

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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How did the farmer fix his jeans?



**Megan Lean and Y5 making gingerbread people at Cox Green School  
This week:**

Clubs information, PE, Secondary school applications, dates for your diary  
and much more.....

**SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:**  
3029 KWh of Electricity Produced  
1726 Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Head's Chair



I would like to start this week by thanking all the parents and children who responded to my request last week for the children to do their best to look smart when in and around school. There has been a significant improvement in the appearance of the vast majority of our children and I appreciate your support in this area which I know is very important for our school.

Speaking of good impressions, I was very pleased to receive positive feedback about the conduct of the children in Year 5 who enjoyed a trip to Cox Green this week. Both 5D and 5C had the opportunity to make gingerbread men (or 'persons' if you like) and were a credit to Wessex. Well done children and thank you to Mrs Corbett and Mrs Dawson for arranging the visit. I was also approached by Miss Scott, the Deputy Headteacher from Cox Green, who was very complimentary about our Year 6 children. She has been supporting our programme of development in the area of Foreign Modern Languages and has been leading some taster sessions in German for Year 6. This now means that our children can learn French, German or Spanish during or after school which is really exciting.

### COMMUNITY DAY 3....CAN YOU HELP?

A reminder that tomorrow I would like to encourage you and your families to join us if you can for our third community day. Just pop in any time after 10am and give as much time as you can spare to help us paint and landscape those areas of school which are in desperate need. Bring the children, paintbrushes, gardening tools, etc. ....anything which you think we might use. If you can only offer an hour that would be great! I want to finish painting the external façade of green and red classes, as well as leveling a couple of play areas so we can better use them for the children. Please get involved and do your bit....the children will really appreciate it! See you in the morning when bacon sandwiches are on offer for all volunteers!

#### **A couple of requests:**

If you or a member of your family is a builder, we need your help to complete a rather special project. It is a small job which will have a huge impact on the school and raise our profile in the community. Unfortunately we have been let down by previous offers and need to turn it around fairly swiftly. For further details, please let me know and I will explain more.

Secondly, we have the blue prints which enable us to build a new greenhouse out of plastic bottles(!) We have lots, but need more. When you have finished with your 2 litre pop bottles, please donate them to school with their lids on and our 'Eco-Team' will bring recycling to reality, whilst helping to support our gardening club at the same time.

Finally, I would like to wish a very happy Eid to those of you who will be celebrating the festival on Monday. Have a fantastic time!

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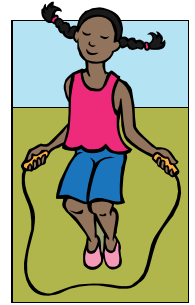
## Clubs

We still have a few spaces available in Spanish, Yoga and Knitting clubs. If your child would like to get involved, please contact the school office for a form and further information. Our Tuesday Y5/6 football club is overflowing with children that would like to play and we have had to tell several of them that they cannot join. However, if any parents can regularly offer their time to help on a Tuesday after school, we may be able to offer some more spaces. Parent helpers will need to complete a CRB check. If you would like to know what is involved, please get in touch with Mr Lloyd (3L class teacher).



## PE and Games

Please remind your children to bring in their PE kit every Monday and take it home on a Friday. Some children are missing out on PE and Games because they do not have their PE kit with them. In future, Upper School children who forget their PE kit more than once will miss a playtime – this should galvanize their memory! If you have any spare PE kit, including trainers or plimsolls, please bring it in to the office so that our forgetful children can use that if necessary. If your child is ill or injured and has been recommended by their doctor to miss PE for a period of time, please write a note to your class teacher letting them know, or e-mail the school. Many thanks for your help.



## School Lunch Price Increase

A reminder that school lunches now cost £2.10. Children can pay per day or you may write a cheque for a minimum of 5 days worth of lunches which can be taken over a number of weeks – you can even pay up front for the whole term! May I congratulate the Y2 children who now enjoy their hot school dinners in the Upper School hall. This is a real treat and will help them when they make the move into Year 3 next year!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
We're building a greenhouse out of plastic bottles. What other recycling ideas can you come up with?	Which one of these is the odd one out and why? A ruler, a carrot and an apple.

## School Fund

Thanks to all those parents who have made a donation to school fund. Can we please request/remind parents who have not yet made the contribution to school fund to please do so as soon as possible. We ask for a contribution of £6 per child which goes some way to providing some of the 'extras' that makes children's learning that much more fun. Please bring your contributions in to the school office. Thank you.

## Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils

The Local Authority have asked us to remind parents that 'applicants must make their secondary school application through their home authority. This means that if you have a child attending Wessex but are living outside of Windsor & Maidenhead they will not have received a purple CAF in their envelope. They will have received a RBWM secondary guide and a letter explaining that they should contact their home authority to make their application'.

## It's that time of year...

Please could we request (again) that each child donates a box of tissues to their class. This is the time of year when lots of children have runny noses and sleeves are not the most hygienic of handkerchiefs. We have provided each class with some alcohol hand gel to help

prevent the spread of germs (especially in the current health climate) and tissues will also help towards stopping the spread of some nasty cold and flu bugs. Thank you for your help.

### **Data Protection**

The Fair Processing Notice that has been sent home every year has been superseded by a Privacy Notice, a copy of which you will find on the school notice board. If you require a paper or electronic copy of the new notice please contact the school office.

### **School Link Orders**

The order to School Link will be sent off early next week so that we (hopefully) get delivery before the October holiday. If you would like to order anything from the School Link brochures sent home earlier this term, please bring the order form and payment in to the school office on Monday. Thank you.

### **Forms, forms, forms....**

A reminder that the 'ladies in the office' need all OA4/Photo permission, Data Collection and Medical forms back **as soon as possible**. Thanks to all those that have returned them already – probably the best return ever!!

**Large print copies of the newsletter are available from the school office. Please let us know if you would like one on a regular basis.** If you would rather receive a copy by e-mail (thus by-passing the forgetful children and saving paper at the same time) please e-mail the school office (Wessex@rbwm.org)

### **OOPS!**

A reminder that this week, and every week, we will include a **very** obvious deliberate mistake somewhere in the newsletter. Please write your name/child's name, the 'gaff' and where it appeared in the newsletter and a contact number all on any piece of paper and pop it in the 'gaff' box. The first three correct entries pulled from the box will win either a free school dinner or a free session at breakfast club!

### **Some dates for your diary:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OCCASION</b>	<b>WHO?</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	School Community Day from 10am	EVERYONE!!!!
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2009	Hooke Court meeting for parents 3.30pm	Parents of children in Y5
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	Kingswood meeting for parents – further information to follow	Parents of children in Y6
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2009	Individual and Sibling School Photos	All children
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2009	Nursery Harvest celebration	Children and parents in Nursery
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	Reception, LS and US Harvest celebration	Parents and children in school
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2009	End of term 1 – 3.20pm	Everyone!

With a cabbage patch!