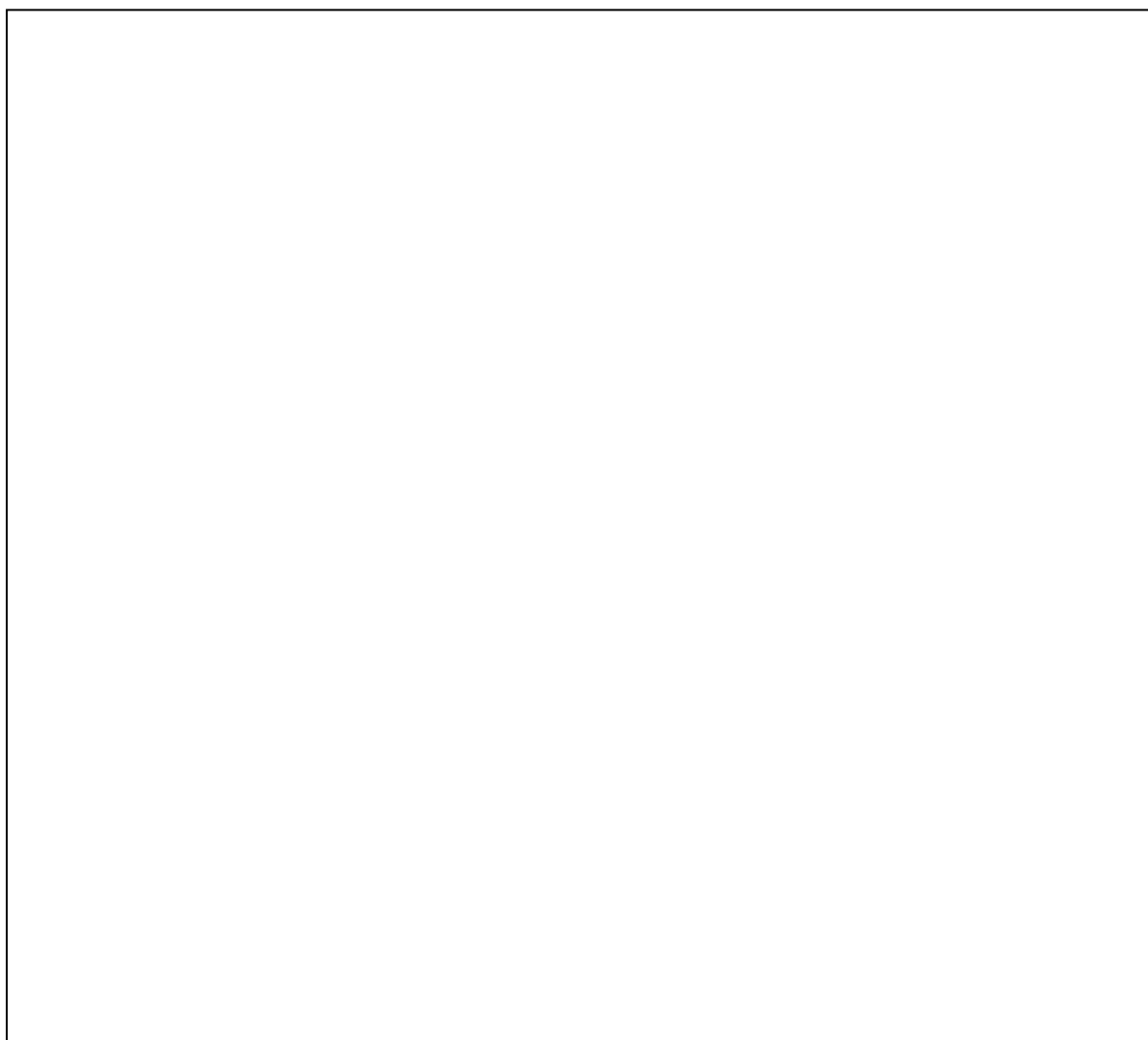
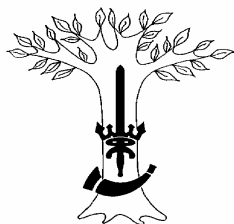


# WESSEX WEEKLY

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**Christmas Cake Decorating – Y6**

**This week: Icy paths, proud moments,  
Christmas Parties and more....**



## From the Head's Chair



This week has left me feeling the proudest I have felt since starting at Wessex. I have had the joy of attending two Nursery performances and three Lower School performances to parents or special guests, and have been impressed by how confidently and beautifully your children acted, sang or spoke! I would like to thank those of you who attended to support your children and hope each occasion provided you with a very special Christmas present this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of staff who helped to make this happen – you're a special bunch and I feel privileged to work with you! We even had a special visit from the Mayor, Theresa May, residents of Brill House and Members of the Cox Green 'Get-Together' Club this morning who enjoyed a special performance. A busy week!

We also held our first 'Carols Around the Tree' event yesterday which was very well attended, and judging by the feedback I received on the gate was hugely appreciated. I would like to congratulate the children who attended, with a special mention to our nursery children who sang their hearts out despite being so few in number. Thank you Mrs Piper and Mrs Clarke for organising all the rehearsals!

My 'Lunch Box' message from last week seems to have had the desired effect. Please could you all ensure that your children bring home their lunch boxes to alleviate our Upper School congestion issues!

Please can I remind you to all to take care on especially cold mornings next week and at the beginning of the New Year. I am very aware that Wessex Way and St Adrians Close can be particularly treacherous on frosty mornings in terms of the icy surface and feel a bit helpless about what we can do to help. As in every school, local roads and pathways are the responsibility of the local council / highways agency and any interference, whatever the reason from schools is against the law. We have discussed this issue with the local council, but it is the number rather than the nature of calls that might help us to make our journey to school safer...especially as we are actively encouraging you to walk to school! I would encourage you to contact the council on 798888 to express any concerns you may have. The more calls made will hopefully increase the effectiveness of their response!

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## PTA Christmas Fair

I would like to pass on my personal thanks to all Parents and Teachers that helped at our Christmas Fair last Sunday. The organisation of this event takes a tremendous amount of time and effort and for that, I thank the PTA! The team that put together events such as the Fireworks, Christmas and Summer Fairs are probably the best in the local community! I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents, carers and families of Wessex Primary School that helped to support this event. Without your involvement we couldn't have raised a fantastic **£2,312.89** at our Christmas Fair! Also, thank you to all the Year 6 helpers on the day, including a few ex-pupils that came back to help. Well done to everyone who took part in the performances. They were very enjoyable and you all worked really hard to put on such a display! If you want to be part of our team and experience involvement in such fund raising whilst having fun in the process, please pop your details into the office. Finally, the PTA would like to wish everyone an enjoyable festive season and a very Happy New Year!

Nik Haines (Chair)

## Thanks

Mrs Sanders would like to thank some mums that helped our Y6 children make mince pies for our carol event last night. Thanks go to Mrs Bailey, Mrs Saurabh and Mrs Omar. We really appreciate your help – Thank you!

Thanks also to Cox Green Co-op who donated most of the ingredients for the mince pies and some biscuits for the raffle.

## Children in Charge

We have had an amazing 120 applications for the 'job swap challenge' in school. The number of applications were as follows:

Head Teacher - 35

Assistant Head (US) - 21

Assistant Head (LS) - 17

School Secretary - 47

Shortlists of candidates have been made and interviews will be held next week. Applicants will receive notification today...Good Luck!!



## Class Parties – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Class parties are being held for all your children next Thursday (**18<sup>th</sup> December**). It will be a mufti day to ensure that all the children are really able to get into the spirit of the day, so school uniform needn't be worn.



In Lower School, drinks and a few nibbles are being provided so children will still need a proper lunch. There may also be a visit from someone special (Ho Ho Ho!!)

In Upper School, the children will also be able to bring in a **small** plate of food for the festivities (the 'menu' has been organised amongst themselves). Lunch will be slightly earlier than normal on Thursday in order to accommodate the merriment in the hall during the afternoon.

## School Meals – Moving Fish and Chips

Please note that **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** and **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January** menus will be swapped so that fish and chips will be served on Thursday. This is because the kitchen is due for it's annual deep clean on Friday afternoon and over the weekend and the deep fryer will need to be completely cold.

## Golden Book

We have had a fantastic number of nomination forms in recognition for children's outstanding achievements outside school. These have been received from both parents and coaches. The Upper School book for this term is now complete and a new one is ready for the start of 2009. It would be lovely to find out more about what the children at lower school have been achieving outside of school, so please let us know....these achievements are celebrated during school assemblies, making the staff and children very proud!

## Read-a-thon

The Read-a-thon 2008 is coming to an end (on Friday) and children need to return their sponsor forms and money collected to their class teachers. All the money raised will be shared between Wessex and the Leonard Cheshire Disability Foundation

## This week's....

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If you could do or be something better next year, what would it be and how would you do it?	If you could be any animal, what would you choose and why?

## This weeks requests:

- Strong boxes, no bigger than a shoe box, that has a lid (no cereal or tissue boxes please)
- Ribbons, braids, fancy wool, woven fabrics, buttons.
- Any dressing up clothes (suitable for 5 year olds), including hats, helmets, etc.
- Items suitable for role play – play cooker/kitchen, small tables and chairs, items suitable for a doctors surgery, vets, shop, garden centre or café.

If you are having a clear out of toys over the Christmas period and come across any of the above items that you no longer use or want, Lower School would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you.

## Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery AM Closed / Nursery PM Party	Nursery AM / PM
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery AM Party / Nursery PM Closed Community Christmas Carols at Cox Green School, 6pm	Nursery AM / PM All
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch	Rec – Y6
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day	All (Children only)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term – School Closed <b>2pm</b>	All
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY – please don't send your children in to school!	All
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts for children	Rec – Y6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts for existing Nursery children	Nursery

## A special favour...

*There is a Community Christmas Carols event next Wednesday at Cox Green School, and the opinion is that 'Wessex Never Turn Up'. I want to change this to ensure we continue to raise the profile of the school in the local community so please keep it free if you can. Details to follow on Monday....Have a good weekend!*