



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018—14th September 2018 (Issue 1)

Dear Families,

Welcome to our first weekly Newsletter. The Newsletter will be sent by email every Friday and will be available on the school website www.wessexgardens.co.uk. Paper copies will also be available in the school office.

We are still welcoming newcomers to our Nursery and Reception classes and I would also like to welcome the new children who have joined us in other year groups. I know that everyone at Wessex will help them to settle into their new environment.

I hope you are working with your children on our 5 Golden Rules. To help with the smooth running of the school I look to our oldest children to lead by example. We have our new safety team and our new house captains. Please will you encourage your children to support them in their new roles.

Safety Team

Ameer, Amir, Pranay, Maaida, Euridce, Sally, Mouadh, Obaid, Mariama, Mani, Nicole, Wiktorina, Mariam, Kaan.

House Captains and Vice Captains

Ruby

Captain - Izma
Vice Captain - Gabriel

Citrine

Captain - Matylda
Vice Captain - Sally

Emerald

Captain - Benin
Vice Captain - Obaid

Sapphire

Captain - Wiktorina
Vice Captain - Nicole

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Albaidhani on the birth of their baby boy, born on Monday 10th September.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Nut free—we are a nut free school so please make sure you do not send any food into school which contains nuts. Please check carefully as there are many foods/chocolate/ etc which do contain nuts.



Mobile phones—parents and visitors to the school are not to use their mobile phones at school.

Lost property- please can all items of clothing, shoes, bags, PE kits, swimming kits etc be named. Please can you also remind the children to take care of their own property. We have a lot of unnamed/unclaimed lost property from last year—if you wish to come and reclaim any items please ask at the school office.

School Office

The office is open from 8.15am-4.00pm so please keep to these times for all your enquiries.

If your child is sick, please call the school and leave a message on the absence line before 9.00am each day.

If your child is going home with a different adult, please contact the school before 3.00pm that day. This is to allow enough time for the office staff to inform the class teacher.

School Dinners

For all children receiving school meals even if they are free school meals, you will need to register and pre-book their school dinners. To register please go to www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk It takes a couple of days to set up but then you will be able to book and/or pay for their meals at the same time. Please remember that if there is no credit on your child's dinner money account, then you will have to add some money before you can pre-book their food. Should you require any help with this please speak to the school office. Thank you.

School Money

Payments for trips and clubs, need to be made on line to the school's payment system www.schoolmoney.co.uk Please make sure the school has your up to date mobile number and email address. If you have any difficulty making payments please speak to the school office.

Meet the Teacher meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended these meetings with their child's class teachers. This is an excellent way for you to find out what your child will be doing at school, expectations, and how you can support your child. Feedback from the meetings so far has been really positive. In the 'Dates for your diary' section of this Newsletter you will see which year groups have their Meet the Teacher meetings next week. Please do make sure you come along. Thank you.

Message from the PTA

The school has an active PTA who meet regularly. They organise events and help to raise much needed funds for the school. It is also a way of getting to know other parents and supporting the children in school. If you are interested in joining in please see either Charles or Dariya or ask at the school office. We would be delighted to welcome you.

Nursery After being visited at home last week new Nursery children are settling well, getting to know the staff and making new friendships. The children are having lots of fun modelling with playdough, playing with small world pirates, animals and cars. They also enjoy exploring the outdoor classroom, including the large scale climbing equipment. Thank you to all the parents for working with the Nursery staff in supporting your children at this important time in their lives.

Reception Our new Reception children have begun school and are having a lovely time getting to know their new teachers, friends and classrooms. They have been practising writing their names and playing games to improve their listening skills.

Year 1 Hello, parents and carers! Thank you for helping get this year off to a great start- we couldn't do it without you! :-) Please feel free to speak to us throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns related to your child's learning or their well-being!

Year 2 Year 2 have had such a fantastic week back! The children have been getting to know their new teachers, and we've enjoyed getting to know our new class! We have had fun reading and learning about Kenya!

Year 3 We've had great fun learning about the Stone Age this week. We've created our own cave art and even went on a hunt with Stone Age weapons we created ourselves! We can't wait to tell you all about it!

Year 4 Year 4 are now experts on the ancient Romans. We've learnt about the Emperor Claudius, who sent his soldiers to invade Britain in 43 AD. We've also had great fun making Roman coins, learning about Roman numerals and creating our own Roman games in both PE and computer science.

Year 5 The children have shared lots of fantastic homework about our topic of Ancient Greece. We've had such a variety of homework presented: pottery, cooking, model structures, story-writing, independent research and more! Thank you for supporting your child!

Year 6 Great start to our Topic Quest from our year 6's researching about rain-forests. Keep up the Growth Mindset and continue modelling the golden rules.

Dates for your diary

17.09.18	Y3 Meet the Teacher meeting 9.00am
17.09.18	Y1-3 After school football club 3.30-4.30pm (starts)
18.09.18	Y4 Meet the Teacher meeting 9.00am
18.09.18	Football Team after school practice 3.30-4.30pm
19.09.18	Choir practise 8.00am Infant Hall
19.09.18	Y1 Meet the Teacher meeting 9.00am
19.09.18	Y3-4 After school Gymnastics Club 3.30-4.30pm (starts)
20.09.18	Y4-6 After school football club 3.30-4.30pm (starts)

TEA WITH THE HEAD



Each week a child from each class will be invited to Tea with the Headteacher. This is a reward for children who have worked hard, shown good behaviour or other reasons for which their teacher feels they deserve to be rewarded.

This week's children who attended Tea with the Head are:

Chestnut	Kay
Maple	Inham
Palm	Noman
Redwood	Lamar
Cedar	Chinaza
Oak	Ava
Sycamore	Alfian
Acacia	Crystal
Mahogany	Benin
Magnolia	Nicole

Well done!

Attendance and Punctuality this week

	Attendance %	Lates
Chestnut	99.20%	0
Maple	97.15%	1
Palm	96.00%	2
Redwood	99.31%	0
Cedar	96.55%	1
Oak	100%	4
Hwwithorn	98.67%	2
Hazel	97.24%	1
Acacia	98.67%	3
Sycamore	97.86%	1
Magnolia	100%	3
Mahogany	97.04%	2

Well done Oak and Magnolia classes on 100% attendance!

Punctuality



5 minutes late every day means missing 3 days of school every year.

Children should be in school for 8.40am and be in class by 8.50am when the register is taken. Pupils arriving after this time will receive a blue slip to take to class from Mr Banks. Children arriving after 9.00am will need to sign in at the office and receive an orange slip. These children will be marked as late. Any child arriving late after 9.15am will be marked as absent.

NOTICEBOARD



Nursery

If you have a child who was 3 years old on or before the 31st August 2018

We currently have spaces in our Nursery.

Please contact the school office for further details.



Secondary Transfer

For those children now in Year 6 you will need to apply for a secondary school for your child. The online application is now open and you should apply by going to www.eadmissions.org.uk Details have already been sent home to parent and are also available on the our website.

Online applications to be made at

www.eadmissions.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st October 2018 but please make sure you do not leave it to the last to day to submit your application.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a Coffee morning on 28th September, 9am in the Rainbow House to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. Save the date for your diary and come and join us for this great cause.

Opportunities at Wessex

We are again, able to offer a number of courses here at Wessex Gardens.

Family Links: The nurturing programme with Gavin and Zanaba – How to get the best out of family life.

Outside agencies such as Paiwand and Barnet Southgate College will be providing courses most of which are free of charge to us, however at a cost to them. In order for them to keep on supporting Parent /carers at Wessex to develop and learn new skills it is important that parent carers attend and complete the courses and workshops.

Parent carers will receive certificates from our course providers Barnet Southgate College and Paiwand, after successful completion these will be useful for future training or employment.

Paediatric 1st Aid starting Friday 20th pm

ESOL 20th September

ESOL Helping your child ESOL after school 20th September

Back to work support with CV writing pulling out skills interviews, application forms interview techniques.

For more information please speak to Zanaba or Gavin or leave your details at the school office.

Book Fair



We are really excited that the Book Fair will be coming again. Parents will be able to visit the Book Fair with their children on Tuesday 25th September from 8.30am. The Book Fair will be open each morning that week until Friday 28th September. Please do come and see the lovely books and gifts that you can buy. This is a great way of supporting the school, as the more books that are sold at the Book Fair, the more books we also receive for our classrooms and library.

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival will be celebrated during Assembly on Tuesday 9th October. We will be looking for donations of dried foods like rice, pasta etc and tinned foods. All food is given to the Homeless in Barnet charity.

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.