

WESSEX WEEKLY

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Q: What happened when one snowman fell out with another snowman?



George and Daryl with the fabulous snowman in St Adrians Close

This week:
Event and term dates, Snow Contingency, Clubs information
and more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:
3633KWh of Electricity Produced
2102Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



Well it's been a very unusual start to the New Year to say the least! It was really nice to see the children back from their Christmas holiday on Tuesday and very exciting to hear about their Christmas experiences.

Since Tuesday we've been struck by the big freeze and once again our area has been brought to a standstill by the snow. As I explained in the last newsletter of 2009, any decision to close school is always a difficult one, but I must reassure you it is always made on the basis of what is best for your children. I always liaise closely with the local authority and other local schools before taking any decision to close and hope this week hasn't been too difficult. For once the weather service was spot on, and I don't think any of us were surprised when the snow arrived. I just hope that the next few days see an improvement in conditions, so we can all get back to normal as soon as possible.

I would like to thank Miss Bristow and Mrs Cawte for their efficiency in getting messages to parents as quickly as possible via both our website and our parent-mail facility. Please take the opportunity to let us know your e-mail address if you haven't already signed up as it will enable us to help you to keep up to date with developments and emergencies such as these at Wessex should they arise.

As a result of the inclement weather and disruption of our first week, I need to make you aware that we have decided to postpone our 'Parents in School' day which was due to take place on Monday. This will now happen on the **25th of January** (also a Monday) once the children have really settled in and parents who have booked a place to join us can really see what we do at Wessex when we are at our best!

I would like to thank Mrs Fagence and her family for making sure that our chickens survived the cold spell with plenty of food and fresh water. All three are well and looking forward to warmer weather!

At time of writing, I know that travel conditions are still pretty hazardous. Whatever you do when out and about, stay safe and wrap up warm. I look forward to seeing you all back at school first thing on Monday.

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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!

Bottle Tops

A reminder that we collect **ONLY blue, green and red** milk bottle tops for the Alexander Devine Cancer Trust. Please do not put in any other bottle tops as they lower the value of the plastic. Thank you.

Clubs

We are hoping to start clubs week commencing 18th January (other than those already organised such as Coerver and Little Tanks). A list of clubs will be sent home early next week and will be available on the website. Please return the booking forms back promptly – first come, first served. We will only contact you if your child is **NOT** able to join a club.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
What is good and not so good about 'snow days'?	Think of all the different possible uses for a piece of string.

IMPORTANT - 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.

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Tuesday 12 th January	PTA Committee Meeting – 7pm	All parents and staff welcome
Monday 25 th January	Parents in School (postponed from 11 th January)	Pre-booked parents only
Thursday 28 th January	4E Class assembly – 9.15am	Parents and carers of those in 4E
Friday 5 th February	30 Class assembly – 9.15am (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)	Parents and carers of those in 30

12 th February	End of Term 3 (half term)	Everyone
Monday 22 nd February	Start of Term 4	Everyone
Wednesday 31 st March	End of Term 4 – 2pm (Easter Holiday)	Everyone
Monday 19 th April	Start of Term 5 (NURSERY CLOSED FOR HOME VISITS)	Children in Reception – Y6
Wednesday 21 st April	Existing Nursery children return	Nursery
Thursday 27 th May	End of Term 5	All children
Friday 28 th May	Inset day – please don't send your children to school!	Everyone
Monday 7 th June	Inset day – please don't send your children to school!	Everyone
Tuesday 8 th June	Start of Term 6	Everyone
Friday 23 rd July	End of school year!!! 2pm	Everyone

New for 2010 – Caption Competition

Each week we will publish a picture (such as the one of our chickens in the snow below) and would ask you to think of an apt/funny/appropriate caption. The winner (as judged by our un-bribeable office ladies among others) will win either a free school meal or a free breakfast club place. Entries should be posted in the old 'Newsletter gaffs' box in the reception area outside the school office.



A:He was given the cold shoulder!