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Q: What do bees do if they want to use public transport?



Michael making (?!?) jam tarts at Hooke Court

This week:

**Motor Racing Design competition, PE Week spectacular,
LOTS of event and term dates, and more.....**

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

**5063KWh of Electricity Produced
2885Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved**



From the Head's Chair



This week has been a brilliant week at Wessex as we have embarked on our first 'PE week', celebrating and experiencing everything on a sporting theme both inside and outside the classroom. We have all thoroughly enjoyed and taken advantage of the favourable weather and it has been an absolute pleasure to see the diversity of experiences eagerly enjoyed by every child. With multi-sports, hockey, basketball, aerobics, Bollywood dancing, Pilates, yoga, rounders, football, sailing, karate, motor racing, dancing, kwik-cricket, sponsored wheelies...the children have had a fantastic, informative and very active week. I particularly enjoyed our whole school 'dance off' on Wednesday after school during which 400 children and staff performed the dance they had been taught by dance teacher Jane Douglas. It was a sight to behold (!) and I hope the report in the Maidenhead Advertiser this week reflects the occasion. Children of different ages have worked with their 'buddy classes' and Maths and English lessons have continued to follow the sporting theme. Tomorrow (Thursday) gives children the opportunity to dress up as their favourite sports stars / heroes and I am incredibly proud of the response - from children, staff and parents alike! We have also ensured that every child has designed and produced their own flag on a sporting theme which we will join together and send to Downing Street in support of the national campaign encouraging our government to 'do their bit' to help get 72 million children across the world into school and learning. I would like to thank every teacher and parent who has contributed to the activities at school this week, with a very special mention to Miss Oldfield who has made it all possible.

I also had the privilege of attending the Reception class assembly this week when Yellow Base shared their learning about dinosaurs. Again, the breadth of learning on show, including some tricky dinosaur names, writing, art work, songs, poems and habitat models was brilliant and I know the parents who attended thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated their children's achievements. Well done children for your confidence, and thank you Miss Bristow and Mrs Philips (AKA Carol Vordermann on the whiteboard) for making it happen.

Our Year 5 children returned from their residential trip to Hooke Court safe and sound on Friday, a little exhausted but filled with memories they will keep for life. The photos can be seen on the electronic noticeboard and we aim to get them uploaded to the website in the next few days (please see this week's caption competition!). The children were very well behaved, as reported by the staff at the centre, and I appreciate the hard work and commitment by Mrs Corbett and the other members of staff who planned the whole trip. Well done all!

Finally this week, I would like to wish the very best of luck and congratulations to Miss Razeghi, who will be getting married on Saturday afternoon. We all wish you the very best - as the surprise party laid on by your class shows - and look forward to welcoming you back as Mrs Poole after the break.

Phew....I need a rest! Have a great half term, and see you back after the INSET day on **Tuesday 8th June.**

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A Unique and Exciting Competition – extra ‘half-term challenge’

Jack Goff is a racing driver from High Wycombe. He is competing in the Renault Clio Cup this year which follows the British Touring Car Championship. Jack came to speak to the children about how he keeps fit and ready for racing. Jack would like to invite your children to enter a competition to win a once in a life time opportunity...**their design on the race car**. There are also other prizes of team hats, t-shirts and signed posters. All they need to do is draw a picture of Jack driving his car. The winning design will be printed and stuck on the car for the up and coming round at Croft **19th/20th June**. The closing date for entries is **Wednesday 9th June**. All entries should be given to Miss Bristow in Yellow Base who will pass them on to Jack. The winner and runners up will be announced on Jacks website on **Wednesday 14th June**. Check out more information at www.jackgoffracing.com Good luck children!

Updating Medical Information

This year seems to be the year of the never-seen-before hayfever/asthma outbreaks at Wessex. If your child develops hayfever or asthma it is very important that you alert the school and provide the correct medication. For asthma sufferers we need TWO inhalers – one to be kept in the classroom and a spare for emergencies. You will also need to complete a medical form and update the OA4 form completed at the beginning of each school year. A little story for you.... One child ‘only’ needed their inhaler at home when they had a cold. That same child had a full blown asthma attack in school last week – fortunately our first aider had contacted mum to say we need the inhaler in school just in case!

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	Claire's 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!

Wessex continues to suffer from a severe bout of Chicken Pox and shingles among the children 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
6R and 6D - 15th July 5C - 8th 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...

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

- All Supermarket 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, laces.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If you could be any sporting personality, who would you be?	Five people share a tent for a holiday for 5 nights. They all agree to say goodnight to everyone else in the tent every night. How many times is the word goodnight spoken throughout the holiday?

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
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!
Wednesday 9 th June	Y4 trip to Windsor	Y4
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.
14 th – 18 th June	Food Awareness Week	Whole school
Monday 14 th June	Foundation Stage Sports Day	Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 16 th June	Upper School Sports Day – 1.15pm	Y3 to Y6
Thursday 17 th June	6D Class assembly	All parents and carers of children in 6D.
28 th June – 2 nd July	Y6 Residential trip to Kingswood	Y6
Friday 2 nd July	Y4 Adventure Day at Bray Lake	Y4
Sunday 4 th July	PTA Summer Fair	Everyone!!!!
Monday 5 th July	Lower School Sports Day - 1.15pm	Y1 and Y2
Tuesday 6 th July	Class swap day (Y6 visiting new schools)	Whole school
Wednesday 7 th July	Open Evening for parents to meet next years' teachers	Parents
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! Close at 2pm on 23rd July	

Caption competition

Each week we will publish a picture and would ask you to think of an apt/funny/appropriate caption. This week we have Jordan and Joshua learning how to jive at Hooke Court. The winner (as judged by our un-bribable 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 (miserable England team) is Taylor Netherwood-Meek with 'The England team were not over-joyed about drawing the Maidenhead Magpies under-9's team in the finals!' There were some excellent entries this week!! Come on everyone – start using those creative brains and get some captions in!



A: Wait at a buzz stop !