

Wessex News – July 2019

Key Dates and information

5th September 2019 Children return to school for usual start times.

End of another Year



Not only is another busy term coming to an end, so is another school year! Not sure where the time has flown, but there has been so much going on at Wessex over the last few weeks. We are all so proud of the children and their achievements this year, they have all worked hard and have a very positive and growth mindset approach to their learning.

It is also that time of year when we say some goodbyes to members of staff who are retiring or who are moving on.

Firstly Mrs. Dean, who has been at Wessex for 33 years and who has been a valued member of staff and has even taught some parents! We would like to wish Mrs Dean all the best with her retirement and future plans.

We will also be losing some teachers Mr Lloyd, Miss Powell, Miss Ward and Mrs Tarleton will be leaving at the end of this term, we would like to thank them all for their continued support and work at Wessex over the many years, I know they will be missed by all but we would like to wish them all the best with their new journeys.

Finally we say goodbye to our student teachers who have completed a successful year's teaching with us. They move to take up their first posts in new schools. Mr Clements and Mrs McDonald have really thrown themselves into life at Wessex

and we would like to wish them all the best for their first teaching positions.

We would also like to welcome Mrs. Alison Morton who joins us in Year 4. Mrs. Morton says

"I am really looking forward to joining Wessex in September and to getting to know the children. I am currently at a local primary school with responsibility for Science which I love teaching. When I'm not teaching I make my way to the nearest beach to enjoy some swimming, sunshine and being on the water".

Mrs. Manders Wood who has been working in Year 1 this year will be staying at Wessex and will work in reception class.

Thank you for donations.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs. Norcott, an ex-parent who has donated much needed IT equipment to the school from her company. This has helped the school financially in replacing much needed equipment.

To Mrs. Hart for arranging sponsorship for our Wessex team kits.

And to Mrs. Burton who has donated some books to the school about plastic and our oceans. There is one per class for the children to use and research with.

We are looking for some beanbags and oriental style rugs and oversized cushions for our outdoor classroom if anyone has anything they think may be suitable please let Mr. Woodbridge know.

Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

Well done Year 6 last week, for a fantastic production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. It was a great performance and you really shone! The singing and comic timing was brilliant.

New School Curriculum

As you are hopefully aware we have been working on our school curriculum over the last few months. The staff have had a lot of training and development and are really looking forward to the changes in the new academic year. There are a variety of changes to how we are going to deliver our key National Curriculum objects which we will share with you in a separate letter at the start of next term. The Senior Leadership team believe it will be transformative at Wessex and will inspire the children to love learning. The new curriculum will be bolder and more exciting for the children and bring a wealth of exciting experiences to life for them... watch out for the changes in the new term!

Summer Fair / PTA

The Summer Fair was a huge success and raised alongside the Learning journey BBQ £2,700 for the school.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the PTA team and especially Gemma and Cath who have been our chairpersons over the last two years; they helped raise a massive £30,000 for the school. Some of which has gone to the outdoor classroom, the rest we hope to invest in new play equipment and IT resources for the school.

Gemma and Cath have been fabulous co-chairs and we would like to extend all our thanks to them for their hard work and support over the years.

The PTA is looking for a new chair or co-chairs to help organise events for the coming year. Some people have shown interest but we have had no definite confirmation. Please let the school office know if you

are interested and can confirm what you would like to be considered for. The PTA would be unable to operate without a team to support it.

Wessex Sculpture competition

You may have noticed around the school some strange and marvelous pieces of art work. The whole school have been involved in a creative junk modelling project using material that can be recycled. Have a look at the pictures below which include a giant tin caterpillar, a prehistoric cave, a lighthouse and World War II planes.



School uniform

Our school uniform is a key part of the school and children always look great at the start of the year. Next year please look at the policy on the webpage regarding uniform so that we can continue to maintain the standards in the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Only those children who walk home alone should bring into school a mobile phone. These must be handed into the school office and kept for the day. If a mobile phone is brought into school please can you bring in a named Jiffy bag or envelope to store it in during the day.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Summer Fair

Have a Great Summer holiday
See you all back on Thursday 5th September 2019