



NEWSLETTER

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
22-26 Jan	Lunchtime Recorder Club* Library open after school Primary Sports Football Club 3:30—4:30pm	Breaktime Library open Lunchtime EYFS/ KS1 Multiskills Club* Lunchtime KS2 Chess Club*	Lunchtime Skylarks/ Kingfishers Fitness Club*		
29 Jan - 2 Feb	Lunchtime Recorder Club* Library open after school Primary Sports Football Club 3:30—4:30pm	Breaktime Library open Lunchtime EYFS/ KS1 Multiskills Club* Lunchtime KS2 Chess Club*	Lunchtime Skylarks/ Kingfishers Fitness Club*		

*Children can sign up for Lunchtime Clubs at school. Primary Sports Football Club can be booked here: [Football Club](#)

Dates for your Diary

24 January	3:45pm FLS meeting in Skylarks OR
25 January	7:30pm FLS meeting at The Old Malt Scoop
30 January	1:30pm Year 6 Netball at CPS
7 February	Bags2School bag collection
8-9 February	Kingfishers Residential Trip
9 February	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Skylarks Great Fire of London Day
10-18 February	HALF TERM
19 February	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
1 March	Year 6 Secondary School Allocation Day
6 March	Skylarks trip to Exmoor Zoo
7 March	World Book Day
8 March	9:15am Robins Mother's Day Assembly
20 March	Robins trip to Woolley Animals Walking and Farm

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has certainly felt very wintery the past week, and the children have been enjoying the ice on the playground!

This week we have been reflecting on our school improvement priorities and thinking about our progress and next steps in these areas. One of our priorities centred around enrichment and we wanted to improve the range of extra curricular activities on offer to the children. We are well underway with this.

Clubs

Children can now enjoy a menu of activities to take part in at lunchtimes, from chess through to recorders and multiskills. We hope to continue to expand the activities on offer in line with the children's interests.

Memorable Moments

All topics now include a memorable moment which could be a trip out or a visitor in school. So far this school year we have had a theatre trip, a Viking Day, an evacuation, trips to Tiverton Museum, a Superhero Day and a visit from a planning officer. We have lots more exciting ideas lined up for the rest of the year and feel sure that these memorable moments really help to bring the learning alive for our learners. For the first time, we are also able to offer residential visits for all children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) and we are really looking forward to the first of these at the beginning of February.

Sport

This year we have participated in a range of competitive sports fixtures within mid Devon. Children have really benefitted from the opportunity to play competitive sport with or against children from other local schools. This helps to build sportsmanship, confidence and resilience and I have loved having the opportunity to see our children compete in these events. It is my hope that all children leave primary school having had the opportunity to play sport alongside children from other schools.

Mr Healey has recently taken over as PE Lead and I know he has great plans to build upon the range of opportunities already on offer to our children. As well as competitive sport, we have been able to improve our PE provision through the addition of swimming for Key Stage 2. Children have really enjoyed this, and the progress they have made in the pool is phenomenal.

Music

This year we have worked to improve the quality of our music lessons within school. The addition of a class set of glockenspiels has really helped to improve children's opportunities to perform, and weekly singing assemblies have helped to develop confidence in this area. Over the next six months we hope to be able to offer whole class ensemble tuition so that all children gain the experience of learning to play an instrument.

We are very proud that we have been able to increase our peripatetic offer to include drums and flute as well as guitar, and this is something I am keen to develop further. If your child has a particular interest in learning a specific instrument, do let us know as we may be able to find a peripatetic teacher who can teach them in school. It is my ultimate aim to create a Lapford School band, but we need a few more instrumentalists first!

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning continues to be a strength at Lapford. As well as our strong offer around play through OPAL we are also able to offer weekly Forest School sessions for part of the year. We cannot wait to get these underway again after half term and Mrs K has some lovely ideas to explore the forest in Spring.

Also look out for a Forest School Festival in the summer, in which we hope to see children from across the Trust joining us to experience our wonderful facilities.

Community Events

The strength of our community is what makes Lapford such a special place to be, and we have loved the opportunities we have had to build links within the community. Using the Congregational Church for Harvest and Christmas services was really special and we look forward to strengthening this relationship. We have also enjoyed singing at a range of community events including the Lapford Revel and the Over 60s Christmas lunch. We are always keen to work collaboratively with the community and would love to hear from any local groups who may like to be involved in a joint project.

There is so much to celebrate in terms of enrichment and I'm sure you can appreciate the improvements that we have made. We will continue to strengthen this area of school life throughout the remainder of the school year.

Have a wonderful week

Mrs Wright



Kingfishers Spotlight



The Kingfishers have been enjoying their focus book of Mimi and the Mountain Dragon this half term. Learning the book is an important part of this, developing fluency in reading and story re-telling. They have picked apart the features of the story and are now working towards writing their own version.

Simile and metaphor work by Reece.

He was huge and had ginger orange eyes and claws ^{as} sharper than swords. a tail as filthy as a dirty plate. He ^{had} needles along with his stubby knees and he's ^{was} bigger than trees. Indigo spikes on his back which were more poisonous than venom.



During PE this half term, the children have been learning new skills in both hockey and gymnastics, enjoying being active and developing knowledge of the sports.

Last week in Science, we took part in an interactive Space show. We travelled by rocket into space and were able to explore the universe virtually.

Our History work has focused around the Indus Valley Civilisation. So far we have identified the modern countries where the Indus Valley was and found out more about the archaeologists who discovered it.

Making kites in DT with Mrs Healey has certainly been a highlight of this half term for the Kingfishers!



Kingfishers have also impressed Mrs Healey with their conversational French skills. They can greet each other, ask each other how they are, and know how to introduce themselves. Tres bien!

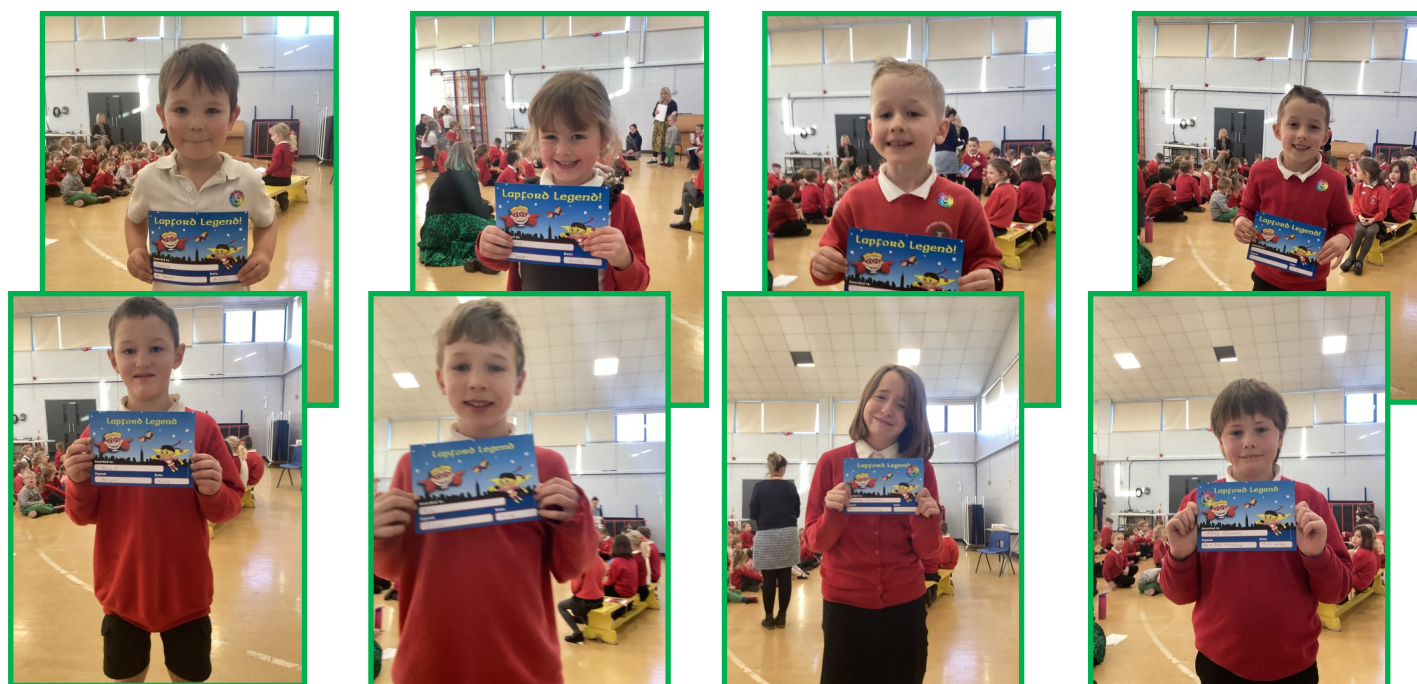
Stars of the Week - 19th January




Congratulations to Harper, Roman, Florence, Eileidgh, Charley, Zeph, Ewan and Hannah!



Lapford Legends—19th January



Congratulations to Dominic, Sapphire, Charlie, George, Reece R, Billy, Calley and Edward!



LAPFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

3.30-4.30

OPEN TO ALL YEARS

DATE **MONDAY 8TH JANUARY-
MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY**

HOW TO BOOK

- VISIT OUR WEBSITE: PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK
- CLICK ON THE TAB 'BOOK NOW'
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CHULMLEIGH SPORTS CENTRE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

NOW OPEN TO YEAR 1

SCHOOL YEARS 1, 2 & 3	10:00 - 11:30
SCHOOL YEARS 4, 5 & 6	11:30 - 13:00

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MARTIN BRICE
MARTIN.BRICE@DEVONCRICKET.CO.UK | 07939 015663



Opal Update



The benefits of having several days of temperatures below freezing meant that the children were able to have lots of ice to play with!

The frozen water in buckets, tyres, pots and pans provided endless play opportunities for the children. Playing with ice stimulates all of your senses including touch, sight and hearing and also aids fine motor skills.

GOLD AWARD



Congratulations to Louanna Ellis for receiving our Gold Award. Louanna received the award for showing compassion towards children who had bumped themselves, often coming back to the adult,

who administered first aid, to check how the child was getting on.

Louanna is a wonderful example of how our children show compassion and empathy towards each another!



PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Please come and join FLS and be involved in the growth of our school.

Wednesday 24th January 3.45pm
In Skylarks classroom

Or

Thursday 25th January 7.30pm
At The Old Malt Scoop, Back Room

Share your ideas and thoughts, Community members, parents, grandparents, everyone is welcome.



CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

Assistant Kitchen Manager Vacancy at Chulmleigh College

20 hours per week term time only

Grade C (£12.18 - £12.59 per hour) depending on experience

Permanent post available from February 2024 at Chulmleigh College. Please click here for further information on the vacancy and how to apply:

[Assistant Kitchen Manager Job Vacancy](#)

Closing date: Monday 29th January 2024

Interview date: Monday 5th February 2024



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- 40% of ticket sales go straight to our school funds
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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

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School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2023/2024 Academic Year

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College Week	1	2	1	2		1	2	1		2		1	2	1	2		1	2				1	2	1	2	1			2		1	2
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Tuesday		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
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26 December 2023
01 January 2024
29 March 2024 (Good Friday)
01 April 2024 (Easter Monday)
06 May 2024 (May Day)
27 May 2024 (Spring Bank Holiday)
26 August 2024 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days

Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

Occasional Holidays

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