

# WESSEX WEEKLY

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

ASSEMBLY THEME – Happiness for yourself and others

## Important Dates

- ✚ PTA Fireworks Night: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- ✚ Yew Class Assembly: 9.15am Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November
- ✚ Wessex Remembrance Service: 11am, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- ✚ Parent Workshop: Nurture my Potential: 6pm, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- ✚ Flu Vaccinations: Reception to Year 5
- ✚ KS1 Nativity Christmas Production (Y1 & Y2): 9.30am, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- ✚ Christmas Production Nursery and Reception: 9.30am, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- ✚ Carols Service: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December (Y3 to Y6)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: END OF TERM

## From the Head's Chair

What a great start back to the term! Many children have started on their creative and thematic curriculums and I have seen lots of great learning opportunities around the school, from children going through a wardrobe into Narnia to signing up as a soldier for World War 1! I very much look forward to being invited into more of the learning over the coming weeks.

A big thank you to everyone who came to parents evening over the last two nights, and to all of you who completed questionnaires and spoke to the senior leaders and Governors. We had lots of information about pupil premium, if you think your child may qualify

please look on our website or speak to someone in the school office.

Thank you as well to the PTA for organising the Cox Green Fireworks event this year, I know I am looking forward to it tonight! We have spoken in assembly this week about the dangers of fireworks so I hope all the children will stay safe when enjoying the festivities.

Please can I finish by reminding parents if your child bikes to school they must wear their helmet, to protect them, should any accident occur. Children are not allowed to cycle to school without one.

Have a great weekend!



## The Other Heads' Column

Reception have been enjoying reading a book called funny bones. They also have been making skeletons.

Year 1 had a good time learning about black history month learning about famous black people including Idris Elba.

Year 2 have been learning about the gunpowder plot and why we celebrate special occasions.

Year 3 have been enjoying sketching The Queen and reading the secret garden.

Year 4 have really loved going to the National Gallery in London and seeing lots of fantastic pictures.

Year 5 have loved learning about the Big Bang theory and made astrolabe from a book called Phoenix.

Year 6 have been pretending to sign up to join the army in World War 1.

All year groups really enjoyed what they were doing.

By Sofia R, Marci L, Siddhant P and Zach D.

## Message from the new Executive School Councillor

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Executive School Councillor. I am writing to inform you of a few exciting events happening here at Wessex. These are led by the school council on behalf of the children.

The school council has looked at various charity events that we wish to support during the school year. Firstly we decided that our charity for Harvest this year would be foodshare as it is a Maidenhead charity helping many local families. Secondly we are taking part in anti-bullying week and we are delivering an assembly in the whole school. The theme is

Choose Respect. We would also like to support the charity Children in Need.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November our theme is Anything Goes and this means the children and staff can dress up as they please, sportswear, nightwear, dress up best clothes, whatever!

Finally for 2018 we would like to support Save the Children. At this event we will all wear Christmas Jumpers.

We have more events planned for 2019- more information to follow.

These are some of the events happening here at Wessex. Thank you for taking the time to read our first newsletter. We look forward to your support and working with you. We will keep you informed at how we get on.

Evie P  
School Council Executive

### Growth Mindset Workshop

At parents evening this week you would have received a flier regarding our forthcoming Growth Mindset workshop for parents on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6 - 7:15pm. All the children across the school will be starting to have growth mindset lessons this term and the parent workshop is an ideal opportunity for you to find out more about what your child will be learning and how you can support at home. The school will be providing refreshments and there will be a DVD room for children. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Mrs Maskell.

### Cognitive Ability Test

The children in Year 3 have recently undertaken a CAT (Cognitive Ability Test) which we then use to understand individual children's learning styles and strengths. Mrs Maskell will be holding 2 parent workshops on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9:10am and 2:50pm where she will describe what the test entails and explain the results. You will then receive your child's individual report at the end of this meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting the presentation will be placed on the school website and your child's report will be sent home.

### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Service will take place from 10:50am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the flagpole in front of the main school office. We look forward to welcoming you to this occasion.

### Cox Green Library Visit



Wessex Primary School will be visiting Cox Green Library on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, please see below timings for the Library visits:

#### **LIBRARY VISITS TIMINGS:**

- 9.15-9.45 - Y6**
- 9.45-10.15 - Y5**
- 10.15-10.45 – FS2**
- 11.00-11.30 – Y3**
- 11.30-12.00 – Y1**
- 1.30-2.00 – Y2**

Year 4 timings will be communicated once they are confirmed.

### Church Visit



Don't forget this term the children will be visiting St Michael's Church in Bray.

**Year 1 (Beech and Birch) will be going on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**Year 2 (Cherry and Chestnut) will be going on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

The vicar, Reverend Ainsley Swift, has kindly welcomed us to the church so that the children can learn about the features of a church as well as what happens in a church.

### Pantomime at the Magnet Leisure Centre in Maidenhead this December!

