



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



Newsletter

Autumn Term —21st December 2018 (Issue 14)

Dear all,

It has been a very busy and successful term at Wessex Gardens. First on behalf of myself and all the staff may I thank you for the cards, gifts and well wishes, it is much appreciated.



I would like to thank the PTA for their highly successful treat sale this week. Please do sign up to become an active member of our PTA! With ever decreasing school budgets it is fund raising by our PTA which ensures our children have the important extras.

2019 will be a year where we will build further on our successes. If you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions please do come and talk to us.

Wishing you all a very peaceful break.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & REQUESTS

Breakfast Club and After School Club will run as normal on the first day back to school (Monday 7th January 2019).

Please see different club letters for new start dates in January.

Please make sure you label your child's clothes clearly and check regularly in lost property box if your child loses anything.

Bikes and scooters should be left locked up in the store area at the first entrance before you go into the Infant Playground. Please do not leave them in the Junior Playground. Thank you.

Nursery & Reception request:

Please can you make sure your child has a change of clothes left at school. Thank you.

Reception Admissions September 2019

This is a further reminder that the deadline for applications for a Reception place for September 2019 is **15th January 2019**. If your child is currently attending Nursery you will need to apply for a Reception place by making an application to www.eadmissions.co.uk Thank you.

The regular weekly Newsletter is produced to help the school communicate information to parents. Please make sure you read it and take note of dates for your diary, etc. Please do not rely on reminder text messages as we expect that you will have received most of the information through the Newsletter.

Please remember to log on to www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk to pay and pre-order your child's school dinners. Thank you.

We sometimes include a Lost and Found section in the Newsletter. If you would like to include anything in this section please contact the school office. Thank you.

PE News

Congratulations to both our Boys and Girls Football Team both were victorious in their matches against Claremont School at Whitefield on Tuesday. Well done! We are so proud of you.



Dates for your diary



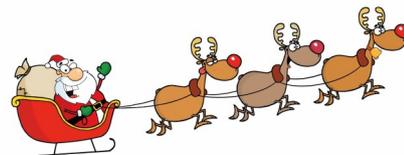
07.01.2018 Nursery & School reopens - children return to school and nursery.

Letters home this week



- Y1-3 After School Football Club
- Y3-6 After School Dance & Movement Club
- Y3&4 After School Gymnastics Club
- Y4-6 After School Football Club
- Y5&6 After School Basketball Club

All club letters are also available on the school website www.wessexgardens.co.uk To guarantee your child's place payments should be made to www.schoolmoney.co.uk



Monday 24th December 2018—Friday 4th January 2019

School Closed—Christmas Holiday



Nursery This week the Nursery children had their Christmas party and a special guest paid us a visit, bringing some lovely gifts. The children were very excited to see Santa but some went very quiet and couldn't believe their eyes. The children enjoyed dancing, playing games such as musical statues and pass the parcel as well as eating the delicious party food- normally not allowed at school! We also had our Early Years Sing-a-long on Tuesday and the children sang beautifully for their families and friends. The Nursery broke up on Tuesday as we have been visiting new children at home before they start in January. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as well as an enjoyable rest!

Reception In Silver Birch we had a busy week with lots of exciting events. We had great fun at our pyjama party with Santa, reading a story and having hot chocolate and cookies. On Tuesday we had lots of parents attend our Christmas concert, and the children enjoyed performing. We have continued to practise writing short sentences using finger spaces and we learned about subtraction in Maths. Please continue to read with your children over the holiday and look out for the homework activities coming home on Friday. Have a lovely break!

Year 1 A HUGE thank you to all those parents/carers that came to the Year 1 Phonics Workshop! Please work on the specific sounds that were sent home with your children in their packs! If you have any questions about how to support your children at home in any way, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for a wonderful Autumn Term!

Year 2 Year 2 are having a creative week designing calendars and pop up cards to take home! Alongside Art, we have been continuing working with money in Maths. In English, children have enjoyed exploring recipe books and learning the different features of a recipe. Our next step is to write cookie recipes and bake them!

Thank you to parents who brought food and drinks for our class Christmas party on Thursday!

The Year 2 team wishes you all a lovely break!

Year 3 What a fantastic final week we've had in Year 3! We've worked extraordinarily hard to understand the first steps of using the bus stop method for division, and we've been learning the reasons behind why people celebrate Christmas, along with the Christmas story. We've also been memorising performance poetry and doing Science experiments with soil. What a busy week we've had! The Christmas party was a great success and we loved our visit from Father Christmas! Our topic next half term will be titled 'How unpleasant were the Bronze and Iron Ages?' - please take a look at the Topic Quest homework in the homework books and have a fantastic, restful break!

Year 4 This week, we have solved some challenging problems involving the perimeter of compound shapes. This has involved using deduction and logic.

The Krindlekrax themed Sound Collector poems are wonderful, so we have displayed them in the corridor.

The children have been making short stop-motion animations in computing, using their Plasticine models. They have also made some 'crazy hair' calendars to take home.

Year 5 We would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work. Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this term and we are looking forward to starting the New Year with our exciting new Topic Quest. All of the Year 5 team is wishing you a restful holiday and a Happy New Year!

Year 6 Well, it has certainly been a busy but extremely productive half term! We are so proud of the way that the children have worked. They have shown hard work, real grit and determination to achieve and they have also stayed positive and had fun along the way. They deserve a very restful and fun end of term break.



Website: For more information please remember to visit the school's website at www.wessexgarden.co.uk where you will find this year's term dates, letters to parents and much more.

Attendance and Punctuality this week

	Attendance %	Lates
Silver Birch Leaf	91%	1
Silver Birch Tree	97%	1
Chestnut	87%	5
Maple	99%	1
Palm	96%	5
Redwood	90%	5
Cedar	93%	5
Oak	92%	7
Hawthorn	97%	1
Hazel	93%	2
Acacia	94%	0
Sycamore	99%	1
Magnolia	97%	4
Mahogany	95%	3

Congratulations!

No classes achieved 100% attendance
Maple, Sycamore —so close!

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, Mr Banks held Tea with the Head on Monday and Friday (as there was no Tea with the Head last Friday). Children who attended Tea with the Head this week are:

Chestnut	Kacper
Maple	Vihren
Palm	Izabela
Redwood	James
Redwood	Lutessa
Cedar	Reem
Oak	Giada
Hazel	Duarte
Hawthorn	Mohanad
Sycamore	Yahya
Acacia	Ilyas
Mahogany	Adam K
Magnolia	Maaida

WELL DONE!



PTA News



The PTA have had two fundraising events at school this week and are delighted to announce that the total raised for the Cake & Treat sale was £110.70.

Children were able to come to school in party clothes/fancy dress clothes on class party day, Thursday 20th December and this raised a £262.29 for the PTA.

This money will be used to run events here at Wessex Gardens. Please look out for more news from the PTA to find out what events they will be organising in the New Year.

Bug Club

Reminder for all children to please continue with their reading over the holiday period. If you go on to Bug Club there are so many lovely books to choose from. We look forward to hearing all about the stories you have read!

Nature Squad



The Wessex Gardens Nature Squad is delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Our pupils will be benefiting from an insect study centre, bird box camera and a wildlife camera which will be used to learn more about birds, animals and insects and their life cycles. In addition staff will receive training to help children learn outdoors. Nature Squad played an important role in applying for the grant and selected equipment that they felt would benefit their peers. The project is run by Learning through Landscapes and funded by Postcode Local Trust, which receives funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery. Congratulations to Nature Squad for submitting a winning bid!

Clitterhouse Farm Project

We are delighted to announce that the amount raised by Nature Squad for the Clitterhouse Farm project was £257.30. As you know, this money was raised by the children who collected donations in their buckets at the end of each the recent school performances. Thank you so much for your



Congratulations to all our parents who recently completed the Paediatric First Aid Course. This week they were presented with their Certificates.