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Q: What do you get if you cross a cat with a parrot?



Y3 Sports Bugs having fun with Basketball on Monday!

This week:

**Hooke Court update, PE Week – more info!,
lost property reminder, LOTS of event and term dates, and more.....**

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

**4926KWh of Electricity Produced
2807Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved**



From the Head's Chair



After last week's bumper special edition, I am short of space for my 'bit' this week as there are so many other items to share...so straight to it!

'Sports Bug' joined us in school on Monday, teaching our Y3 children how to play basketball. They learned drills and skills and finished with a little game, all lead by a local basketball coach. If you are interested in your children joining a club, the web site page is andrew@cookhamcomets.com. Sports Bug were back in school teaching the Yr1 children athletics on Tuesday morning and both sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by the children, participating with energy and enthusiasm! Sports Bug fortnight will finish on 28th May and they are offering a variety of sporting activities for free so please check their website page (www.rbwm.gov.uk and type in Sbug).

On Wednesday our Y5 children departed on their journey to Hooke Court where they are now enjoying their 3 day residential visit. At the time of writing, the news is that despite a late first night and early first morning (5am some of them were up apparently!), the children are thoroughly enjoying themselves. They have been very lucky with the weather and I look forward to reporting on the trip more fully next week. Our netball team competed in a match against White Waltham on Thursday and emerged victorious with an 8-6 win. Well done girls and thank you Mrs Dore...I look forward to hearing the full report in assembly.

Reminders.....Please ensure your children are wearing school shoes to and from school. Trainers can be worn at break times but school shoes must be worn at all other times. If you need your children in school during the week beginning 19th July, please return the form before half term so we can plan appropriately. Please note that children will be attending normal lessons – not just 'playing' as I overheard some parents discussing. Finally, we will be re-cycling all lost property items at the end of next week, so please check the boxes to ensure you have all your child's belongings. Thank you.
Have a good weekend.

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Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Parents do not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,040
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment finishes or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week

Children who receive any of the qualifying benefits listed above in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals. At Wessex, we are also very well supported by the Spoor, Merry and Rixman Foundation, a local charity which supports children in

Maidenhead and the Ancient Parish of Bray, which includes Cox Green. They are able to help with funding for school uniform, equipment and educational trips and visits. Please ask in the office or e-mail for further details.

Y6 Class Photos

The (rather trendy and very special) Y6 class photo forms are being sent home today. Full size versions of the photos are available to view in the school office. Please return your orders by **Thursday 27th May** absolute latest otherwise you will incur a separate carriage charge. Thank you.

Nursery Book Bags

Please remember to bring your child's book bag in on **Thursdays** so that they can change their shared reading book. Thank you.

School Closure/Holiday Activities

We have been actively searching for activities for your children during the last week of term (week commencing 19th July) when we are closing to all apart from those who are unable to organise alternative childcare. The following may be of use to you:

What	Where	Contact details
Multi activity weeks	Bray Lake	01628 638860
Summer holiday club	Clares Court School	01628 687440
Holiday Club	Silchester Manor School	01628 778890
Wise Owls Clubs	Highfield School	08445 611606
Delgado Tennis Camps	Various local venues	www.delgadotennis.co.uk
Summer Holiday Tennis	Maidenhead Tennis Club	07941 094274

See also http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/cis_childcare.htm

Details of some local childminders are available on the noticeboard.

Chicken Pox and Shingles!

There is a bout of Chicken Pox and shingles doing the rounds in school at the moment. Some children CAN catch this virus more than once (just ask Miss Bristow!!) If your child becomes ill with this virus it is imperative that you call the school to report it as we have a couple of children who are very vulnerable to the disease and we need to alert the families at the earliest possible time. Thank you.



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 and have organised the following dates:

Orange and 3L - 10th June 4E - 17th June 4P - 24th June 5D - 1st July
5C - 8th July 6R and 6D - 15th 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!

PE Enrichment Week

We are running another of our popular and exciting specialist subject weeks from **24th - 27th May**. The focus will be on all things PE and children should wear their PE kit every day (with tracksuit trousers/top if it's chilly) apart from **Thursday 27th May**, when we will be holding a sports-themed 'mufti day' where the children can come dressed in their favourite sporting outfit! We are asking for a donation of £1 on the day which will help go towards paying for the extra resources used during the week.



This Week's Requests...

- Wooden spoons to use as beaters for our junk orchestra (we need lots of them please!)

- Tesco (we are half way to our target!!), Sainsbury's, 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.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
What does the Prime Minister do, and what might he keep in his 'cabinet'?	There are some goats and ducks around a pond. They have 40 heads and 88 feet between them. How many goats are there? How many ducks are there?

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
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	Sporting mufti-day	Everyone
Thursday 27 th May	Foundation Stage Sponsored Wheelie	Nursery and Reception children
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.
Sunday 4 th July	PTA Summer Fair	Everyone!!!!
28 th June – 2 nd July	Y6 Residential trip to Kingswood	Y6
Friday 16 th July	End of term – 3.20pm	All
19 th – 23 rd July	Part of school open for those that <i>really</i> need it!	

Caption competition

Each week we will publish a picture and would ask you to think of an apt/funny/appropriate caption. This week (in the run up to the World Cup) we are showing the England team from March this year (all looking a bit miserable, we think!). The winner (as judged by our unbribable 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 (double act) is Seran Yucel with 'Why is Tigger so smelly? Because he spends so much time with Pooh!' Come on everyone – start using those creative brains and get some captions in!



A: A carrot!