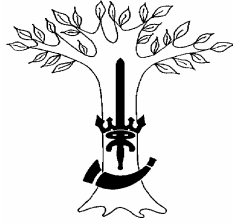


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'Me in my uniform' by Natasha Watson (Reception)

This week:

This terms house point champions, dates for your diary,
volunteers needed and more.....



From the Head's Chair



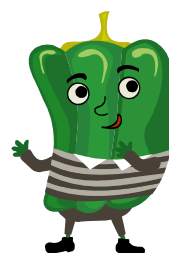
We've had an exciting this week at Wessex, and have enjoyed a few events which were 'a little out of the ordinary'. Firstly, I accompanied a small group of our nursery children to Brill House, where they performed songs and poems from last week's Harvest assembly to the residents. We provided gifts of food and biscuits and left a very happy audience with the promise that we would return with Christmas Carols next term! The children were brave and very well behaved - well done Nursery!

Secondly, we have had our first 'round' of parent consultation meetings with a new format, which was wholly appreciated by staff and parents alike. Meeting in the hall really gave you the chance to look through your child's work, so that when you met their teacher, you had a clear context for your conversation. I personally received a large number of positive comments and I am very happy that your children have made such a great start to the new school year. Well done also to those mums and dads who remembered to sign our new 'Home-School Agreement'. House points all round, me thinks!

Finally, we had a very enjoyable day yesterday as we held several events in recognition of 'School Meals' week. Our caterers, Harrisons, laid on a feast of fun activities for the children (pardon the pun). In the morning, 60 children from Year 1 designed, made and cooked their own pizza's. There were a few 'interesting' topping choices, but the smell in the hall and the look on their faces was wonderful! At lunch time, we welcomed nearly fifty parents to both upper and lower school as they joined their children for lunch. This was a lovely occasion, and one I hope to repeat in the Spring. Finally, the upper school experienced a 'Ready Steady Cook' assembly in which I (in the Green kitchen) was challenged by Martin the Craft Chef (ably assisted by Mrs Cawte) in the Red Kitchen. Both teams were given a bag of special ingredients and developed a range of healthy dishes which some of the children got to sample. It was both very exciting and a very close result when the children voted with their red and green cards, but the Greens just pipped it! We were joined by a photographer from the Maidenhead Advertiser so I hope you'll get to see how it looked in next week's edition.

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PTA FIREWORKS



The PTA Firework Event is getting closer and we would like to remind everybody that the discounted firework tickets are only available to order until **Thursday 23rd October**. Forms are available from the letters stand by the school office. Also, the PTA are still looking for helpers and marshals for the night. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Congratulations to York House who win this terms house points total in Upper School. By way of reward, all the children in York will be able to wear their own clothes on the last day before the holiday (**Thursday 23rd October**). Well done York!

PARENTS EVENING

Thanks again to those of you who have already had your appointment - I hope it was both interesting and useful. If your meeting is next week, please note that all appointments will take place in the hall of upper and lower school and you need to go to meet your child's teacher in the hall. I look forward to meeting you then.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

If your child is in Miss Bristow's class (Yellow Base), please note that due to a bereavement, your parent consultation will now take place on **Tuesday 21 October**. Your appointment will take place at the same time. Sorry for any inconvenience - please contact Miss Bristow for an alternative appointment time if you need one.

TAG RUGBY

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year three and four Tag Rugby team took part in a local tournament at Cox Green. Miss Oldfield was very proud of the children who thoroughly enjoyed taking on teams from White Waltham, Waltham St Lawrence and Lowbrook schools. Our children won all three of their matches (8-2, 8-2 and 5-0) and so were crowned the overall winners on the day!

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year five and six Tag Rugby Team took part in a London Wasps tournament at Maidenhead Rugby Club. They faced challenging opposition and inclement weather conditions, but fought on regardless! Despite a disappointing result, the team had a great experience and have resolved to train harder and improve for the next one! Good luck team Wessex!

ALTON WORKSHOP REMINDER

Financial Clinic

Thursday 23rd October: 5pm – 6.30pm

Location: Wessex Primary School

If you have any financial concerns that you would like to raise with Alton Mortgages on a confidential 1 to 1 basis please book an appointment by calling **Tel: 0845 095 34 35 and quote 'Wessex'**. If you are unable to make this time but would welcome some advice and guidance in these uncertain times please

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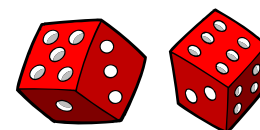
If you would like to understand more about the services that Alton Mortgages Ltd provide please feel free to pick up a leaflet from the stand in the School Reception.

Now that the fence beside the path is down it is important to teach your children not to walk on the road. While we teach road safety to the children in school, it is very important that parents help their children by putting these rules in to practice and walk with their children on the path rather than on the road and car park. Come on, mums and dads, please help us and your children by setting the example.

A reminder (if you needed one) that next Thursday we break for the October holiday (hurrah!). The kitchen will be serving the very popular Fish and Chips instead of barbecue chicken on that day. (Yum).

The Borough Libraries are running lots of activities for children in half term week, including a 'Create Your Own Superhero' competition, story times for under 5's and drawing and writing workshops. For more information, including times and locations of the activities, pop in to your local library or log on to www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/youngpeoples_library.

If you are having a sort out during half term week, perhaps you would consider donating any toys and games that your child is no longer using to Wessex for our wet playtimes and Golden Time. We are particularly short of board games. Please bring in any donations to the school office. Many thanks.



This week's....

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
What will you do to make someone proud this week?	The challenge for this week: What are the advantages of being a child rather than an adult?

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
23 rd October	Building Bridges Day	Upper School
23 rd October	End of term for children	All
23 rd October	Own clothes day for YORK house	All in York house
24 th October	Inset	Teachers
27 th -31 st October	Half term holiday (hurrah!)	All
3 rd November	Inset	Teachers
4 th November	Start of term 2 for children	All
7 th November	PTA Firework Event	All

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

Please note that next week's edition of the Wessex Weekly will be published on Thursday, as it is the last day of term. If you have any bright ideas about activities or events taking place locally during the holiday, please let us know and we will publicise them.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!