweet, sour, bitter and salty. We also celebrated the Harvest festival, the children made amazing seasonal crowns, artwork and sang beautifully in church.



We drew pictures of our favourite harvest fruit and vegetables using oil pastels for our harvest art creations! Year two made harvest baskets and year 3 made harvest wreaths - they looked amazing!



This week in Goldfinch class we have moved on to the new maths module of addition and subtraction. We have been using manipulatives and place value charts to help us.



This week in Swallows we have been making collagraph printing plates. First we had to test different materials to see which prints and patterns we liked. Then we glued the materials we liked on to cardboard to make different patterns and textures. The pasta, cheerios and rice seemed to be the favourite textures. Next week we will use these to print a background for our art work inspired by Teis Albers.



Notices

- **Multi-Sports Festival** - Starling Class parents will have been informed of the upcoming event. Please consent and action payment via Parent Pay.
- **School Photos** - Next Friday, the children will be having their individual and sibling photos. Please can all children wear school uniform regardless of if it is their PE day.
- **Morning Snacks** - We have seen a rise in crisps and chocolate being brought in from home for morning snacks. Please can we remind parents that whilst snacks can be brought in, they should be something healthy.
- **Social Media** - If you would like to follow our school social media pages, you can find us on both Facebook & Instagram.
- **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.



Diary Dates

October

Friday 18th	Individual & sibling photographs - ALL children to wear school uniform
Thursday 24th	FOLS Non uniform day. Halloween themed. Please no face paints and sensible costumes as children will still be swimming and attending forest school.
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Thursday 24th	FOLS Halloween Disco - Please see poster in reception
Friday 25th	INSET DAY End of Term 1

November

Monday 4th	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 6th	Parents' Evening - more information to follow
Wednesday 13th	Open Morning - 9.30am - 11am
Tuesday 19th	Book Fair arrives at School
Wednesday 20th	Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3pm
Friday 22nd	FOLS Print and Prosecco Evening
Tuesday 26th	Book Fair ends
Wednesday 27th	INSET DAY

December

Friday 6th	FOLS Movie night & PJs
Saturday 7th	Christmas Fayre & Christmas Tree Sale
Thursday 12th	Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th	Whole School pantomime trip
Wednesday 18th	KS2 Christmas Carol Service TBC
Thursday 19th	KS1 Nativity Play TBC
Friday 20th	End of Term 2

LEIGH ON MENDIP SCHOOL
Nurturing Curious Minds

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?
Join us for a tour of our lovely village school and find out why our children love to learn.

OPEN MORNING
13th November 2024
9.30am - 11am

OPEN AFTERNOON
20th November 2024
1.30pm - 3pm

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please call 01373 812592
Or email - office@leighonmendipschool.co.uk

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Leigh on Mendip School

TUCK SHOP

Hot Dogs

£4 per child
£2 per sibling

HALLOWEEN DISCO
THURS 24TH OCTOBER
Leigh Memorial Hall
3:30PM - 5:00PM

Fancy dress optional

R.I.P.

FOLS

Please note that parents/guardians **MUST** accompany their children to this event.