



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another lovely week at Wessex Gardens. For those who attended the disco yesterday, I do hope you had a brilliant time- I know I certainly did! Discos are a great way to raise extra funds for the school.

The children continue to impress me with their learning. Y6 and Y3 and Y4 have really showed me what great writers we have.

Reminder: Arriving at School

School opens for children at 8:30 so they ready to go into school for 8:40. Children arriving before 8:30 need to attend breakfast club where we can look after them. The charge is 70p per day.

Reminder Uniform

While so many of our children follow our uniform policy perfectly, I have noticed the rules being broken by an increasing number of pupils. The key issue is footwear. Only plain black trainers may be worn in school or plain black shoes. I will be reminding individuals next week!

Safeguarding: What You Need to Know about Gaming Streamers and Influencers

Streamers are people who stream themselves gaming, drawing, making things etc. for people to watch on the internet. Usually, this will be done live, and others are able to chat with them in real time while they do so. Influencers are social media stars who hold influence over the people that follow them, like a kind of trend-setter or taste-maker, who companies often pay to promote their products. A streamer could also be considered an influencer in their chosen area.

In this week's guide you'll find a number of potential risks such as adult content, online bullying and online purchases.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Letters home this week

Y4-6 Basket Ball Club—Summer term 2023
Y2 Trip to Clitterhouse Farm 24.03.2023



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

15/16.03.2023	Industrial Action—strike days
17.03.2023	Red Nose Day—Wear something Red or Green bring £1
19.03.2023	Mothers Day
24.03.2023	Y2 trip to Clitterhouse Farm
26.03.2023	British Summer time begins—clocks go forward 1 hour
27-31.03.2023	Book Fair
29.03.2023	Football Club Y1&2 make up session
31.03.2023	Last day of term Nursery & School School closing 1.15pm No Friday afternoon provision No After School Club
17.04.2023	School and Nursery reopen

Reminder: Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March are further industrial action/strike days for teachers. We do not currently have details of which classes may be closed on either of those days and will update you as soon as possible. Thank you.



Friday 17th March

Wear something **Red** or **Green** and bring in £1 to donate to Red Nose Day
Thank you!



Fabulous Friday—Coffee Morning
Every Friday from 8.40am in the Rainbow House

SPRING TERM 2023 SECOND HALF:

TERM DATES 2022/2023

Tuesday 21st February – Friday 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2023 FIRST HALF: MAY DAY: KING'S CORONATION HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SECOND HALF:

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May
Monday 1st May
Monday 8th May
Monday 29th May – Monday 5th June
Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st July

AUTUMN TERM 2023 FIRST HALF: HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SECOND HALF:

TERM DATES 2023-2024

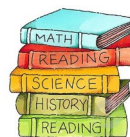
Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2024 FIRST HALF: HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SECOND HALF:

Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February
Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February
Tuesday 20th February – Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2024 FIRST HALF: MAY DAY: HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SECOND HALF:

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May
Monday 6th May
Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June
Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 24th July



TEA WITH THE HEAD



Nursery

This week we have continued to focus on the theme 'Transport.' We shared wide range of transport stories and songs about buses. This week we have been developing our awareness of space and safety in P.E. We are becoming confident at moving in lots of different ways. We have PE on a Tuesday, please make sure your child is wearing socks (no tights) and has shoes with Velcro fastenings so that they can take them off and on independently.

We have been enjoying our music lesson on a Thursday. During the lesson we have been practising creating patterns using our bodies, learning how to follow pictures on rhythm cards and joining in with new songs using different voices.

Please continue to support your child with completing their home learning activities and learning their fridge words, which we upload to Tapestry every Friday. We would love to receive some more examples of home learning on Tapestry.

Please continue to check Tapestry regularly to view your child's progress and latest achievements.

The Nursery Team

Reception

This week in Reception the children have been learning about length and height. The children have also been exploring non-fiction/information texts and exploring the role of a gardener. The disco was the highlight of the week and the adventure continues next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 1

It has been a fabulous week in Year 1. In maths we have been doing more subtraction and we found out that 'finding the difference' also means subtracting. We have also been comparing number sentences using less than (<), greater than (>) or equal to (=).

In English, we had fun with call and response poems and we had to write our own call and response poem based on our Power of Reading text. That was fun! If you hear us singing Che Che Kule around the house, then you know why.

We continued learning about the Great Fire of London in history and we learnt that the Monument was erected to celebrate the rebuilding of London to commemorate the Great Fire. We even got the chance to design our own monument. In RE we continued learning about Purim and got a chance to make beautiful Purim cards.

Please remember that homework needs to be returned by Wednesday each week and that boys are swimming on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend

Year 2

Redwood and Palm have made a great start to our history learning this week. We have been researching about Clitterhouse farm and how it has changed over time. We have also learnt about 'Suffragettes' this week and learned about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national achievements. Next week, we will be looking at a suffragette, Gladice Keevil who lived in Clitterhouse farm! In English, every child made a playdough beast and used it to write a character description. They also wrote a letter to the Mayor in the story to persuade him to be a friend! In maths, we are learning our 2, 5, and 10 times table.

Year 3 & 4

It has been a wonderful week in Years 3 & 4. In English, we have been reading a story called *The Great Kapok Tree*, which is set in the Amazon rainforest. The children went on to use persuasive language to convince a Senhor not to cut the Great Kapok Tree down. In maths, we have finished our topics on length and perimeter, and have started acquiring knowledge of fractions. The children are continuing to build fluency in their times tables. Please encourage them to use **Time Tables Rockstars** at home. They have all been issued with log in details. In science, we have been measuring contact forces using force meters. The children measured the force used to undertake every day tasks, such as pulling a door open or pushing a tray closed. As always, wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have had a wonderful time. We started off the week by rounding off our topic on fractions. We have been exploring how to find fractions of an amount, and puzzling over bar models. We discussed what equivalent fractions are and explored why they are important. In P.E. We have been focusing on gymnastics and learning how to do a headstand. We wonder who will be able to hold a headstand for at 5 seconds by next week. Keep practising everybody!

Year 6

This week in our learning, we learnt how to describe and introduce ourselves in Spanish. Science lessons were filled with learning facts about electricity (current, series and parallel circuits) and how to recognise symbols used for the different components. Next week in our science we are looking forward to exploring and investigating more about what happens when the different components of electricity are removed or added. Maths learning this week was algebra and ratio and we will continue to consolidate our understanding of these topics. DT lessons was all about healthy eating and planning and designing our balanced meals. We will have a SATs mock assessment during the last week of term. Keep up the hard work everyone and don't forget to do your revision to prepare for mocks.

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Melorin
Chestnut	Elias
Palm	Afsa
Redwood	Rama
Cedar	Mathias
Hawthorn	Ori
Hazel	Musa & Romi
Acacia	Jed
Sycamore	Badrija
Mahogany	Philip
Magnolia	Saba

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Ava and Nabiya, Maple class

Jana, Chestnut class

Yusuf, Palm class

Ahyan, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Sam, Cedar class

Aaliyah, Hawthorn class

Suha, Hazel class

Elena, Acacia class

Maksym, Sycamore class

Asiah, Mahogany class

Abdul, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Diya, Maple class

Emily, Chestnut class

Mira, Palm class

Pia, Redwood class

Deenah, Cedar class

Zahra, Hawthorn class

Greta, Hazel class

Dauhud, Acacia class

Dennis, Sycamore class

Maryam, Mahogany class

Riley, Magnolia class

Well done!