

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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## Pizza making in the Nursery

This week: ....New Headteacher, 'Go-Goes', Chicken Pox,  
Art gallery, Cash for Schools, and much more.....



## From the Head's Chair



Hello parents and guardians,

I was the head teacher on Monday. The day was superb. I started off with a meeting with Mr Stevens, Miss Lugton and Mrs Savage. We talked about the day and I then had a meeting with my senior management team. We talked about the task for the day which was to take photos of areas around the school that we thought could be improved on. Then I had a break to have a cup of tea. On my way back to the office I had to do 5 jobs at the same time. I managed to pull out Annabel Battemelli to type up every thing that I had noted down earlier with my management team so that I could complete my other 4 jobs more easily. Thank you very much Annabel. After that I did my assembly which was all about heroes. The comments that I got after it were flattering. Thank you to everyone who gave good comments, I am glad you enjoyed it. I would also like to thank Miss Bristow for lending me her laptop. After all of this I showed a parent around the school who went away with a prospectus. Finally I had a meeting with Mr R Pilling and Mr J Dwyer (assistant heads) about the Senior Management team's task. The day was so extraordinary and enjoyable that I didn't want it to end. I would recommend it to everyone.

Corey Ford  
Headteacher

How do I follow that? I would like to congratulate all those children who worked so hard on Monday to give me lots of ideas for how we really need to move the school forward. I know that this one day will provide a lifetime of memories for those involved and we have many more ideas for your children in the future – thank you Corey, Jack, Robert and your SMT!

Now, for the opportunity to (literally) cut my head off, can I remind you to send in the tokens from the Maidenhead Advertiser. An editorial gaff? No – just an incentive to send in the tokens from page 8. We will continue to sell copies of the paper at school on Thursdays and hope that next week the delivery will be earlier! The more tokens we collect, the more money we receive for your children – so get collecting!

“Go-Go’s” – if your children are enjoying playing with these at play and lunch times, please tell them to look after them. As I said to the children in assembly last week we seem to have experienced a variety of problems with this latest craze – swapping, arguments, figures going missing, etc. If these trends continue, I will have to ban them from school. We are on probation.....

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## Art Gallery

I was really proud on Monday and Tuesday to open our Art gallery and was impressed to see so many parents viewing the children's work. The standard and variety of art work was very high and a great opportunity to see work from children across the school side by side. I would like to thank the staff and children who worked incredibly hard to put the gallery together, the PTA for providing refreshments and Cox Green School and Henley Designs for providing extra display boards. A great success all round which we hope to repeat in the future.

## Reading at Wessex – A Guide for Parents

A reminder that on **Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30pm** we are holding an information session about the way we teach reading at Wessex Primary School. All are welcome, but this meeting will be of particular interest to any new parents, Nursery and Reception parents and parents of children in Y1 or Y2. The session will be held in Yellow base and will run for approximately 45 minutes.

## Nursery Multicultural Week

Nursery are celebrating our multicultural society for two weeks from **Mon 2nd Feb - Friday 13th Feb** and would like to encourage as many parents/friends/ grandparents as possible to come in and share their culture with us. Please see any member of the Nursery team if you can help. Examples include share a story, food, national dress, customs, dance, food, etc...



Thank you to Pizza Hut and Pizza Express in Maidenhead who kindly donated menus, chef's hats and pizza boxes for our Pizzeria role-play area in Nursery.

## Lower School Book Club

Book Club will be restarting on **Friday 30th January** for Year 1 and Year 2. The club will take place during the school day (not after school). Children can bring a book from home to share.

**Chicken Pox** is rife in Lower School at the moment. Spots of any kind should be checked by the doctor and please do not allow your child to come to school while they are infected. We have one or two children that are extremely vulnerable when exposed to certain viral conditions, including chicken pox. Thank you for your co-operation.



## This Week's Requests

- Lots more boxes of tissues - ALL the children seem to have colds at the moment!!
- Anything for the school garden – bulbs, seeds, tools, offers of help, etc.

## Royal Bank of Scotland Funding

We are in the process of seeking funding towards the development of our playground and school grounds. The Royal Bank of Scotland have a 'Supergrounds' scheme which awards grants of up to £4000 for this purpose. In order to apply, we need to be nominated by a Royal Bank of Scotland employee, so if you, or anyone you know works at the bank, please get in touch.

## This week's....

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If we had the best school website in the world, what would it look like?	How could you spend £5000 to improve the lives of other people?

### Cox Green Leisure Centre

A reminder that on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**, Cox Green School are holding a free family event to celebrate the opening of their new 3G Astro-Turf Football Pitch - a fabulous new addition to their leisure facilities. There will be football coaching and competitions, indoor go-karting, bouncy castles and even face painting! The official opening will take place at 12noon and the afternoon will close at 3.00pm. Remember – it is a free event so I hope you thoroughly enjoy your day!

### Events at the Library

The Library have asked us to publicise the following events:

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Story Time for under 5's	2.15 - 3pm	Maidenhead Library
Wednesday 18th February	Crafts for 5-12 years – free drop-in session	10.30 - noon	Cox Green Library
Wednesday 18th February	Explore Learning Creative writing based on Narnia theme For 8-13 year olds – please book place on 01628 796969	2.00 - 3.30pm	Maidenhead Library
Friday 20th February	Art Junction – free drop-in session for all ages	10.00 - 11.30am	Maidenhead Library

### Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Reading information evening 7.30pm	All parents but particularly Nursery - Y2
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	30 Class assembly 9.10am	Parents and carers of children in 30
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation evenings (is this true? It's on the calendar). Letter to follow.	All parents!
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Festival at the Magnet Leisure Centre	Children and parents of 30 and Purple class
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	End of term 3 (3.20pm)	Everyone!

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