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How do you know that carrots are good for your eyes?



Curtseying to Queen Isis – Year 1 at the Henley River and Rowing Museum

This week:

New Classes, Meet the Teacher, Lost Property (again!!),
dates for your diary and much more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:
1973 KWh of Electricity Produced
1124 Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



Despite the heat-wave this week (yes...its official!), the children have continued to enjoy a wide range of fun and exciting activities at Wessex. We began with 'Parents in School' day which was extremely well attended by over 70 mums, dads and grandparents. Feedback from those who attended was overwhelmingly positive and I know this is an important opportunity for parents to experience and learn about how we teach your children in 'the modern classroom'. Many parents also took the opportunity to stay and enjoy lunch which was really nice to see. Thank you to those who attended – I hope you found it useful. Thank you also to the teachers for their hard work and preparation – it went down very well indeed!

Several year groups have enjoyed 'trips out' this week to various locations to support their learning. Y1 visited the River and Rowing Museum in Henley and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Please read on to find out more about what they got up to. I am especially proud to hear about how well they behaved in the heat – the word 'exemplary' was used! Well done children! The children in 30 also enjoyed a visit to Waltham Place this week – a working farm where they learned about how a farm works, made sculptures and explored the wildlife in the countryside. Again, the children were a credit to the school. Our children in Year 5 have enjoyed a 'Design Technology' day at Cox Green, during which they learned how to make items using ICT and the 'Laser Cutter' in the DT workshops. They were certainly very excited, enjoyed finding out a little more about life in secondary school and again were very well behaved (I see a theme appearing here....) Well done children – and thank you once again to the teachers for making these trips possible.

I would like to remind you that next week is an opportunity for your child to demonstrate their talents. There are two categories to the event. Non-performance entries need to be brought to the Upper School Hall by Wednesday morning (so entries can be judged and displayed for the Art Gallery). Auditions will be held on Thursday for the Performance Category, so get practising! Winning performances will be invited to perform at the PTA Summer Fair on 12th July

As well as the Art Gallery after school, please remember that you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher at our Open Evening on Wednesday at 6.30pm. I look forward to meeting you on the upper school playground (weather permitting) for a brief introduction to the evening before you move to your child's new class. This is a very exciting time of year and I know both you and your children can't wait to see where they will be next year. The information about classes is on the next page and I would like to reassure parents that we think long and hard about class movements to ensure the best support for your children. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

Year 6 Parents please note the date and time of our 'Leavers Performance' from the dates for your diary section. This evening Performance will replace the leavers assembly – more information to follow at the beginning of next week.

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Classes for September 2009

This is it! The classes and teachers for the next academic year are as follows:

Current Class	New Class	Teacher
Purple	Red	Mrs Steven and Mrs Sanders
Blue	Green	Mrs Kashmiri
Green	3L	Mr Lloyd
Red	3O	Miss Oldfield
3L	4E	Mrs Elliot
3O	4P	Mrs Piper
4E	5D	Mrs Dawson
4P	5C	Mrs Corbett
5C	6D	Mrs Dore (previously known as Miss Smith!)
5S	6R	Miss Razeghi

Children in Reception have already been given their new class teacher's name at the parent consultations earlier this week and will be in either Purple class with Mrs Savage and Miss Pusey or in Blue class with Mrs Town.

At the end of term we say goodbye to Miss Mirza, Miss Deen, Mrs Bushell, and Miss Day who are moving on to pastures new. We wish them all the very best in their new ventures.

Meet the Teacher Evening

A reminder that it is your opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher on **Wednesday 8th July starting promptly at 6.30pm** with a short meeting led by Mr Stevens in the Upper School playground. You will then have two opportunities to visit your child(ren)'s new classroom and teacher at 6.45pm and 7pm. The evening will finish at 7.15pm.

Year 1 Trip to Henley Rowing Museum

Year 1 had a fantastic visit to the Rowing Museum and Wind in the Willows display. The leader from the Museum said the behaviour of our children had been exemplary so all the staff were very proud of them. During the day the children acted like Boris the stag beetle, learnt about insects, dressed up as mini beasts, went on bug hunts and collected natural items to make a necklace for Queen Isis the Queen of the River Thames. They all enjoyed watching the big boats from the Regatta while they ate their packed lunch too!

Shine Week

The children will not be set any 'normal' homework this weekend but we would encourage the children to spend the time thinking and practising for their Shine Week audition or planning and making their talent entry. There are lots of different categories, from cake decorating to comedy, and singing to sewing. There is also a Miscellaneous category to include just about anything!

Whatever your talent – we want to see it!!



Reading Books

We will be collecting reading books in for the summer holiday from the week beginning Monday 13th July. Please return all reading books to school during that week. To keep up with reading during the holiday why not visit Cox Green library and join the Quest Seekers Challenge – more information next week!

Lost Specs?

We have two pairs of adult glasses found in school. If you have lost them since Parents in School day, or shortly after, please contact the office.



TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If we had to go without a type of weather, which type would you choose and why?	If you could be any character from a Roald Dahl novel, who would you be, and why?

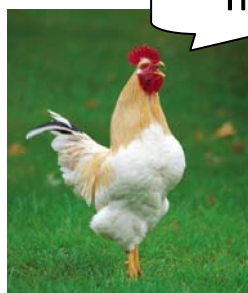
Starting School

Do you have a child who is born between 1st May 2005 and 31st August 2006, who is due to start statutory schooling during the school year 2010/11? If you have not already contacted the Borough you should register now for an application pack. Ring 01628 683870 or email school.admissions@rbwm.gov.uk. It is important to note that even if your child is in our Nursery or first term of Reception, they do not automatically qualify for a place at Wessex.

PTA Summer Fair

A reminder to parents to return raffle ticket stubs and money to the school office, together with any unsold tickets as soon as possible please. The ladies in the office will also take delivery of filled cups for the children's tombola and bottles and cans for the adults tombola. Thank you all for your generous donations.

Thanks!



Miss Bristow and the chickens would like to thank the following companies/people: 4Wire and Travis Perkins for 'mahoosive' discounts on wire and wood, Wye Vale Garden Centre for their donation of netting and stakes. Thanks to Matt and Ann Lamden, Rob Allum and Jade Anderson for giving up their very hot Sunday to build the chickens a new run!

A note to our chicken carer volunteers. We now have a 'Karing For Chickens' hotline: 07807269981 - if you need to contact anyone regarding the chucks.

Thanks also to Mrs Mitchell who generously donated a large amount of duplo for our Breakfast Club.

OOPS!

Don't forget, if you spot the 'Oops', please write your child's name, the 'gaff', where it appeared in the newsletter and a contact number, all on a piece of paper and pop it in the 'gaff' box. This week's winners are Adam May, Sophie Edwards and Iqra Ahmad have all won either a free school dinner or a free session at breakfast club! (Last week's Gaff was the Head's HAIR rather than the Head's Chair section by the way!)

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th July	Shine Week	All children
Tuesday 7 th July	Class swap day - children visit their new classes (or schools if in Y6)	All children
Wednesday 8 th July	Meet the Teacher Evening - 6.30pm	All parents
Sunday 12 th July	PTA Summer Fair 2pm	Everyone
Monday 20 th July	Leaver's Performance - 6.30pm	Y6 Parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of term - 2pm	Everyone

Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?