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What happens if you eat the Christmas decorations?



Mrs Dawson and 'her boys' at Christmas lunch

This week:

Stuff and things and dates for your diary and much more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:
3598KWh of Electricity Produced
2073Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



We've reached the end of another busy and fantastic term and at the time of writing, I have had another first. This edition of the newsletter comes to you from my lounge in High Wycombe as I gaze across my garden to our patio table, adorned with a 20cm thick blanket of snow! Still, the show must go on.....

I hope you all managed to receive notice of today's school closure in good time. We had the notice on our website by 7.20am this morning, and judging by the amount of 'traffic' online, I know it was used as the first port of call for many of you. My thanks to Miss Bristow for arranging it – my apologies for the pre-7.00am phone call!

It is a real shame that we have been unable to enjoy the last day of the Christmas term with your children as it is always a lovely day and the best opportunity to wish everyone a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas holiday. This is also a good opportunity to remind you that from January, our Wessex Weekly will only be published electronically, both on the website and via Parentmail, unless you have requested a paper copy. If you would prefer a paper copy, please let us know and we will be happy to oblige.

I would like to thank our fantastic PTA on putting on yet another successful event – our Christmas Fair last Saturday which raised in excess of £2000. Thanks to all those that helped and it was good to see such a good turnout!

Well done this week to Y5 who thoroughly enjoyed their WW2 VE celebrations with a traditional 'street party' in the Upper School hall. This was a great way to finish off their history topic – I was particularly impressed by some of the evacuee costumes...very authentic! Thank you to Mrs Dawson and Mrs Corbett for arranging the experience. On Tuesday, children and staff alike enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch, accompanied by crackers, courtesy of Harrisons. The staff and governors served the children, who polished off their plates and enjoyed each others company with relish (well, cranberry sauce!) Thank you to Ingrid, Karen, Angela, Gail and Jackie for a lovely lunch!

The Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties this week and had a great time dressing up, singing, dancing and having lots of fun. Well done children and thank you to Mrs Thomas and the Nursery team for arranging the parties.

We finished off in true Christmas spirit with two well attended carol concerts. On Wednesday evening, children from Lowbrook and Wessex came together, accompanied by the Cox Green School band, to sing carols around the tree. Despite my best efforts on the piano, they managed to sing beautifully and confidently and I was especially proud of the way your children behaved. I will consider whether a 30ft silhouette of me acting out the three French hens (from the 12 days of Christmas) on the side of the theatre is the best idea....I was half way through before I realised what the collective giggles from the audience behind me were for! Our collection raised an impressive £50 for the Community Centre Lunch Club, which I will present to them on behalf of all three schools after the holiday. Thank you to all of you who attended, despite the weather!

On Thursday evening, our school choir lead our own school Carol Concert, which we wisely decided to hold indoors this year. It was a lovely evening and the children obviously loved every minute. I was especially proud of our Nursery children who sang confidently in front of such a large and appreciative audience. Thank you Mrs Dawson for bringing our school choir to life so successfully this year – a real achievement.

Thank you also to all staff members who attended these events, helped to organise and provide refreshments and most importantly supported the children.
 Thank you to everyone involved with Wessex for your continued support of all we do and achieve at school. May I wish you a very happy holiday, and I look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2010!

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Maidenhead Advertiser Cash for Schools

The Maidenhead Advertiser will be starting its Cash for Schools scheme in the New Year. This is a fantastic scheme and we always benefit from it. Last year, lots of neighbours, friends and work colleagues collected for our school and we would love the same response this time! The first token will appear in the Maidenhead Advertiser on 21st January 2010.

Snow Contingency



If we need to close the school for any reason, we will immediately post a notice on our website and e-mail all parents that are signed up to ParentMail. We will also alert the local radio stations. We will ONLY close the school if we cannot get enough teachers and other staff in to school to teach your children!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
Sprouts.....are they a good thing? Happy Christmas!	Look around your home. Make 5 lists; one of circular things, one of square things, one of rectangular things, one of triangular things and one of all other shapes.

Notice to all our Nursery Parents....

A reminder to our morning Nursery parents that they should collect their children at **12.00 promptly**, please. Some parents are collecting their children late (rather too regularly!) and so the Nursery staff are missing their lunch break. Thank you.



Some thanks....

- To Fibre Optic Systems for lending us the (rather fab) twinkly fibre optic curtain for the Lower School performance. Mrs Cawte would like to borrow it for her Christmas parties....
- To all our fantastic parent helpers that come in each week to laminate, read, paint, or whatever. Your help is always very much appreciated.
- To Mr Powell, Mrs Black and Mrs Doman – what would we do without you?
- To the West Cornwall Pasty Company for donating loads of cups for our Carol concert . (and keeping the office staff fed with wonderful pasties!!). Check out their brilliant website www.westcornwallpasty.co.uk



Santa at some of our Christmas events



The Final OOPS!

The winners of the final oops are Jack Armstrong, Adam May and Aman Sharif who all spotted the wrong supermarket in the Waitrose Community Matters section. Look out for our caption competition in the New Year!

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 4 th January	INSET – Please don't send your children to school!	All children and parents
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of term for children	All children and parents
Monday 11 th January	Parents in School Day	Pre-booked parents!
Tuesday 12 th January	PTA Meeting 7pm	All welcome!
Thursday 21 st January	30 class assembly	All parents and carers of children in 30
Thursday 28 th January	4E class assembly	All parents and carers of children in 4E

You get tinsel-itus!

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and
a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year
from all the staff at Wessex**

