Right on Track
The term has been a short but busy one! We have had a range of trips, activities and sporting events across the school which the children have had opportunity to take part in.

You May have noticed the field being dug up over the last few weeks, this is so we can put down an all-weather running track so the children can use it across all seasons. The money has been generously donated by the Spore Merry Rixman foundation and we hope the children will get many years of use out of it. We are looking forward to getting our trainers on and to get using it!

This week we are also having our hideout house (outdoor classroom) installed in the wooded area. This has been possible by a generous donation from the PTA and several local companies. We look forward to setting up the classroom and getting children learning outside. Watch out for our grand opening!

Whilst we are having a lot installed, unfortunately we are having to get rid of some climbing frames, which we hope to replace in time with newer versions.

We have had a number of exciting assemblies and I have seen some excellent writing and topic work as well as some great homework from the children.

I would like to thank all the children for their hard work and determination this term and hope all our families have a relaxing Easter break.

New behavior rules
As previously mentioned we have been working on our behavior policy in line with some of the work of Paul Dix. You may have noticed your children talking about our assemblies or even seen the signs around the school. We have three key behavior words that we use across the school. These are Positivity, Honesty, and Respect.

We are moving away from certain sanctions for poor behavior and taking a “growth Mindset” restorative approach with the children. There are also certain behaviours that will not be tolerated in school and we would welcome the opportunity to work with parents where these behaviours are displayed.

Inspirational assemblies
We have so much hidden talent at Wessex and around our community we are starting a series of assemblies with KS2 children to inspire them into thinking about the endless possibilities for hobbies, clubs or even careers later on in life. So far the children have heard from Mrs Newman and Miss Hazell who have wowed the children with things they have been up to outside of school!

If any parents have a secret talent or job that may inspire the children please let Mrs Maskell know and we can arrange for you to deliver an assembly if you would like.

The Importance of good school attendance
As a school it is important we encourage good school attendance. We have a whole school target of 96%. Children should be aiming for this during their school year. If attendance falls it will be monitored by the school and even picked up by the Local Authority Education Officer. If this happens we always try to work with parents to increase attendance if support is needed.
Having time off school is detrimental not only to learning but can also affect friendship groups and children’s confidence at school.

Even being late has a knock on effect as children are nervous to enter the classroom when all their peers are settled.

Please can we try and encourage good attendance at school.

Moving on and returning

This week we say a sad goodbye to some members of Wessex staff, many have been here for a number of years and I know they will be missed by us all. Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Pauffley and Mrs Rowe will be leaving at the end of the term and we would like to wish them all the best in their new ventures and for the future as they have been valued members of the Wessex team.

We also welcome back Mrs Campbell and Mrs Alfred from maternity leave. They will be taking teacher PPA time and cover across the school.

WHATSAPP

We have a number of our older children using text and WhatsApp groups. We would ask parents to occasionally check what is being written as sometimes 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 online 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…

Your local councillor is working with residents of St Adrian’s Close to try and reduce the traffic and help stop those parents that still park there. Please could I ask you to park away from St Adrians and walk into school. The road can get very congested and I would hate for an accident to happen at those busy times around school drop off and pick up. St Adrians is a resident’s only parking area and has a no stopping at any time restriction. Traffic wardens have been down on a number of occasions. This also includes parents dropping off for morning or after school clubs; thank you for your continued support.

Well done to Stuart house who win the mufti day this Friday

Thank you to the PTA for organising the mother’s day event and for getting us into the top 5 for green redeem! £1000 for the school

Have a Great Easter Holiday

See you all back on Tuesday 23rd April