

WESSEX WEEKLY

Friday 9th November 2018

ASSEMBLY THEME – Happiness for yourself and others

Important Dates

- ✦ Parent Workshop: Nurture my Potential: 6pm, Wednesday 28th November
- ✦ Flu Vaccinations: Reception to Year 5: 3rd December
- ✦ KS1 Nativity Christmas Production (Y1 & Y2): 9.30am, Monday 10th December and Tuesday 11th December
- ✦ Christmas Production Nursery and Reception: 9.30am, Thursday 13th December and Friday 14th December
- ✦ Visiting Pantomime "Pinocchio" Thursday 13th December
- ✦ Key Stage 2 Carols: Monday 17th December (Y3 to Y6)

Wednesday 19th December: END OF TERM

The Other Heads' column

The whole school was involved in the Remembrance service that was held on Friday. The children were amazingly behaved and demonstrated all of the Wessex values. Marci and Siddhant read their poems beautifully.

Everyone at Wessex has been learning about World War 1 and learning about how it started, including the battle of the Somme. Reception have been enjoying playing in a maze and making poppies.

Year 1 have been learning about a book which has a penguin in space and making rockets.

Year 2 have been learning how to use noun phrases and adjectives while reading Cinderella.

Year 3 have pictures of WW1 silhouettes and have really enjoyed it.

Year 4 have loved creating mythical creatures and have been reading the infamous book The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

Year 5 have been studying the Solar System and have made Remembrance Day poppies.

Year 6 have been writing a World War 1 soldier account of what it would have been like and created ceramic poppies for the Remembrance service.

Every year has enjoyed what they were doing.

By Zach, Siddhant, Sofia and Marci

Remembrance Day



On Remembrance Day the children, staff, parents and visitors met at the flag pole followed by two minutes of silence during which the flag was then lowered to half-mast. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the flagpole by each year group led by the House Captains who did an incredibly professional and meticulous job. The children were well-behaved and respectful and they wore their poppies with pride and dignity. We are extremely proud of our children who behaved so very well at such a significant occasion.

We were also very grateful for the presence of war veteran Ray Williams from the Royal British Legion who was with us throughout the ceremony.

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions towards the poppy appeal. Almost all of our poppies have sold out. Contributions will be given to The Royal Legion Poppy Appeal.

Match Report – Holy Trinity versus Wessex

Yesterday, Thursday 8th November the Wessex Netball Team of Lauren, Jenson, Oliver, Jessica, Holly, Bella, Aleesia and Emily went to Cookham to play a match against Holy Trinity School. Both Wessex and Holy Trinity played well and had good players. Wessex played with good sportsmanship and never gave up which made Mrs Cox and Mrs Matthews very proud. The result was a win for Wessex of 15-9.

Report by Aleesia M. and Emily K.

Growth Mindset Workshop

A reminder that the Growth Mindset workshop is on Wednesday 28th November 6 - 7:15pm. 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.

Learning what it's like to be a Soldier

Year 6 have had an amazing week learning to be soldiers. Members of the Royal Yeoman Regiment came in and taught marching and saluting. On Thursday we had a gentleman in and did lots of activities about the war such as being a stretcher bearer, putting on bandages and studying WW1 artefacts.



School Trip Questionnaire

Many thanks to the 173 families who spent a few minutes answering the trip questionnaire at parents evening last week. We have analysed the results and will be taking your feedback into consideration when organising school trips. A special thanks to all the parents who said that they are willing to help out on school trips. If you mentioned that you would be willing to talk to a group of children about your job or hobby Mrs Maskell will be in contact with you in due course.

Here are the results of the survey.

- 1) How many trips do you feel are appropriate each school year?

1 per a school year	5%
2 per a school year	42%
3 per a school year	33%
more than 3 per a school year	20%

- 2) How much do you feel is reasonable to pay for a school day trip?

Up to £10	31%
Up to £20	56%
Up to £30	13%

- 3) A significant cost to school trips is the coach. For example a 60 seater coach to Reading costs approximately £500. Would you like to know how the cost of the trip is calculated?

Yes	71%
No	29%

- 4) Would you be interested in having the option of paying for day trips in instalments?

Yes	65%
No	35%

- 5) Do you think class fund raising activities are a good way to help fund or partially fund a school trip a good idea?

Yes	89%
No	11%

- 6) If a school trip was further afield and you were given plenty of notice would you be happy for the trip to start at 8am and then the children are returned to school at 4pm?

Yes	99%
No	1%

Films



It has been brought to our attention a number of children across the school are watching films and playing games that are not appropriate for their age range. A lot of children who watch 15 year old films, though it may seem cool, do not understand the content and cannot handle the language and violence they can be exposed to. This can cause upset, lack of sleep and trauma. It can also have an adverse effect on emotional development and their behaviour in school. There is lots of guidance online if parents need it, however please feel free to speak to a member of senior leadership if you have concerns about what your children may be accessing online.

