



# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



## Newsletter

Autumn Term —2nd November 2018 (Issue 7)

Dear Parents and carers,



I hope you all had a lovely half term break. It is so inspiring to see the children return to school so excited about their topic quest learning! They are buzzing to learn more!

I would like to thank our Y6 children for their very poignant Remembrance day assembly (we are supporting the British Legion by selling poppies until 9th November) and I hope they all have a wonderful time next week either on school journey or the London trips. Finally, thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Indonesian Tsunami appeal. We raised **£329.77**. Have a wonderful week!

Alexander Banks  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL REMINDERS & REQUESTS

Nursery & Reception: Please remember to leave a change of clothes for your child. Also if you have any old spare clothes you could donate to these classes in case of emergencies, we would be very grateful.

Reminder : School is closed to parents from 9am until 3.30pm each day. If you have an appointment here or need to come to school in between these times you must report to the school office. Please make sure that your child arrives to school with everything they need for the day each morning. We kindly request that you do not ask members of staff to pass on items to your child that are unrelated to school.

**Boys Football Team** training on Tuesday after school. This will finish at 4.15pm (NOT 4.30pm) starting from Tuesday 6th November.

Reception classes started swimming this week. You should all have been made aware of the dates that your child will swim. Please make sure they bring their swimming kits. Thank you.

Year 6 children going on school journey—please make sure your child arrives to school at 8am on Wednesday 7th November. Please take your child straight to the Junior Hall to be registered. If you have any medicines to send with your child please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name and complete the Authorisation to Administer Medicine form which can be obtained from Mrs Henry and give the medicine and completed form back to Mrs Henry. The children are due to return at 5.00pm on Friday 9th November. Text messages will be sent to parents on the day to update you of any changes to their time of arrival. Please make sure you are here waiting for them on their return. Thank you.

## Letters home this week



- Y2 Trip letter to Sea Life
- Y3 Dance & Movement club letter
- Y3 Oak Class trip to National Centre for Circus Arts
- Y3 Cedar Class trip to National Centre for Circus Arts

Christmas Card order forms Nurs-Y6. The children will be producing their own Christmas cards which parents can then order printed versions. Orders and money will need to be returned to school by 16th November.

## Lost & Found

**A child in Reception class has lost his coat. It has his name inside. Please could you check to see if your child has brought it home by mistake.**  
**Thank you.**

**Please do not send lolly pops to school with your child. These are not allowed at school not even for Treat Friday.**



## Dates for your diary—the week ahead

- 06.11.18 Y3 Diwali Assembly 9am (Y3 parents invited)
- 07.11.18 Y6 School Journey PGL
- 07.11.18 Y6 trip to Whitefield School
- 08.11.18 Y6 trip to Kidzania
- 09.11.18 Y6 return from School Journey
- 09.11.18 Y6 trip to Moat Mount

## PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to invite all parents/ carers to the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd November at 9am . The meeting will be to elect the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. For parents new to our school the PTA is a really great opportunity to get to know other parents and become more involved in improving your child's school experience.



**Nursery** The Nursery team welcomes back everyone after the break. We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half term. The children have re-settled really well and have been enjoying learning about Halloween and participating in activities related to the theme. We have been exploring slime, hunting for bugs hidden in it, making spider webs and cutting spooky stick puppets. The children have also been very excited to carve pumpkins to transform them into Jack-o'-lanterns, listened to stories about witches and skeletons and danced like skeletons too. There have been many opportunities to talk about own experiences as well as to learn new words related to Halloween

**Reception** As it is Autumn, we are celebrating the change in the weather and talking about Autumn. Why don't you go to the park and find some colourful leaves?

We made potions in the haunted house and have been dressing up for Halloween. In our writing we have been using the letters that we have been learning.

**Year 1** Thank you for working so hard with your children on their Topic Quest homework! The aeroplanes- especially- look amazing! Please remember to talk about and refer to the fridge words (eg. cabin, cockpit, etc) that went home before the half-term break- this will really help them in their lessons.

**Year 2** Year 2 have had a fantastic week back with the children show casing their brilliant Topic Quest projects! We've been impressed with the amount of effort that was put in, and their knowledge of Antarctica that they have returned with.

We have been continuing our number work with addition and subtraction, and problem solving and reasoning. In English we have started a new book called 'Lost and Found', and we have created 'Missing' pet posters.

Next week we will continue with reading 'Lost and Found', sequencing events and exploring the characters

**Year 3** This week we've been looking at lots of different ways to help us to multiply and answering some real-life multiplication stories. We've also had an amazing time learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali! We've created our own Mendhi patterns and tried some delicious food, as well as practising hard for our assembly next week. We hope to see you there!

**Year 4** We have enjoyed sharing our amazing Topic Quest homework this week; the children presented their work to their class and love seeing it on display in the corridor. Also, we had a great origami session with some help from Whitefield School. We made peace cranes and wrote peace messages and hope to exchange these with another school somewhere else in the world!

**Year 5** Our Year 5 explorers have been investigating the Alpine region this week. They have been looking at how things are adapted to survive the harsh environment and what changes occur across the year. They have made excellent models showing how the mountains were formed millions of years ago. Keep it up Year 5!

**Year 6** Year 6 have had a very busy start to the half term! As well as starting our new topic about the Ancient Maya, the children gave an excellent assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day.

## TEA WITH THE HEAD



Each week a child from each class is invited to Tea with the Headteacher. This is in recognition for children who have worked hard, shown good behaviour or other reasons for which their teacher feels they deserve to be rewarded. This week's children who attended Tea with the Head are:

Palm	Bayleigh
Redwood	Diyar
Cedar	Gaia
Oak	Marysia
Hazel	Imen
Hawthorn	Abbas
Acacia	Zen
Sycamore	Mahdi
Sycamore	Everton
Mahogany	Izma
Magnolia	Mariiam

**WELL DONE!**



## Attendance and Punctuality this week

	Attendance %	Lates
Silver Birch Leaf	93%	5
Silver Birch Tree	100%	1
Chestnut	99%	2
Maple	97%	1
Palm	96%	4
Redwood	98%	4
Cedar	98%	2
Oak	97%	4
Hawthorn	98%	1
Hazel	96%	4
Acacia	100%	3
Sycamore	100%	2
Magnolia	97%	5
Mahogany	98%	0

**Congratulations!**

**Well done Silver Birch Leaf, Acacia and Sycamore classes on 100% attendance!**