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Callum and Rhino (from Yellow Base) tasting porridge for the first time!!

This week:

Christmas cards, Christmas Lunch, Football Victory,
dates for your diary and much more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:
3502KWh of Electricity Produced
1996Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



Last Friday, 18 children had the opportunity to be a 'teacher for the afternoon' and taught lessons to children either in their own or other classes. I have heard a great deal about how well the 'teachers' did, and am impressed by the thought and hard work that they put in to their lessons. Children were taught art, PE, history, English and ICT lessons and everyone responded enthusiastically to the occasion. Several of the children who taught lessons let us know what they thought of their afternoon and all thoroughly appreciated how difficult it actually is. One child said "I have learned not to laugh if a teacher makes a mistake....its hard up there!" If your child was a teacher, please encourage them to download and complete the evaluation form from our website - there is one for mums and dads too - as this is really useful when arranging other activities such as these in the future. Thank you to Mrs Maskell for arranging the event and thank you to all the teachers for 'giving up their classes' for the afternoon. I was pleased to hear that so many parents enjoyed joining their children for a school dinner last Thursday. It is great to see so many parents supporting their children and the school on occasions such as this, I hope you enjoyed your meal! There were one or two families who did have to wait a long time for their meal and I will be contacting Harrison's to ensure this does not happen again.

On Monday, our Year 1 children enjoyed a visit to Stubbings Church where they were able to learn first hand about the building, how it works and what it is for. They were able to ask lots of questions and I would like to thank Reverend Hicks for welcoming our children. Well done for behaving so beautifully, and thank you to Mrs Savage, Mrs Town and Mr Porter for arranging the trip.

Last night our football team played their last game of the season against All Saints and again emerged victorious. We won 3-0, without any 'Henri-esque' tactics, leaving us the only team in the league to end the season undefeated. Well done to Alex, Matt, Jack A, Jack G, Luke, Yanis, Samuel and hat-trick hero Mbelelo. I look forward to hearing Mr Lloyd's match report in assembly! Man of the match certificates will be presented to Mbelelo for scoring three goals and Sam for his really good team spirit and positive attitude. Well done boys! I would like to thank Mr Lloyd for being a fantastic coach this season and Mr McAra for his coaching and continued team support. We now wait to hear the outcome of the final few games to see whether we finish top of the league!

Today, of course, is Children in Need and the School Council have arranged for us to mark the occasion with a non-school uniform day and a special movie afternoon. I look forward to giving you details of how much we raise for this important cause next week. At time of writing, I am just off to change into my costume, again suggested by the school council, and prepare myself for a sponging at the end of the day. Thank you for all your support, and, please.....go gently!!

Have a good weekend.

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Christmas Lunch




Our school Christmas lunch will take place on **15th December**. This is a lovely meal where all the children sit together and enjoy traditional Christmas fayre, served by the staff, with crackers and party hats etc. We have sent home an envelope **today** (check the bag!!) which we would ask you to return in the next few days, marking which meal (meat or veggie) your child would like and pop £2.10 in the envelope.

Christmas Cards

A reminder that we **MUST** have all the orders returned by **23rd November** at the very latest in order for the cards to be produced and returned to school by **4th December** (estimated delivery date).

Chickens!

We *desperately* need more volunteers to help look after our chickens. If you are interested, please sign up in the shed at the bottom of Reception Garden. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to Miss Bristow in Yellow class.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
Who are 'Children in Need'?	 What is this a picture of?

Calling all Nursery Parents....

Please be aware of the following calendar dates and changes to Nursery 'activities'.

- The times of the Nativity Performance on **7th December** have been changed and will now be 9.45 - 10.15am and 2.45 - 3.15pm.
- There will be no lunch club on the day of the Nursery parties (**14th and 15th December**) at all so they will be required to attend 9.00-12am or 12.15-3.15pm only.
- Please can we ask for donations of old white and coloured tights (green/blue/red) for us to use for the Nativity as well as men's stripy/checked shirts.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Nursery staff.

Keeping Your Children Safe

You may have read or heard about the new safeguarding regulations that Ofsted are being particularly hot on! We need to continue to be extra vigilant when allowing visitors in to school. It is extremely important that parents and any other visitors sign in at the school office and wear a Visitor Badge – even if visiting for just a few minutes! It is also even more important that parents sign children in if they are late (i.e. arriving after 9am). ALL latecomers will be marked with an unauthorised absence unless they are signed in by a parent with a reason for the lateness.

Y1 Visit to the Library

Next Tuesday morning, **24th November** the Yr1 children will be visiting Cox Green library. They will walk to and from the library and will be back in school to be collected at the normal time. With the weather as it is, please ensure your child has their coat with them on the day in case of rain. Thanks.

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! This week's winners were Hoy-Ying from 6R, Iqra from 4E and Hollie from 3L who spotted Mr Stevens' bad spelling mistake!

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
23 rd November 2009	Current Reception class parents meeting – 3.20pm	Parents of children in Yellow base
27 th November 2009	Parents Prayer group meeting – Community room 9.00 – 9.30am	Parents and friends of Wessex
3 rd December 2009	6R Class Assembly – 9.15am	Parents and carers of children in 6R
7 th December 2009	Nursery Nativity 9.45am / 2.45pm NOTE CHANGE OF TIME	Parents and Carers of children in Nursery
8 th – 10 th December	Lower School Christmas Production	Further details to follow
12th December 2009	PTA Christmas Fair 2-4pm NB – Change of date	Everyone!
14 th December 2009	No morning Nursery and No Nursery Lunch club!! PM Nursery Christmas Party	Nursery children
15 th December 2009	No afternoon Nursery and No Nursery Lunch club!! AM Nursery Christmas Party	Nursery children
15 th December 2009	School Christmas Lunch	Whole school
16th December 2009	Carols Around the Tree (Cox Green) 6pm NB – Change of Date	Everyone!!
17 th December 2009	Wessex Carol Concert	Everyone!!
18 th December 2009	End of Term – 2pm	Everyone!!