

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I do hope you all had a brilliant Summer break and are ready for this exciting year ahead.

We have had a lovely first few days together with the children settling well into their new classes and following routines. I am sure you have lots of questions about the year ahead, so we will be holding Meet the Teacher meetings for each year group next week. Please do your best to attend. Details have been sent separately.

A couple of early requests:

- Labelling Uniform - Please make sure you label school uniform. Labelling jumpers on the reverse of the logo has proven to be an effective place to write names.
- School shoes - Only plain black shoes or trainers. No colours or logos. Please come and see Mr Banks if you need support with this. Sports trainers may be worn on PE days.
- Punctuality - Please ensure children are on time. Some children are self conscious having to come into class after everyone has started.

Have a relaxing weekend. I am on the gate each morning from 8:30 until 9:00 if you have any concerns or queries.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

28.09.2023 Nurs-Y6 Flu nasal vaccinations



Meet the Teacher Meetings

Please see below the days for the Meet the Teacher meetings. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out what they will be learning about this year and how you can support them.

Year 6	Monday 11th September 2023 at 9.10am
Year 5	Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 9.10am
Year 3	Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 9.10am
Year 4	Thursday 14th September 2023 at 9.10am
Year 2	Friday 15th September 2023 at 9.10am
Year 1	Monday 18th September 2023 at 9.10am

Swimming this Half Term

Children in each class will be swimming as follows:



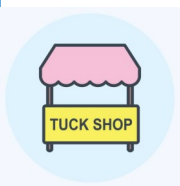
Maple	Mixed (all)	Monday
Chestnut	Mixed (all)	Monday
Palm	Girls	Tuesday
Redwood	Girls	Wednesday
Cedar	Boys	Friday
Hazel	Boys	Friday
Oak	Boys	Tuesday
Hawthorn	Boys	Tuesday
Acacia	Girls	Wednesday
Sycamore	Girls	Wednesday
Magnolia	Girls	Friday
Mahogany	Girls	Friday

Please make sure the children bring their full swimming kit with them on the days they are swimming which includes swimming costume/swimming trunks, towel, swimming goggles and swimming cap. Swimming goggles and caps may be purchased from the school office.

PE Timetable

Year 1	Mondays
Year 3 & 5	Tuesdays
Year 4 & 6	Wednesdays
Nurs/Rec/Y2	Thursday

On the days your child has PE they should come to school in their PE kit and trainers.

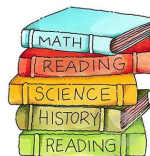


The Tuck Shop starts again on Friday 15th September. Tuck shop items cost 20p each and children may purchase a maximum of 2 items.

Letters home this week

Y6 Secondary Transfer information
Rec-Y6 School Nursing Team, Barnet—
Flu Vaccination information





TEA WITH THE HEAD



Year 1

A warm welcome to Year 1! We hope you've all had a lovely break and enjoyed some family time. It has been lovely getting to know the children this week and thank you for your patients at home time, as we get to know you too. The children have been amazing, following the Golden Rules and settling into the Year 1 routine fantastically well. They have taken on responsibilities to look after our indoor and outdoor learning environment and are getting more familiar with where their trays and cloakroom are and putting their things away independently. We have been getting them straight to work, reinforcing previous learning. In maths the children will be learning about place value (within 10) addition and subtraction (within 10). In English the children will continue with 'Power of Reading', fiction, non-fiction and poetry. In science the focus this term is 'Human Senses' and history 'Childhood'. More information to follow about what the children will be learning each week. Have a lovely weekend and our adventure in Year 1 continues next week!

Year 2

Hi there wonderful Parents,

Hope you all had a lovely Summer break. It has been fantastic having the children back and seeing how enthusiastic they are to begin their learning journey in Year 2. It has been a wonderful 3 days. We have been getting to know each other and revising number bonds and place value. We have been looking at time on the hour and half past the hour on the analogue clock. Please continue this at home. We have also been writing about ourselves and drawing self portraits. Please continue reading every night and fill out the reading record. If you have trouble logging into Bug Club please let the class teacher know.

Next week, we will be starting Place Value in maths and our Power of Reading in English. Please don't forget your Meet the Teacher morning on Friday 15th September at 9:10 am. Please make your best effort to attend as we would like to hear from you personally on the ways in which you would like us to support you with your child's learning.

Have a wonderful weekend from Year 2 staff!

Year 3

A huge welcome back and welcome to the new academic year in Year 3 with Mrs Alba, Mr Roberts, Heiro, Nandini and Alex. We hope you are as excited as we are to start this academic year. We have lots in store for our children to learn and many memorable experiences. This week, the children were introduced to the routines and rules of the class and familiarised themselves with our new corridor. We had lovely fun creating our handprint tree and getting to know all about them in their maths and English work. We are having a real push regarding handwriting and formation of letters and numbers. Please can we request that you complete school dinner register online so we can maximise on learning time (Parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk) you can do this for up to 6 weeks at a time. We will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 9:10 and look forward to seeing those who can make it there, if not presentations will be uploaded onto our website. Have a lovely weekend. Year 3 team.

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been learning lots of maths. We were dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Also we did a little bit of fraction work! In art, we were drawing self portraits. We copied the style of an artist called Romero Britto. His artwork often includes bright colours and lots of detail. Every morning we do one page of arithmetic. Also, our teacher gave us reading records. How we use it is we read a book and write the date and a comment on what the book was about. We cannot wait for next week!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to the school year! They have come back refreshed and ready to learn. We are very proud of the maturity that we have seen from all the Year 5 students. We have enjoyed getting to know each other by playing ice-breaker activities, as well as going over the new rules and high expectations that we have from them all. We cannot wait to see all the amazing learning that they will do this year!

Miss Baksh and Miss Walters

Year 6

Welcome to a Year 6! We as the Year 6 team, are looking forward to a year with memorable experiences and new topics and concepts in our learning, as well as preparing for our SATS at the end of the year. This term, boys will be swimming every Friday, starting from the 15th of September. So please ensure their swimming kits are brought in weekly. PE will be on Wednesday, therefore children need to come into school, wearing their PE kits on that day. We look forward to our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Monday morning, where parents will get a chance to meet their children's teachers and familiarise themselves with the upcoming year.

The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Dalia
Chestnut	Joel
Palm	Samar
Redwood	Aleksandre
Cedar	Enrico
Hazel	Amarni
Hawthorn	Jana
Oak	Natalie
Acacia	Adonis
Sycamore	Sean
Mahogany	Monique
Magnolia	Malek

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Ishaq, Maple class

Yasin, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Jalil, Cedar class

Megan, Hazel class

Bronek, Hawthorn class

Kai, Oak class

Victoria, Sycamore class

Ethan, Mahogany

Class Merit

Chestnut, Palm, Acacia and Magnolia classes

Well done!