

# WESSEX WEEKLY

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Assembly theme LOVE –being kind and caring

## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**KS1 Nativity (tickets only) 9.30am**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**KS1 Nativity (tickets only) 9.30am**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**KS2 carols around the tree**  
**2.30pm**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Reception and nursery Nativity**  
**9.30am**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Reception and nursery Nativity**  
**9.30am**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Last day of term 2pm finish**

**Christmas holidays 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
**to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

**Children return to school 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 2018**

## Star Workers

Anisha R. Year 1  
Ellie H. Year 1  
Jain N. Year 2  
Amy D. Year 3  
Arush D. Year 3  
Aiden G. Year 4  
Sam L. Year 4  
Gabriel L. Year 5  
Oliver L. Year 5  
Isabel M. Year 6  
Lexi K. Year 6

## **From the Head's chair**

Welcome to a new look version of Wessex weekly, which we will tweak over the coming weeks. The format will slightly change and you will find a weekly newsletter that has key dates and information, and we will celebrate our star workers and other achievements, but try and keep it short and succinct, to two pages maximum. We will then produce an end of term newsletter roughly every 6 weeks which will celebrate all the work the children are doing in school with pictures and information about their term.

As Christmas is rapidly approaching the children have been busy practising for their plays and nativities. They sound fantastic and I'm looking forward to my first Christmas at Wessex!

Please look out for our parent survey on homework coming out next week, we would welcome your feedback on the new system so we can make any adjustments to the way we run it.

Finally please can I ask all our families to ensure children are reading daily at home. Reading is such an important lifelong skill and working in partnership with parents we can ensure all our children get the best possible start with reading development. We are noticing a number of children who are not reading daily at home, and while we all lead busy lives a love of books and reading is so important in a child's development and cannot be left to school alone.

Have a fab weekend and enjoy a book or two!

## **Handwashing**

We are encouraging all children to



practice good hand hygiene and to wash their hands well with soap and water. In assembly we talked about singing or saying the alphabet while making soap gloves. There are lots short video clips on YouTube showing how to wash hands thoroughly to avoid the spread of germs.



## **Reverse Advent for Maidenhead food share**

We need your support!  
As part of our value this term of Love, Wessex has continued its support of Foodshare to create a 'reverse advent calendar'.

We would like every class to 'fill' an advent calendar for the 12 days of Christmas. Each day we would like to be able to collect an item for a family in more need than us so that by the 12th day we will have a lovely package to give a needy family for Christmas.

When you are shopping next, please could you add an extra 'Christmasy' item into your food shop? Perhaps cream crackers? Pickled onions? Mince pies? Christmas crackers? Box of Roses? Something a bit special for a treat. No perishable items though please.

We will start on Monday and hopefully in two weeks each class will be able to have at least 12 items in a box that Foodshare can give to a family on December 23rd as a little surprise.

Anything item you could spare, please ask your child to bring in as a donation from Monday and give to your class teacher.

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**Get Active Sports**  
Sports, Games, Themed Art & Craft Activities  
A week here

**Christmas Holiday Camp**  
Wessex Primary School - Maidenhead  
21st-22nd December from 8am-6pm or 9:30am-3:30pm.

Need those last minute Christmas bits?  
Let us entertain the kids!

Our festive Christmas camp captures the magic of all things Christmassy with a flurry of Christmas party games, Winter Sports timetables, Christmas gift making art & craft timetable and frozen fun in our music and dance off sessions.

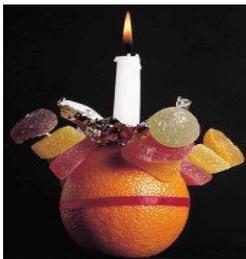
Camps are suitable for children ages 4-12 with 12+ joining our young Play Leader scheme!

Prices:  
8am-6pm = £16.50  
9:30am-3:30pm = £18.50

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The Church of the Good Shepherd at Cox Green Community Centre will be holding their **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** on Sunday 3rd December from 3.30pm. A Christingle is a reminder of Jesus whose birth we will celebrate at Christmas. Join us for drinks and cakes from 3.30pm and make your own Christingle before the service begins at 4pm. Our collection will be in support of the Children's Society.



**Gift Boxes**  
As a school we are collecting small items to be placed in Christmas treat boxes for those who use the Foodbank. We are looking to collect items such as toys, toiletries and decorations (not the standard items usually collected by Foodshare). It would be wonderful if we can provide a few boxes of Christmas Treats for our local Foodshare. Please bring in any items by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**.



Let's make this a Christmas to remember from the children of Wessex.