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Mum: What did you learn in school today?



Look what Y4 found in Windsor Great Park!!

This week:

Sports Days, Vacancies, Summer fair, School production, event and term dates, and more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:
5287KWh of Electricity Produced
3013Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



It has been a short first week of term 6 and unfortunately the fine weather we all enjoyed during half term has not lasted. The rain this week has had an extra impact on Wessex as a result of the lead theft before half term, but I can inform you that an arrest has been made.

On Wednesday our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to Windsor Great Park (as you can see by the photo on the front cover) and I was very proud of the reports I received about their behaviour. Members of the public actually commented on how well our children behaved to the teachers who were leading the trip and this is a real credit to Wessex. Well done children and thank you to Mrs Elliot and Mrs Piper for organising the day.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs Maskell, Mr Hedge (one of our school governors), Mrs Cawte, Mrs Page and I thoroughly enjoyed interviewing the children who had applied to be Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or School Secretary for the day next week. We had over 100 application forms and the children we interviewed dressed very smartly and had really thought hard about what they were going to say. It was a very difficult decision and we will be informing the 'successful candidates' today. I would like to thank all those children who applied as well as those who attended interview – the standard was very high and I know this real life experience will be useful to them in the future.

On Thursday morning, I had the pleasure of joining children, staff and parents to watch 5C's class assembly. The children showed us all what they had been learning about World War Two and included songs, facts and even some lindy-hop dancing! They all presented clearly and confidently and thoroughly enjoyed showing us what they had learned. Well done 5C and thank you Mrs Corbett for making us all laugh and learn at the same time!

Thank you to the parents who attended our Nursery Consultation meeting last night regarding the proposed changes to the session times from September. I will make sure we contact all Nursery parents with confirmation of any new arrangements in good time for the end of term.

Finally, I would like to wish a fond farewell to Ingrid Jacob who has left our school kitchen this week to go and work in another school. I would like to thank her for her hard work in keeping both the children and I (!) well fed whilst she has been with us and wish her luck in her new school. I would also like to welcome back Debbie Richbell, who returns to Wessex as 'head chef' after the birth of her daughter Freya.

Have a good weekend – make sure you dig out your trainers ready for our US and FS sports days next week!

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Foundation Stage Sports Day

Our Foundation Stage Sports Day is scheduled for **Monday 14th June** with a reserve day of **15th June** if there is bad weather. The races will start at 9.30am and 1.30pm. Reception children will be doing the races twice so parents can choose to attend either session. Our dressing up theme for the day is 'The World Cup'. Some ideas for costumes include footballers (of course) referees, or even the world cup trophy (although that might make it difficult to run!!). Following the sports there will be drinks available in the Nursery and Reception gardens. We would also like to have a cake stall in each garden and would appreciate donations of cakes, biscuits etc. We would welcome some parent helpers to assist with the drinks and cake stall. If you are able to help please let one of the Nursery or Reception staff know.

Upper School Sports Day

Children from Y3 – Y6 will take part in their sports day on **Wednesday 16th June** at 1.15pm with a reserve of **23rd June** if the weather is bad. We hear that training for the mums' and dads' races is well underway..... don't forget your trainers!!!

PTA Summer Fair

Our popular Summer Fair is fast approaching! If you would like to hire a stall to sell your wares then please contact Miriam Baker outside the Green Class pick up point (on the school playground near to nursery) or leave a note in the PTA tray in the school office. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Vacancy - Cleaner

Can you help to keep our school clean? We are looking for a cleaner to work 10hrs per week from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Vacancy – Occasional Breakfast Club Assistant

Fancy the odd hour, here and there, helping in our increasingly popular breakfast club? The club runs every morning in term time from 8am until 9am. We need someone to cover occasional busy days – sometimes at very short notice.

More information on both of these vacancies and application forms are available from Mrs Wardle in the school office.

Wessex Primary School proudly presents:

Olivia!

Year 6, (with Year 3, 4 & 5 providing the vocals!) is proud to present our end of year musical show, **Olivia!**

Come to the 'Wessex Theatre' and find out whether Olivia, a Victorian orphan, makes her dreams come true in London.....

Performances will be taking place in the Upper School hall on:

Tuesday 13th July at 4.30pm

&

Thursday 15th July at 6.00pm.

Watch this space...tickets will be on sale soon!

We will also be requesting help making props and costumes - if you're able to assist, please let Mrs Dore or Mrs Poole in Year 6 know - thank you!

Chicken Pox and Shingles – the virus continues.....

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:

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!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
Stanley found some impressive antlers. What are they for?	How many nouns can you think of that start with an 's'?

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
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 – 9.15am	All parents and carers of children in 6D.
28 th June – 2 nd July	Y6 Residential trip to Kingswood	Y6
Wednesday 30 th June	Orange base class assembly	All parents and carers of children in Orange base
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 – 6pm	Parents
Tuesday 13 th July	Olivia! – 4.30pm	Ticket holders only
Thursday 15 th July	Olivia! – 6pm	Ticket holders only
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 'the lindy-hoppers' photo published in the newsletter before the holiday as we had NO ENTRIES!!! (probably due to the half term holiday). 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. Come on everyone – start using those creative brains and get some captions in!



Child: Not enough, I have to go back on Monday!