

WESSEX WEEKLY

Friday 9th 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

Another fantastic week at Wessex, all the snow now seems a distant memory and the children returned on Monday and got stuck in straight away!

There are some photos of last week's World Book Day which was great fun, so good to see lots of you all dressed up as a famous book character.

Lots of exciting work has been going on around Wessex, we have new book cases and some new books in upper KS2 and hope to add further to this in the coming weeks and months.

We have now created a new medical room and a new group room for Year 3 and 4 which will be up and running shortly. The work continues around the school site as well, with clearing the old brambles and hedges ready to replace with plant beds for the children to grow lots of outdoor goodies! A big thank you to a parent, Mr Strawson, who has a team from Waitrose coming into help us with some of the work outdoors. Please also remember to donate your green redeem points to Wessex so we can be in with a chance of getting a £1000 donation towards our outdoor classroom.

Next week will be very exciting as we will be holding a special "science week". The children will be taking part in lots of fun scientific activities and I hope they share some of what they have been doing with you. Can we say a big thank you to the PTA helpers who supported all the children with the mother's day gifts this week, the children were very excited to choose your gifts for Sunday

Have a great weekend and happy Mother's Day for Sunday!

Breakfast Club



We are aware that closing the car park has caused some concerns for parents who have a busy onward journey. These issues are not new and have been happening over a number of years, however we appreciate some of the issues parents may have. Therefore the staff have agreed they will be able to open breakfast club from 7.45am from Monday. We hope this extra 15 minutes will allow parents to park safely, drop their children off at 7.45am and have enough time to make their onward journeys.

No Nut Policy

Please note that we are a no nut school and that includes peanut butter and Nutella.

Year 3 and 4 Football Match



On Thursday 8th March Wessex sent a Y3/4 football team to Altwood for an interhouse tournament. The children did really well winning two and losing two games.

They played with great sportsmanship and a big thanks to Mrs Alfred for taking them.

The children that played were: Oscar B, Sophia T, James L, Samuel L, Oliver R, Lacey K, Max C, Marcus W, Casey S, Maggie S

World Book Day



Everyone had a fantastic time on World Book Day last week. A big thank you to everyone who made it into school in the snow and dressed up - you all looked fantastic and it was very hard to choose the costume winners. It was great to see parents come and share a story with their children's classes - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you also for visiting the book fair, we have earned over £400 in books for the school and your children will see these appearing in their book corners soon. Don't forget to ask your child about their funky reader form they have been given and how you can help them earn themselves an extra playtime by the end of term!



Year 5 Bench ball

On Friday 2nd February, 8 children from Year 5 participated in an interschool Bench ball competition at Altwood School. Six other schools from the Maidenhead area were there, battling it out for gold. We won the first match, which gave us a boost of confidence. The team from the second match played really well and we accepted the loss. However, this didn't stop us from winning the next three matches in a row! Finally, the last match was a close game and both teams played extremely well. We each had one person left on the court but at the last minute, the other team got their last player on the bench. We were still really proud of our effort! Oliver and Lauren were brilliant defenders, while Jacob and Jenson were swiftly

moving around the court. Holly, Emily and Jessica were all round superstars getting on the bench quickly in all the matches. A special mention to Harry, who was a last minute addition and played his heart out! We won 4 out of the 6 matches and were thrilled to receive the bronze medal at the end! Well done to the Year 5 Bench ball team!



Jacob T, Lauren W, Emily K, Oliver L, Harry T, Holly B, Jessica L and Jenson S

2018 has been a great start to the sporting year at Wessex. In January a team of Y2s tackled a cricket skills festival at Altwood where they learnt some basic throwing and catching skills.

February saw the Y5s enter a Bench ball tournament against eight other schools and were awarded the bronze medal.

Willow class entered the Dance festival in the Magnet leisure centre and completed an amazing dance about the plight of the honeybee and how we must protect them. The

children performed in front of 300 adults and were brilliant.

A team of Y3/4 entered the badminton festival at Altwood, where they learnt racket skills and lots of fun activities to give the sport a go.



A team of Y5/6 footballers reached the semi-finals at the BCA U10's tournament in Maidenhead as part of Magpies in the community.

Finally 30 children from Y1 entered a Wake up Shake up festival at Newlands where over 100 children danced the afternoon away to lively music! Despite the horrible weather, Wessex sport has gone from strength to strength with plenty more tournaments and festivals planned for the year. Don't forget Sports Relief on March 23rd, where the whole school will be running laps of the field.

Touch Rugby



MAIDENHEAD RFC and IN 2 TOUCH THAMES VALLEY have joined forces to bring you all the thrills and skills of non-contact

tag/touch rugby. Camps are designed to equip your child with superior ball handling, evasion and decision making skills in a fun and friendly environment! For children aged 5-7 (EY, 1-2), 8-9 (Years 3-4), 10-11 (Years 5-6), 12-14 (Years 7-9). Tuesday 3rd April, Wednesday 4th April & Thursday 5th April 2018 (3 days) at Maidenhead RFC, Braywick Road, SL6 1BN, from 9am to 3pm (bring a packed lunch) Cost: £55 for 3 days or £25 per day (10% sibling discount available for 3-day bookings)

Contact: Sammie Phillips (sammie@in2touch.com / 07766 525 938) to book a place Camps are led by ex-international and regional touch rugby club coaches and players! LEARN FROM THE BEST! All coaches are first aid trained and DSB checked.

Chelsea FC Football Club



Chelsea FC Foundation would like to offer pupils the opportunity to attend one of our Easter Soccer Schools which are available to book at an Early Bird Discount until

MONDAY 12th MARCH in Berkshire & Middlesex. Players of all abilities for both boys and girls aged between 5 – 13 years old are welcome from 9:30am till 3:00pm. There are also advanced courses for players with previous experience at clubs / development centres at our Cox Green Centre.

Please see below details on each soccer school and when they will be running as well as the EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS:

Windsor Boys School: Tuesday 3rd April – Friday 6th April & Tuesday 10th April – Friday 13th April 2018, £60 (Reduced from £68). Cox Green Leisure Centre ADVANCED: Wednesday 4th April – Friday 6th April, £45 (Reduced from £51) LVS Ascot: Monday 9th April – Thursday 12th April, £60 (Reduced from £68) Brunel University: Monday 9th April – Wednesday 11th April, £45 (Reduced from £51)

Booking for all courses are now online and available at the reduced cost until Monday 12th March.

If you have any further questions please contact Berkshire.Development@chelseaFC.com