



NEWSLETTER

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
16 – 20 May	PE: Years 2 & 3	PE: Nursery, Yrs R & 1 After School: KS1 Multi Sports 3.30pm – 4.30pm	PE: Years 4 & 5 After School: KS2 Dodgeball 3.30pm – 4.30pm	PE: Years R, 3, 4, & 5 After School: Football 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 5 Free Bikeability Course. Day 2 of 2.
23 – 27 May	PE: Years 2 & 3	PE: Nursery, Yrs R & 1 Years R-2 Intra Tennis Festival After School: KS1 Multi Sports 3.30pm – 4.30pm	PE: Years 4 & 5 Church visit for all classes After School: KS2 Dodgeball 3.30pm – 4.30pm	PE: Years R, 3, 4, & 5 3:30pm FLS meeting at school After School: Football 3.30pm – 4.30pm	LAST DAY OF TERM Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day.

Key Dates

20 May	Year 5 Bikeability Course – Part 2
24 May	Intra Tennis Festival for Years R – 2
25 May	All classes to church visit
27 May	Last Day of Term Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day. Details of the day in the Newsletter.
30 May – 3 June	2:30pm Assembly to parents/carers Half Term
6 June	Back to school
7 June	3:30pm Parents' Workshop – Learning Powers
8 June	Inter School Sports
15 June	Years 3/4 Inter School Tennis
22 June	Sports Day
30 June	Year 5 taster Day at Chulmleigh College



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Dear Parents/Carers



It's been another busy couple of weeks here at Lapford. The sun has been shining and it has been wonderful to see Year 2 out on the field, practising the relay in preparation for Sports Day on the 22nd June. Passing the baton is a tricky skill to learn, so well done to all the children who joined in with such enthusiasm.



Thank you to those who were able to attend my meet and greet session last Thursday. It was lovely to meet lots of you and to hear your views on the school.

Thank you also to FLS for arranging and serving refreshments.

Last week, children from Year 5 were given the chance to undertake cycle training by completing their Level 1 Bikeability. This took place within the school playground and saw riders develop confidence in controlling and maintaining their bikes. After half a day of hard work, all the riders had completed their Level 1 and most were ready to begin tackling Level 2. This involved them spending the afternoon on the roads learning how to share the space safely with other vehicles.

The riders returned to school with an excited buzz and it was fantastic to hear from the instructors how well-mannered and sensible the children had been.

They look forward to completing their training this week.



Mrs Wright



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Robins and Fledglings

The children in The Nest have continued to base their learning around the story "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." We have made chairs and beds using wood and nails and made porridge, experimenting by adding different flavourings. We then made flapjacks and took them to eat in Forest School, where we foraged for large, medium and small items. We began to use rulers to measure and compare the size of the items we found. Reception children have been writing instructions for making flapjacks and creating their own story maps.

In Science, we are learning about plants. We have been making careful observations of our apple tree and flowers and observing changes. We have also been learning about plant parts and how these help plants to flourish, and how we can use plants for food. We looked at the production of oats, and talked about the importance of crops.

Skylarks

Skylarks have been busy thinking imaginatively about what happened to Amelia Earhart. They have had some great ideas about her landing on a mysterious island and eating coconuts, landing in the sea and riding on dolphins or zooming off into space and finding aliens!

In Maths, Year 1 have learnt how to tell o'clock and half past times on an analogue clock - why not see if your child can tell you the time? Year 2 have been completing their work on money and revisiting their learning about addition and subtraction - why not see if your child can check your change after a shopping trip?

It has been great that we have had an increased amount of reading records coming into school regularly - please keep this up so that we can see how your child is getting on with their reading book, and also write comments in the record books about when we read in school with them.

Finally, please can all children have a PE in school so that they are able to get changed for their PE lessons throughout the week.

Jays' Class

Jays have begun their new English unit on biographies. We have learnt about the inspirational women Mary Anning and Amelia Earhart and have looked carefully about what is needed in a biography text. We will be gathering facts to put together a biography about Queen Elizabeth II which links nicely with our monarch topic and the upcoming Jubilee celebrations.

In Maths, Jays are learning about length. See if we can remember how many cm are in a m or how many mm are in a cm. We have learnt to accurately measure with a ruler – see if we can measure any objects at home and convert the length between mm, cm and m. We are going to build on this knowledge to measure the perimeter of different shapes.

Jays are loving their Magnificent Monarch topic and are enjoying the Horrible History clips which help us to learn about different monarchs. See if we can tell you about the wives of Henry VIII,



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using the song we have been listening to in class! We are looking forward to seeing the topic projects come in over the next week, linked to designing a castle or palace fit for a monarch!

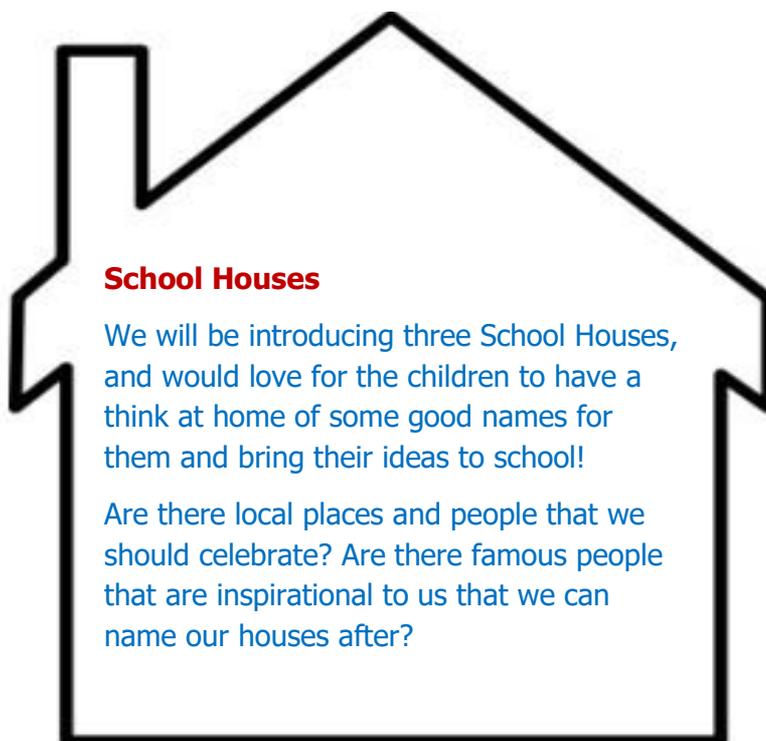
Kingfishers' Class

Kingfishers have been working hard on their explanation texts on keeping safe in school. We have been learning about all the key features of the text type and thinking about how we can use them in a fun and interesting way to create a guide for other KS2 children.

In Maths, we have been continuing our work on decimals. We have demonstrated our understanding of tenths and have begun looking at hundredths. This week we are also learning to convert between fractions and decimals. Challenge us to explain decimal numbers to you!

In Science, Kingfishers are coming to the end of their work on Healthy Living. Last week, Year 4s were set the challenge of designing and making a fun and educational board game to demonstrate their learning. The results were impressive, and we had a variety of games based on popular classics such as 'Fruitopoly' and 'Game of Health'.

This week we will be making and packaging a healthy snack, I hope there's time for tasting too!



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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day at Lapford Community Primary School

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be holding a day of fun regal activities at school on Friday 27th May. Throughout the day, children will be finding out more about the Queen and producing portraits, fact-files and poems, which we would like to share with you in assembly at 2.30pm.

Bake Off Competition

To mark the special occasion, we will be holding a royal 'Bake Off' Competition. Children can produce a cake or set of cupcakes which will be judged on Friday 27th May and then shared with children and parents/carers following our assembly. There will be a prize for 'star baker' in each class which will be announced in our assembly.

Please avoid using nuts in your recipes and ensure your entries are with us in a named tin or tub by 9:00am on Friday 27th May.

On the day, the children may come to school dressed in either red, white or blue and we have a few surprises planned to make the day extra special!

If you are unable to attend our assembly, please let us know if you do not wish your child to have a piece of cake.

Let's Get Physical!

Physical Challenge update . . .

Don't forget to keep practising your tap ups . . . can anyone beat Mrs Duhig who managed 45 in a minute? We look forward to hearing from you!

In other physical news, this week is Walk to School Week so if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school safely, the weather is meant to be looking great so why not give it a go? Alternatively, why not park your car in the village car park and then walk the rest of the way to school?

Each class will be checking in every day about how the children have got to school - we hope that the numbers of cars will go down and the number of walkers, scooters and cyclists will go up!



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