Welcome Back

Welcome back to the Spring term and a happy New Year to all our families, though I’m sure it doesn’t quite feel like spring yet!

There has been a lot happening already at Wessex over the last week or two and I hope you find some of the information useful.

This is our new monthly Newsletter, which we hope will be a summary of the main events at Wessex and news on other key areas of school life and development.

The School office will send out key dates for this term in a diary format as they did in September so you have a quick reference overview of dates of things we know about already. Anything else that crops up we will parent mail in the usual ways.

There is also the Wessex Gazette which is produced half termly by the children in Year 6 which we gave out copies of just before Christmas holidays and which we have recently sent home electronically.

#Hotchocfridays

As a school we are in the process of making changes to rewards and behaviour policy. We are in the process of looking at the work of Paul Dix who is the author of the book “When the adults change”.

As part of this work we will be introducing hot choc Fridays which is an opportunity for children who have continually worked hard and put in loads of effort to have a chat with Mr Woodbridge, Mrs Maskell and share their success as well as have a hot chocolate in the staff room! We have already had requests for cups of tea! The children chosen will bring a certificate home with them.

You may have noticed some of things happening around the school such as morning handshakes and high 5s.
We have also removed golden time from a Friday, however there is still a 20 minute whole class reward time but can be taken at any time during the week and the children will choose their activity as a class. It could be a whole class extra play, art activity, dvd, sports activity or something else the children would really like to do.

Whole classes are also working for shout outs and quick rewards and celebrations, in some classes if they achieve 10 shout outs they have a minute Flossing to celebrate or some other agreed celebration.

We are taking many approaches across the school which will form the school’s new behaviour policy, which we will publish after half term.

The focus is on positivity and links very well with the work we have been doing on growth mindset as a school.

10 minute reading pledge

This week the children have enjoyed being inspired to read by Book Buzz sessions from RBWM library staff.

We are now asking the children to pledge to read for 10 minutes every day. Please can you support your children by also taking the 10 minute reading pledge.

Reading could be magazines, comics, signs, leaflets, non-fiction books, audio books, ebooks (KS1 Bug Club).

Listening to audio stories online or on CD will also develop comprehension skills.
We have a number of parents who are still parking on St Adrians Close, or not parking safely on Wessex Way. We are always going to struggle with parking and it is the same issue across the country with parking at drop off and pick up times. Please can I ask again all parents to park correctly on surrounding roads and remind ALL parents St Adrians Close is residential parking only with a no stopping restriction at any time operating. All three local schools will be asking parents to park away from busy areas if you can and walk a little further into school. Please can we keep it safe for the children?

The other Heads

Reception have been learning about the seasons, months and days and have enjoyed it.

Year 1 have had a good time writing thank you cards for Christmas and have liked P.E games.

Year 2 have been reading a book about a penguin who travels all over the world. And have improved sentences using strong vocabulary.

Year 3 have been enjoying their time learning about Egypt and Ancient Egypt.

Year 4 have been travelling back in time to the Stone Age and the Bronze Age.

Year 5 have been reading the Who let the gods out book and The Ancient Greeks.

Year 6 have been involved in a Maya workshop. They danced and chanted Mayan words.

By Zach and Siddhant.