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Why are skeletons usually so calm?



Y3 children looking for creepy crawlies at Waltham Place Farm last week.

This week:

Super Sunflowers, Gratis Grub, Important Info , LOTS of event and term dates, and more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

4640KWh of Electricity Produced

2644Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



Thank you to the six parents who have contacted me this week in response to the letter received last Friday regarding the early closure of school in the Summer Holiday. I know the building work will be a huge success for the school, but the subsequent impact for those 5 days at the end of term for children and families will be a challenge for many of you. I am liaising with the local authority to investigate alternative options for those of you who are unable to secure arrangements for your children and will inform you as soon as I can. In the meantime, I would like to reassure you that all 'end of term' events will continue as normal and the children won't miss out. Sports days, residential trips, reports, curriculum activities, lessons, school productions and clubs will all happen as planned so please keep an eye on the newsletter, parent-mail and other communications for all the arrangements and information.

Last Friday, we welcomed over 50 parents and grandparents to school for our 'Parents in School' day and the feedback from visitors and children alike was very positive. This was a great opportunity for you to come and experience how your children learn and once again I heard a large number of comments along the lines of "I wish I was taught like that when I was at school." I would like to thank all the staff who worked so hard to make it such a special day – well done!

Good news.....we are now almost entirely back up to strength with regard to staff members who have been stranded abroad after the Easter holidays. Mrs Corbett is relieved to finally be back and the children in her class prepared welcome back banners for the classroom which were hugely appreciated. I would again like to thank all the staff who have really pulled together over the past two weeks – particularly Mrs Maskell – to ensure that it has been 'business as usual'. Hopefully the impact has been no impact at all!

Our football team (unlike Liverpool last night in the Europa cup) had a great time at the tournament held at All Saints school this week and the boys really enjoyed themselves. We won 2, drew 2, lost 1 and finished 3rd in our group, just missing out on the semis. The team was Ellis, Alex, Jack, Luke H, Lewis (scored 1 goal), Tom, Robert, Joe (scored 5 goals) and Aaron (scored 2 goals). The team were a credit to us as always and all were very well supported by parents on the touch line. Coach Lloyd was proud of his team, but in time old football management style, he said "It's a pity we didn't go further but as they say in football... we're concentrating on the league!" Well done everyone.

Our Y 1 children are off on a very special trip today to the Tiggywinkles wildlife hospital in Bucks and I look forward to reporting how they got on in next week's Wessex Weekly. Year 3 enjoyed a visit on Wednesday from local poet Coral Rumble. The children enjoyed listening to and creating 'noisy poems' which ended in a performance to the rest of the year group. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by the children!

We have had a couple of near misses this week in St Adrian's Close and I must again request that parents do not park that close to school. I have again been in touch with both local residents and the parking department at the local authority as I am concerned that those of you who continue to use the road when dropping off or picking up children are putting them at risk.

Have a good weekend everyone and enjoy the bank holiday.

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Cox Green Horticultural Show – Sunflower Competition

This year the Cox Green Horticultural and Craft Show will take place on Saturday September 11th. The show schedules will be available soon, but in the meanwhile we are letting you know about the ‘largest sunflower head’ competition. Sunflower seeds will need to be planted now. Mrs Cawte has one packet of seeds in the office which she can distribute (first come first served) or you may want to buy your own packet of seeds. More information as to how to enter the competition will be available on the show schedules in the next couple of weeks.



Waitrose Community Matters

Each month, our local Waitrose in Maidenhead donates £1000 between 3 local good causes, chosen by the customers. We would love to be part of this scheme and would like to raise money for our ongoing School Grounds Makeover. Please consider nominating Wessex – forms are available from any Waitrose store.

Free Lunches on Thursdays!!!

I am very pleased to inform you that we are able to offer each child at Wessex a free school meal this term. In order to make this run as smoothly as possible, we have organised the following dates:

Red class	6 th May	6R and 6D	15 th July (note change of date for 6R)		
Green Class	13 th May	Yellow and 30	20 th May	4E	17 th June
Orange and 3L	10 th June	4P	24 th June	5D	1 st July
5C	8 th July				

Children in these classes will still need to book a lunch on that day – they will just not have to pay for it!!! ENJOY!

This Week's Requests

- No more bottles or seed packets – we have loads....thank you!
- Flower pots of all sizes....especially small ones....for our gardening club and eco council.
- Tesco, Sainsburys, Flora and Nestle Box Tops tokens! Please bring your tokens in to school and ask friends and neighbours to collect for us as well!
- Clothes which are no longer needed which have a variety of different fastenings for children who need practice with fine motor skills eg. zips, button holes, velcro, toggles, laces.
- Large play house for our Nursery garden.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
Celine Dion's 'My Heart Will Go On' has been voted the best movie soundtrack of all time this week. Do you agree?	What are the plus, minus and interesting reasons of having an octopus as a life-guard?

Incident Reported

Last week a 13 year old girl in Cox Green school uniform, was walking alone along Cox Green Road. She believed there was a car following slowly behind her. When she stopped to look round, the car stopped. She was frightened and walked faster, however the driver, who was alone in the car, got out and began walking behind her. Sensibly, the girl rounded a corner into Thurlby Way and called her parents on her mobile. When the man saw her on her phone, he turned, ran back to his car and drove off. The man is described as white, in his 40's, about 5'10 - 6' tall, bald with short dark greying hair on the sides of his head, and strong / heavy build and slightly fat with a round face and described as a look-alike for Phil Mitchell from Eastenders. He had a silver earring stud in his left ear and a large black tattoo on his upper left arm and a chunky silver neck chain around his neck. He wore a black polo shirt and dark blue jeans. He was driving an old, dirty, small black hatchback though the make and model aren't known, though it's described as having a loud engine.

Any sightings of a male or car fitting this description should be reported to the Police quoting URN 1037 of 22/04/10

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
26 th April – 7 th May	Assessment fortnight	Whole school
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday! Enjoy the long weekend.	Everyone!
Friday 7 th May	Cool connections Group – special assembly	Invited guests!
10 th May – 14 th May	SATs week	Y6
Wednesday 12 th May	Blue class assembly – 9.15am	All parents and carers of children in Blue class.
19 th May – 21 st May	Y5 Residential trip to Hooke Court	Y5
24 th May – 28 th May	PE enrichment week	Whole school
Wednesday 26 th May	Yellow base assembly – 9.15am (note change of date)	All parents and carers of children in Yellow base.
Thursday 27 th May	End of term 5 – 3.20pm	Everyone!
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!
10 th and 11 th June	Class photos – remember the hairbrush!	Nursery – Y5
Thursday 10 th June	5C class assembly	All parents and carers of children in 5C.
Friday 16 th July	End of term – usual time. (not 2pm)	All

Caption competition

Each week we will publish a picture and would ask you to think of an apt/funny/appropriate caption. This week we are showing Daisy Moo from Waltham Place Farm. 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. The winner of last weeks picture (the Goldsworthy sculpture) is Adam May (again – well done!!) with 'The boys decided the new recruit needed more practice; he was still a bit green!!'.

A: Nothing gets under their skin!