

# Wessex News – April / May

## Key Dates and information

Friday

Half Term Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
School returns 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Sports days (planned)

FS: Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June am

KS1: Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June am

Yr 3 & 4 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July am

Yr 5 & 6 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July am

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June Charlotte's  
Web Theatrical production in  
school

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June PTA  
summer Fair

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Wessex  
learning journey and family  
BBQ 3.30-5.00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July Year 6  
production

17<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 leavers'  
assembly

## Summer is here!



We have had another short term, but the children have been very busy and working hard across the school, especially those children taking SATS tests this week.

The children have been continuing to work on their growth mindset and on their new curriculums which I am sure they have been excited about! Year 4 has transformed into a rainforest and Yr 3 a fiery volcano!

All around the school you can see our new behaviour rules of "**Positivity, Honesty and Respect**" and the children have been showing us these characteristics in a variety of ways.

Now that the sun is out and long may it last, please can we ask parents to provide sun hats / caps and apply sun cream before school.

Our new Outdoor classroom has been used by most of the classes now and the school council has had a naming competition which will be revealed next Friday at the opening ceremony and picnic event.



## New Running track opening.

We officially opened our new running track a few weeks ago with the children, it was also good to see a few parents trying it out at the end of the day!

Everyone got to run around it together and we launched our competition to run the distance between Maidenhead and Tokyo in time for the 2020 Olympic games! Each class has to acquire a total of 5948 miles over the next school year, which is achievable if everyone runs or walks their daily mile over the next year.



## Manor Green inclusion event

All of Year 4 took part in an inclusion event at Manor Green School last week, where they joined 32 other schools and over 500 people to celebrate the inclusive community. The children learnt "This is me" from the Greatest Showman in Makaton and performed it as a large group. They also got to bust some grooves afterwards!



## The Importance of good school attendance

As a follow up from last month's newsletter, thank you to everyone for supporting us with our drive on school attendance, even 5 minutes missed can cause children upset and worry. We will continue to monitor school attendance and be looking at introducing a weekly attendance cup for KS1 and 2.

## School funding

As mentioned in the Governors newsletter we have had to look at staffing as the school is facing increasing financial pressures. You may have noticed that several climbing frames have had to be removed, We are trying to find some funding and or sponsorship to replace these, so if any parents know or are aware of any companies that may be interested in donating or who offer grants, please let Mr Woodbridge or Mrs Wardle know.

## Working party

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of May we had a group of volunteers from Travelport helping us around the school. They dug over our new borders outside and helped weed and maintain some of our outdoor raised beds. Year 2 and 4 are now busy planting so a massive thank you to the team that came into school and supported us.

## Cox Green May Fair

Well done to the children who took part in the Maypole dancing at the Cox Green May Fair, a good time was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Clark, Mrs Piggott and Mr Smith for supporting the children.

Well done to our pupils Lauren and Anne-Marie who won the poster competition. The prizes were presented in assembly by the Mayor and Lady Mayor of Maidenhead.



## WHATSAPP

This is the same article as last month's newsletter but I would like to keep it fresh in people's minds:

We have a number of our older children using text and WhatsApp groups. We would ask parents check occasionally what is being written as some times the children write inappropriate things which can be taken the wrong way by other children and cause a great deal of hurt and upset. Though we try and educate the children about the dangers of Cyber-bullying and their on line presence this has to be a partnership, and I would urge all parents to check such groups or work with their children to report anything that is hurtful or unacceptable.

## Parking, smoking and coffee cups...

Please again can I remind parents that you are not allowed to park down St Adrian's Close. It is a residential parking area with a no stopping enforcement. Recently parents are not only parking and

upsetting the neighbours, but some are double parking and blocking the road, and therefore would stop any emergency vehicles from accessing homes if they needed to. Please can we follow this rule and park away from the school.

I have also had complaints about people smoking by the school gate when dropping off children and when walking down St Adrian's, though I cannot police that, I do ask that those parents consider the wishes and feelings of parents and also the health of the children who may be breathing in the smoke as they walk to school.

Finally please can we ask parents if you bring coffee cups onto school site at any point you take them home again or place in a bin out of school grounds. This is for a number of reasons, firstly we are trying to be an environmentally aware school but also we are seeing an increasing number, which go into out waste bins and which we are then financially liable for the removal and this takes up resources for the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Baby Birds

We have some birds that have nested in one of our bird boxes which is linked up with a camera. The eggs are hatched and we are streaming the images into the hall live! The children can watch the chicks being fed by their parents. It is fascinating to watch and the children are loving seeing them grow.

## Wessex Curriculum

As you know we have been working on our curriculum, we

**New**

have had a big push this term with staff development and training with a company called Primary Matters who are so inspirational! We have some very exciting plans for the next academic year with our approach to the curriculum which we will share with you in September.

Some of the children were treated to workshops, which we hope they told you about. There was an awesome dance workshop and some excellent art work being created in another. We even had a visit from a pirate!

The staff will be working on their plans ready for September and I hope the whole school will be inspired!

We are also planning to follow up the work on growth mind set and will be working on Mind-up from September, which is run by the Goldie Hawn Foundation.



*An exciting thematic curriculum to inspire a love of learning.*

Thank you to the PTA  
for organising the  
Outside Disco for the  
children at the end of  
term

**Have a Great Half  
term Holiday  
See you all back on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**