One Busy Term!

Welcome to edition two of our new monthly newsletter. It certainly has been a busy few weeks at Wessex and I know the children have been working hard in classes across the school.

There has been lots of things happening at Wessex over the last few weeks, and I hope this will give you a flavour of everything we have doing at our great school!

Personally one of the highlights for myself, and I know Mrs. Maskell as well, has been #HotchocFridays, it has been fantastic to celebrate with all the children chosen for the hot chocolate and to find out about all the great work they have been doing in class, we should be very proud of them all.

Thank you for everyone’s support during the school closure a fortnight ago. It is never an easy decision to close a school, however staff come from a wide area and we need to consider safety. We attempted to notify everyone ahead of time and tried to do this by 7.15, we are aware some parent mails may have taken longer to get to parents and we know parent mail have been notified, however it was also on our Wessex FB group and RBWM webpage. Let’s hope the winter weather has moved on for this year!

Year 6 first aid

Year 6 have been enjoying lessons learning how to deliver emergency first aid.

The basic lifesaving skills have been taught by Mrs Hilbourne and have included: using the recovery position, teaching emergency resuscitation using mouth to mouth, fitting slings and bandages.

The lessons have been enjoyed by all and I know the children have learnt so much, they have all been fantastic and understand the importance of the skills they have been learning.

The Mish Mash Debate

Some children from Year 5 entered a debating competition with some schools we work closely with in Maidenhead.

The competition went well for Wessex where we won one of our debates. The themes were should zoos be banned and should school uniform be banned?

I know the children had a fantastic time and we are very proud of their achievements.
Maidenhead dance festival 2019

Mrs Piggott’s class took part in the Maidenhead school’s Dance festival at the Magnet Leisure center this week. They danced to “Walk like an Egyptian” in a retelling of their class novel an Egyptian Cinderella.

Recycling scheme at Wessex

Thank you to everyone who has been donating plastic bottles for our recycling program. The school can earn up to £2000 for recycling plastic bottles. We will receive 5p per bottle donated while the scheme is running, so please collect all the bottles (with lids on) that you can. The Eco council are busy collecting and scanning the bottles into the reverse vending machine. So far we are at the top of the RBWM schools recycling so please keep those bottles coming into school.

Growth mindset

We continue to work on Growth Mindset lessons across the school and have been looking at how we feel and how the brain works. Look out for a parent information leaflet in the new term which will give you some tips and pointers to what we are doing at school and ways you can use Growth Mindset to help children at home.

We are also in the process as many of you know of changing our behavior policy, as part of the new policy there is a restorative script staff will be using linked to growth mindset, again please watch out for the final version of the quick read policy after half term.

60 Things to do

Children from Year 1 to Year 3 have been busy collecting and sharing what they have been up to at home and school with our 60 Things to do before you leave Wessex scheme. This mirrors a similar program run by the National Trust and is designed to broaden experiences for children as they grow older, and hopefully inspire them to continue to grow and develop a curiosity and love of the world after they leave Wessex.

PaCiP is a group of parents and carers who have children and young people aged 0-25 with any kind of special educational need or disability, however big or small.

With and without a specific diagnosis, with and without an EHCP, in special school, in mainstream, home schooled, in any kind of education or indeed none at all and through effective participation and co-production with the people that provide services and support to our children and young people, our vision is to improve the quality of the services they receive both in school, at home and in the community, and therefore enable them to achieve to their maximum potential.

If you would like to become a member and find out more please send an email to contact@pacip.org and we’ll send you a simple membership form.

Find us on Facebook to find out about our upcoming events.

https://www.facebook.com/pacipforum

Working together to improve provision and outcomes for children and young people (0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities”. 
Team Points

The winning house this half term is Lancaster who have won their mufti day on Friday.

Behaviour rules

You may notice signs going up around the school with our new behaviour rules which are: Positivity, honesty and respect these are linked to our assembly themes for the term and are designed to be three easy to remember rules for the children. Each one has a theme and ideals behind them but these are the key words we will be using when looking at behaviour.

World Book Day at Wessex

World Book Day is approaching fast and we would like to advise you of our plans so far. Activities and celebrations at Wessex will take place over several days; our main goal as always is to stimulate, encourage and develop a love of reading in all children.

- This year we are asking each child to bring a book into school to share with another member of their class. The challenge is to wrap the book, and write a clue or riddle on the outside as a hint to the book inside. It might be a clue about the author, a riddle about a character or even a word search to discover the title. These wrapped books should be brought into school the week beginning Monday 4th March ready for use in class later that week.

Other activities taking place include:
- reading with Buddy Classes
- staff reading their favourite books to groups of children
- a visiting author
- trips to local libraries
- Making hats/addresses related to class reader
- information about a competition to enter

World Book Day is being celebrated in Maidenhead between 2nd and 17th March through the first ever Maidenhead’s Big Read. Events are planned especially at the weekends in Nicholson’s Walk, the libraries and at the amphitheatre. Celebrities, authors and illustrators, politicians and sports stars will be involved. Visit the website for further details. 
https://www.maidenheads-big-read.org.uk/

Another website with lots of activities for children to enjoy is https://www.worldbookday.com/

Please can we remind people to donate their green redeem points to Wessex Primary School

Have a Great Half Term
See you all back on Monday 25th February