



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Another packed week at Wessex Gardens!

Y1 and Y2 had a super time during their sports event on Wednesday and EYFS enjoyed their event today. Sadly, our KS2 event was cancelled this week due to the unseasonable weather. We have planned for it to go ahead on Monday at Basing Hill Park, do pop by if you can!

Lots of trips continue to happen this week and into next week. It is so important that our children have as many exciting opportunities as possible!

We are looking forward to welcoming you on Thursday 13th to the Summer Fair. The Fair will open at 3pm and finish at 5. Please come and collect your child at 3pm and go and enjoy the event. Lots to do! Please ensure you bring a lot of change to spend and try and avoid bringing high value notes. I hope you are buying lots of raffle tickets! We have a brand new child's bike worth £140 donated by Halfords as first prize plus lots of other great prizes!

Reports and new classes:

Your child's annual report will be sent out on 17th July along with details of their new class. Next year we will have one Reception class but we no longer will be having a mixed Y3/4 class. All classes will be just one year group next year.

Safeguarding: What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Telegram

With more than 700 million users worldwide, Telegram is a popular alternative to the likes of Whatsapp and Facebook Messenger; indeed, in some countries, it's overtaken that pair to become the most-used instant messaging app. Telegram's no stranger to controversy, however, and occasionally been made unavailable for download in some nations (including the UK).

There are various reasons for these suspensions, but the primary trigger for the authorities' concern has been that Telegram's robust encryption, sadly, all too often encourages the app's use as a conduit for extremist political material and illegal content.

In this week's guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks including a lack of age verification, inappropriate content and cyber bullying.

Have a good weekend.
Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Attendance % this week

Chestnut	99%
Maple	90%
Palm	96%
Redwood	98%
Cedar	95%
Hazel	95%
Hawthorn	93%
Acacia	96%
Sycamore	100%
Magnolia	98%
Mahogany	95%

Congratulations Sycamore class on 100% attendance this week!

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

10.07.2023	Y3-6 Sports Day—Basing Hill Park <i>rescheduled</i>
13.07.2023	Non –Uniform Day -bring in cakes/international dishes
13.07.2023	Summer Fair 2.30-4.30pm
14.07.2023	Nursery & Reception trip to Basing Hill Park
14.07.2023	Year 2 trip to The Royal Mews
14.07.2023	Y6 End of Year Performance 9.15am
17.07.2023	Class swap morning
17.07.2023	Year 2 Graduation 2.45pm
18.07.2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (AM)
21.07.2023	Last day of term—school closes 1.15pm
	No after school club



Year 3-6 Basing Hill Park

Sports Day for Years 3-6 will be on Monday 10th July at Basing Hill Park. We would be grateful if parents could accompany us walking from school to the park. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to walk with us. Please come to school for 1.00pm. We should be arriving at the park for 1.30pm. Please do come along and join us, there will also be an event for the parents to take part in!

Summer Fair

A big thank you to all those children who came to school dressed in their own clothes today and brought in contributions for the tombola stall (drinks and tins).



There will be another non uniform day on Thursday 13th July for the children to bring in cakes, biscuits, treats and international dishes (please list ingredients) to be sold at the Summer Fair. Please see details of Summer Fair (poster) being sent out again with this week's Newsletter. Thank you.

TERM DATES 2022/2023

SUMMER TERM 2023
SECOND HALF:

Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st July

TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

FIRST HALF:
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:
SECOND HALF:

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
27th May – Monday 3rd June
Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 24th July



TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Aqil
Chestnut	Elias
Palm	Isa
Redwood	Pia
Cedar	Troy
Hawthorn	Adonis
Hazel	Ioane
Mahogany	Ardil
Magnolia	Javier

Congratulations!



Stars of the Week

Superstars of the Week

Ethan, Maple class
 Victoria, Chestnut class
 Hamza, Palm class
 Xhansu, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Hazuki, Cedar class
 Nour, Hawthorn class
 Hamdan, Hazel class

Reader of the Week

Melurin, Maple class
 Filip, Chestnut class
 Rayan, Palm class
 Aisha, Redwood class
 Yusur, Cedar class
 Aywel, Hawthorn class
 Lewis, Hazel class

Well done!



Letters home this week

Nurs-Y6 Summer Fair flyer
 Nurs-Y6 Raffle tickets
 Y6 Diary dates for end of year performance
 And assembly
 Nur-Y6 Strike Information Update

(all sent by Schoolpings)

Nursery

This week we have started our topic, Pirates.

We have enjoyed sharing and joining in with a range of stories and songs about Pirates. We made eye patches, flags and treasure maps this week. In maths, we have been comparing and ordering the lengths of different objects. In phonics, we have been continuing to focus on identifying missing words in familiar rhymes. We are also becoming very good at singing entire nursery rhymes independently.

Have a good weekend

The Nursery Team

Reception

The highlight of the week was our trip to Topsy Turvy. Well done to all the children for very good listening and being exceptionally well behaved. Over the past week, we have spoken to the children about their forthcoming transition into Year 1. The children will be visiting their new classrooms to familiarise themselves with the layout and meet some of the teachers. In English the children have been writing all about themselves and their families. In maths the children have been consolidating their learning of number bonds to 10 and ordering numbers to 10 and 20. In Phonics, we will continue to revise Phase 2 and 3. We have been working on embedding our knowledge of reading and writing words with the Phase 3 long vowel sounds: ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er and Phase 2 digraphs: ch sh th ch ng. Please continue to read with your child on Bug Club and if you need some help kindly let us know. The Summer Fair will be held next week and there are some amazing prizes to be won, we look forward to seeing you all. The adventure continues next week, have a lovely weekend.

Year 1

Another awesome week of learning and a very active one! Sports day was a huge success and we all had so much fun participating in all the activities!

In English, we have been learning how to give directions this week and the children are super confident at describing in front, behind, between, over, under, left and right! Why not ask them to describe the position of different objects at home? We've been practising our numbers up to 100 and calculating 1 more and 1 less of different 2-digit numbers in maths. It was wonderful seeing all the different drawings of the children's families when comparing our families to Sikh families in RE.

Have a wonderful weekend and don't forget to return your raffles (which cost £1) with your child's name and class written on the back!

Here are the answers to this week's Topic Quiz:

- 1) Sikh men wear turbans
- 2) The hat with a D on it is called a 'Dunce's hat'
- 3) Queen Victoria
- 4) Reptile
- 5) False- lions are mammals.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fun week! They learnt how to describe patterns in math and spent time working in pairs to make their own patterns. In English we continued to work on sentence structure and learnt some new words ending in -ed and -ly, like rummaged, frowned, prodded, apparently, suddenly, importantly. They had to use these words and make up their own sentences. Year 2 also enjoyed their sports day! Everyone participated very nicely and supported their peers. Friday afternoon they competed in the Henry cup! We will have to wait and see who made it to the finals. Next week we will be learning about Royal Mews in preparation for our next trip.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 have had a very positive week. They have enjoyed taking part in the Henry Cup at Wessex Gardens and they have impressed us with their amazing football skills! They have been working very hard in English, finishing off their non-chronological reports about animals found in a forest. The children have used checklists to ensure that they included as many features as possible and it has been so rewarding reading over their work!

In maths, Year 4 have finished their topic on shape and have started their new topic which is about statistics and interpreting data. In Year 3 we have been exploring the meaning of parallel and perpendicular as well as the difference between horizontal and vertical lines. Also, we have been using mathematical vocabulary to identify and describe the properties of 3D shapes.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been investigating exploring artistic techniques and working with acrylics. After admiring the work of Vincent Van Gogh, we have taken inspiration from his 'Starry Night' piece and created our own artwork. We practised different techniques including layering and differentiate brush strokes. We produced beautiful pieces of art and can't wait to show you!

Year 6

Another fantastic week for Year 6! The children have been busy rehearsing for the production, as well as having fun making all the props needed. Some of children also went on their secondary school transfer day, in which they got to meet their new teachers and class mates and experience a taste of a day in secondary school. The Henry Cup also took place this week, the children were very excited during this competitive time, it was a time for us all to get together and support our fellow classmates and friends. Next week is our production, we will be letting the children know the details of their costumes and the colours to wear. Have a great weekend!