

WESSEX WEEKLY

Friday 11th May

ASSEMBLY THEME – Team Work

Important Dates

- ✚ Waltham Place Trip for Birch Class: Tuesday 15th May
- ✚ Waltham Place Trip for Beech Class: Thursday 17th May
- ✚ Ash Class Assembly: Thursday 17th May at 9.15am
- ✚ PTA Film Night: 18th May: 3.20pm to 4.45pm
- ✚ Royal Wedding celebration picnic on Friday 18th May
- ✚ Waltham Place Trip for Hazel Class: Tuesday 22nd May
- ✚ CROWN ESTATES year group trip –Year 4: Tuesday 5th June
- ✚ Year 5 Hooke Court Trip: Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th June
- ✚ Year 6 PGL Osmington Bay Trip: Monday 11th June – Friday 15th June
- ✚ Larch Class Assembly : Wednesday 20th June at 9.15am
- ✚ FSI and 2 Sports Day: Thursday 21st June 2018
- ✚ PTA Summer Fayre: Saturday 23rd June
- ✚ KS1 Sports Day: Monday 25th June
- ✚ Class Swap Day: Tuesday 3rd July
- ✚ Wessex Learning Journey: Tuesday 3rd July at 3.30pm followed by PTA family barbeque from 3.30 to 5.30pm
- ✚ KS2 Sports Day, Year 3 and 4 am, Year 5 pm: Friday 13th July

From the Head's Chair

It's been a short but busy week at Wessex, I hope all our families enjoyed the super sunny bank holiday!

We have had a number of trips this week; Holly class visited Waltham Place, Year 2 visited the Maidenhead Synagogue and Larch class enjoyed a sunny day canoeing at Hurley. All the children were fantastically well behaved and enjoyed the experiences.

Nursery held a sponsored walk to raise money for the Kamran's children ward, where one of our nursery children is currently undergoing treatment. We also held a special mufti day across the school to raise money for the fund. We have raised £610 just for the Mufti Day. When we get our grand total we will let you know. A huge thank you to everyone in the Wessex community.

Year 2 and 6 are preparing for their SATs testing next week. Year 6 have more formal exams while year 2 is teacher assessment based and any testing is done over a longer period and in small groups and is only used to inform teacher judgements therefore is less formal than the Year 6 tests. More information about the testing can be found on the DfE website <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/information-for-parents-2018-key-stage-1-and-2-assessments> I know the children have all been working really hard and wish them all the best over the next week.

Let's hope this fantastic weather holds, especially for our planned Wessex picnic next Friday afternoon.

Have a great weekend.

Values Certificates!

This week's Values Certificates go to:

Olivia B: Year 1
Alfie T: Year 1
Kaiden M: Year 3
Lexi H: Year 3
Ellie R: Year 3
Haaris T: Year 4
Finley S: Year 5
Emily O: Year 5
Natalie W: Year 6
Scarlett H: Year 6
The whole of Chestnut Class!
The whole of Larch Class!

Gold Athletics Certificates!

Dilraj U: Year 2
Kaylee B: Year 3

Deaf Awareness Week

Next week is National Deaf Awareness Week and as it is a cause very dear to our hearts here at Wessex we will be holding our customary assemblies and class lessons throughout the school to bring this event to the attention of all.

We will be reminding all the children how to be a great friend to their hearing impaired peers and discussing the most effective ways of conversing with everyone. As part of

our learning about hearing impaired children's learning journey we had a PhD student, whose thesis is on how hearing impaired children learn, come into the school for a few days. She was helped by a few of our children who were very enthusiastic participators in her research: Edward H, Ethan C, Aramis P, Charlie R, Haaris T, Issac E, Matthew B and Oliver R. We are very proud of them all!

We also have a very exciting event planned on Wednesday 23rd May. A puppy, who is training to be a hearing dog for the deaf, is coming to visit and her trainer will explain to the children all that the puppy does to help deaf people in their daily lives. We intend to hold a mufti-day to raise funds to help train similar puppies, and to sponsor our own puppy as a school. We will get regular updates about their training. We will hold this after half term, so please look out for the date!

Inter School Orienteering Competition!



On Thursday Wessex competed in the inter school orienteering competition held at Desborough College by British Orienteering.

In pairs, the team had to use map skills, speed and logic to complete a course finding 16 markers around the college in the fastest time. They were competing against 7 other teams and just missed out on the medals, coming 4th. It was great fun and we now look forward to starting an orienteering club next year at Wessex.

A huge well done to a great effort from the team on only their second entry into the competition (Sophie, Lela, Joseph A, Oliver P, Izzy M, Amy T, Mackenzie, Harley, Sneha, Selma and Connor.

Thank you to Mrs Elliott for taking the team.



Please note that on Thursday 17th May the menu will be:

RED - Fish & Chips
GREEN - Macaroni Cheese
YELLOW – Pasta or Grab Bags

Friday 18th May the options will be:

GRAB Bags only as we are holding the Wessex Royal Wedding Picnic.

Please could you amend the changes to your child's lunch options via Scopay to enable us to give the correct details to the kitchen.