

WESSEX WEEKLY

Monday 5th March

ASSEMBLY THEME – Right conduct – looking after property

Important Dates

- Monday 12th March: Yr 5 Bikeability course (information to follow)
- Wednesday 21st March: Parent Consultation meeting from Reception to Yr 6
- Thursday 22nd March: Parent consultations meeting from Reception to Yr 6
- Friday 23rd March: Run a Mile Challenge for SPORT RELIEF dress up as a sports person (£1 donation)
- Wednesday 28th March: Cox Green Fair Poster competition deadline
- Thursday 29th March: last day of term -Close at 2pm



From the Head's Chair

What a week! Ending in the "Beast from the East" snow storm! I hope you all enjoyed your snow day on Friday stayed safe and warm.

There has been lots going on at Wessex over the last few weeks as you will probably notice. We have had a brand-new bike shelter donated to the school and installed, which is fantastic.

You may also notice the new fencing that has been installed across the school, partly for security but also to create a space for Year 1 and 2 create "outdoor" working areas for their classrooms. I'm looking forward to seeing what Yr 2 will be growing outside this Spring.

Our work continues to improve our outdoor learning spaces and environment. A big thank you to Brian Pettifer who has helped us clear all the winter leaves and weeds and to Phil Brown from RBWM who continues to work with us in creating our nature areas. The PTA have also applied for a further grant in order to purchase our Yurt and outdoor classroom space. Please also see information on the green redeem scheme the PTA have set Wessex up with, this can be viewed on our Facebook page ... the school could win £1000!

I would like to introduce two new members of staff who have joined the team this term. Miss Lunnon is a new teaching assistant supporting in the

middle phase and Miss Kilburn has joined us as Lime Class teacher in preparation for Mrs Alfred's maternity leave. I am sure you will make them feel very welcome at Wessex.

Finally what a fantastic World Book day! Thank you to Mrs Alfred for organising the book fair over the last week and all the activities we took part in on Thursday. The children made a great effort despite the snow and lots of fun was had by all.



Emergencies and school closures.

We sent home a letter last week regarding the process if the school closes for any reason. We will send out a parent mail, use the Wessex FB page and get an announcement on the RBWM school closure website. If you do not hear anything please presume we are open! It is very hard to call if a school will remain open, it will depend on a variety of factors, but we will always try and open where we can in adverse weather. Thank you to everyone who made it in last Thursday.

We did also have an emergency last week in school where an

ambulance was called to the school and as a matter of routine a police car as well. A number of concerned people called into the school to find out if their child was okay. Whilst the concern is understandable, please do not worry as if there is an emergency involving your child we would call you. We have a limited number of phone lines into the school and calling in at these times takes up capacity in an emergency. Thank you for your concerns.



WhatsApp Groups

It has been brought to our attention that a number of children in Year 6 have set up WhatsApp groups on their mobiles. Some children as a result are finding they may have hundreds of messages to go through when they wake up in the morning or are answering messages late at night. Please could you encourage your child not to message these groups late at night and talk to your children about the fact that if a child chooses to leave the group not to keep re-adding them as there are too many messages. Thank you for your cooperation.



CAR PARKING

A number of parents are still parking down St Adrian's Close in the morning. We have also seen people parking on curbs where children are walking and blocking residents' driveways. Please may I ask that everyone park on Wessex Way or around the area and walk down St Adrian's Close.

Also our car park is now closed until 5pm for after school club pick up when it will re-open. Parents for breakfast club can drop off before 8am but will not be able to gain entry after then. Thank you to everyone for your support in this matter as it helps Wessex become a safer site for all our users.

Sport Relief!

Wessex always prides itself in supporting National causes such as Comic relief and Race for Life and is very proud of the generosity shown by all of the children and parents in raising money for such good causes.

On March 23rd Wessex is once more supporting Sport relief. We are hoping to raise as much money as we can with your support. The sport leaders will be holding sporting challenges every lunchtime for the children and on the Friday we are challenging every child to run/walk/skip or hop a mile around the field (approx. 6 laps) to raise money for this worthy cause. Mrs Ford is tackling the London Marathon

in April and your support for her would also be greatly appreciated. For a voluntary donation of £1, the children will be able to dress up as a sports person of their choice on the day.

We would love it if parents could come and join in running with their children - not only to raise money, but to be active with their children and have some fun along the way. The lower school children, including reception and nursery, will be starting their laps from 11:30pm and the Upper school will be starting from 2:30pm. We would love for you to join on the day with your child, and we would appreciate a contribution for the Wessex Sport Relief fund. Dust off those trainers!

As we are now cashless, all donations should be online to the Wessex Sport Relief Just Giving page below, where our goal is to raise £500. Any contribution would be brilliant!

<https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/wessexprimaryschool9746656>

