



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for another busy time at school. We have had a busy couple of days back and have discussed New Years resolutions that we would like to make this year.

Parent drop in sessions

We will be starting our Parent Drop in sessions again this half term, so parents can come into school and see their children's work. We will send details about the timings for these next week so please look out for Schooling messages letting you know when your child's class drop in session will be.

Maximising learning

In order to maximise our children's learning opportunities, the school day now officially begins at 8:50am not 9:00am. Children may still enter their class from 8:40am. If you arrive after 8:50am you will be issued with a blue late slip. Even though official time is now 8:50am, please do try to get your child into school for 8:40am so they can make the most of the morning learning.

Other news

Congratulations to Mrs Albaidhani and family on the birth of their baby girl on Christmas day. Mother and baby are doing well.

Further to the letter sent home earlier this week, Mr Banks is currently away from school following the death of his mother. Thank you to our families for their kind words and support. If you should need to speak to someone in Mr Banks's absence, please do not hesitate to contact me or another member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Have a restful weekend.

Antonia Alexandrou
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

15.01.2023 Final day to apply online for admission
To Reception class for September 2023
13-20.02.2023 School closed half term holiday
21.02.2023 School and Nursery reopens

Letters home this week

Nurs-Y6 Mr Banks' bereavement absence
Hawthorn Mrs Alba congratulations



Please see list below who will be swimming this half term:

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| Maple | Girls | Tuesdays |
| Chestnut | Girls | Tuesdays |
| Palm | Boys | Wednesdays |
| Redwood | Boys | Tuesdays |
| Cedar | Boys | Wednesdays |
| Hazel | Boys | Mondays |
| Hawthorn | Boys | Thursdays |
| Acacia | Boys | Mondays |
| Sycamore | Boys | Wednesdays |
| Mahogany | Girls | Wednesdays |
| Magnolia | Girls | Thursdays |



There may be some changes to swimming days for some classes. Should this be the case you will be notified in advance by Schooling/Newsletter.

Reception classes continue to swim in groups on Thursdays., please speak to your class teacher to find out which group your child is in.

TERM DATES 2022/2023

SPRING TERM 2023

FIRST HALF: Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 13th February – Monday 20th February
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 21st February – Friday 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2023

FIRST HALF: Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May
MAY DAY: Monday 1st May
KING'S CORONATION: Monday 8th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 29th May – Monday 5th June
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st July

TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

FIRST HALF: Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
SECOND HALF: Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December

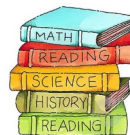
SPRING TERM 2024

FIRST HALF: Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 20th February – Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2024

FIRST HALF: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May
MAY DAY: Monday 6th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 24th July





TEA WITH THE HEAD



Nursery

This week we have been welcoming the children back to Nursery and revisiting routines and expectations. We would like to wish all of the children and their families a happy and healthy New Year. This half term we will be focusing on traditional tales starting with Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Please continue to share traditional tales at home with your child so that they become very familiar with the characters and the sequence of events. Please continue to support your child with completing their home learning activities. We would love to receive some more examples of home learning to add to our classroom display! Please continue to check Tapestry regularly to view your child's progress and latest achievements. We've all had a wonderful start to another busy half term in Nursery!

The Nursery Team

Reception

Reception have had a wonderful start to the new year! It has been lovely welcoming them back. We have been playing group games outdoors as well as making books and maths monsters! Please remember we have our swimming lessons on Thursdays. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1 & 2

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful holiday. A quick introduction of all our staff working in Key Stage 1. Palm class– Ms Maiko Takemoto and Ms Katalin Kopasz (Thursday only), Redwood class – Mr Jatin Sheth, Maple class – Ms Marva Denys, Chestnut class – Ms Rosie Crabtree and Ms Aderonke Tenreiro. Our support staff are: Ben, Salmah, Iwona, Angela, Dawn, Sadia and Alex. We have had a wonderful week getting to know each other and we look forward to the exciting New Year ahead. In Year 2, our topic is 'Coastline' and we will be learning about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal towns.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 have had a wonderful, positive start to the New Year. We are getting very excited about our new topic for this term 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles', and cannot wait to learn about the different types of rocks next week! Thank you for supporting your children with the Topic Quest home learning tasks- they are making a wonderful display in our corridor. In maths, we have been continuing our learning around times tables. Please encourage your children to practise at home as this will further their progress. The website Top marks and game 'Hit the Button' is very popular with the children. In English, we have been writing a letter to our bad habits that we want to get rid of in 2023, and instead making room for more positive habits. Boys swim this half term in Hazel, Hawthorn and Cedar class. Thank for all that you do. Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Year 5

It has been a great start to the New Year with the children using their inference skills to respond to illustration in English. By looking at different pictures from a similar theme, they are trying to predict what an upcoming story may be about. In maths, Year 5 have continued looking at fractions, including adding a mixed number to an improper fraction. In science, we will be starting our new topic on Earth and Space.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a magnificent start to the term. Several children had returned their Frozen Kingdom topic quest homework which were fantastic and well presented. We are traversing through chilly terrain as we dive deep into our Frozen Kingdoms topic. We began this week with a honest reflection of what we want to do more of in 2023 and which habits we need to let go of. The children impressed us with their honesty and willingness to grow and better themselves. Keep it up!

6 Mahogany PE on Mondays

6 Mahogany Girls swimming on Wednesdays

6 Magnolia PE on Mondays

6 Magnolia Girls swimming on Thursdays

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

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| Maple | Melorin |
| Chestnut | Joseph |
| Palm | Kaleb |
| Redwood | Ghina |
| Cedar | Ramani |
| Hawthorn | Lisa |
| Hazel | Sumayah |
| Acacia | Mohammed |
| Sycamore | Dina |
| Mahogany | Ibrahim |
| Magnolia | Artemis |

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Basil, Maple class
Ines, Chestnut class
Hussein, Palm class
Zain, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Tawaab, Cedar class
Aminah, Hazel class
Saaliha, Acacia class
Malek, Sycamore class
Harry, Mahogany class
Sofi, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Arvin, Maple class
Nitin, Chestnut class
Noor, Palm class
Pia, Redwood class
Reagan, Cedar class
Muhammad, Hazel class
Alexa, Hawthorn class
Maya, Acacia Class
Yulia, Sycamore class
Kevin, Mahogany class
Uchechi, Magnolia class

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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