

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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**Q: Why do football managers bring suitcases along to away games?**



**Y5 Chefs in a Design and Technology lesson – watch out Heston!!!**

**This week:**

**IMPORTANT NEWS IN BRIEF, Photo order deadline, Summer fair, School production – can you help?, event and term dates, and MUCH more.....**

***SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:***

**5556KWh of Electricity Produced**

**3166Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved**



## From the Head's Chair



There's so much to say this week that we've gone for another 'bumper edition'. There are a range of issues below that will impact on parents and children alike, so please make sure you read carefully so as not to miss out on important information!

This week, Y2 have thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Waltham Place Farm, during which they enjoyed hands-on learning about animals, food and wildlife education. The centre, literally on our doorstep, has been enjoyed by many of our year groups and on every occasion has a different focus and learning outcome. Once again I was very proud of the children, and reported comments from the staff at Waltham Place included "I like it when children from Wessex come to visit. I never have to raise my voice or repeat instructions." This type of comment is the best compliment for our school and I am proud of the children for maintaining such a high standard. Well done Year 2 and thank you to Mrs Kashmiri, Mrs Steven and Mrs Sanders for arranging such an enjoyable day.

On Wednesday, a small group of ex-pupils from Cox Green had arranged to set up a stall near the front gate as part of their citizenship homework. They sent me a proposal and arranged everything themselves in order to raise money for their chosen charity – Hope HIV. They sold sweets to the children, had a tombola and a 'guess how many jelly babies in the jar' competition. I was very disappointed to miss out on the jelly babies, as Scott Carey in 5D was within 20 of the total and so won, beating my guess which was out by over 80 sweets! (Well done Scott!!) The children demonstrated their organisational skills as well as enthusiasm and managed to raise over £70 for their charity. It's great to see children continue to flourish in this way once they have moved on from Wessex! There is a similar event happening on Monday after school, with a penalty shoot out between Year 3 and Lower school, organised by Ben Alger and his team. Mr Lloyd is in goal, hoping to avoid any 'Robert Green Moments' and I hope you will all take the opportunity to have some fun, support our ex-pupils and raise a bit more money for a very worthy charity.

A fortnight ago, we held our Foundation Stage 'wheelie' event, during which children from Nursery and Reception were sponsored to travel around the Nursery building on 2 or 4 wheels as many times as possible. They thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and I am very pleased to report that we have raised £572 from sponsors, and still have the Reception class total to add.....which will all go towards a brand new two storey play house for our Nursery garden. A great achievement and what I know will be a very popular addition to our Nursery garden!

Also on Wednesday this week, we shared 90 minutes of nail-biting tension as we supported England in their final, crucial (and thankfully victorious...just) World Cup match. Many of our children took the opportunity to share the experience at home with their families and we hosted a lively and enthusiastic audience of over 50 children who shared the national team's success with friends in the school hall. I actually had the opportunity to share our arrangements with local radio listeners on Tuesday evening and the fact that we were not 'closing' but putting arrangements in place for children and parents who either did or didn't want to get involved was roundly applauded in comparison to many schools! Good luck to the team on Sunday – you can do it!!?

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#### .....NEWS IN BRIEF.....

#### **End of Term Arrangements**

If you have one of the 62(ish) children who will be attending school during the week beginning **19<sup>th</sup> July**, I will be writing to you with detailed information regarding the details by next Friday. I have been liaising with Cox Green and so will send all the details when they have been finalised. **A reminder that the school will be closed for all other children during that week (unless by prior arrangement) due to the commencement of significant building works.**

#### **School Governor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor from September 2010. If you or any parents you know are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Sara Ford (Clerk to the governing body) in writing via the school office and we will send you more details. It is a hugely rewarding role which enables you to work closely with other governors and the headteacher, as well as children, staff and the wider community to contribute towards the future leadership and direction of our school.

#### **'Nursery Hours' Consultation**

We have recently consulted with those of you who have children who attend our Nursery about alterations to the session times. I am aware that one or two parents have asked about the outcome, so I will write to those parents affected next week with the outcome of the consultation and the full decision of the governing body.

## Wessex Fete Brochure Cover Competition

For the first time this year, we will be producing a Summer Fete programme which will act as your 'ticket' on the gate. The programme will tell everyone what is happening and where, as well as containing a range of vouchers for free rides / stalls / activities / etc. I challenge every child to design the front cover, on a World Cup theme, and a winner will be chosen for Nursery / Reception, Years 1/2, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6. Prizes will be awarded for the winning entries and the winners will have their art work published. All you need to do is draw / paint a picture on A4 paper on the theme of the World Cup, pop your child's name and class on the back and hand it in to the office next week. With Year 6 leaving for Kingswood on Monday, you need to work on your entry this weekend! **YOU DO NOT NEED TO ADD ANY WORDING AS WE WILL DO THAT FOR YOU – WE JUST WANT THE PICTURE!** Good luck, and I look forward to seeing the winning entries on the gate on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July!**

## Wessex Business Advertising Opportunity

On the same theme, we are offering the opportunity to local businesses and parents to 'sponsor' the school fete for the first time this year. The fete is attended by well over 500 people and if you would like your business or an advert to appear in the programme, whilst at the same time supporting the school, please e-mail your advert / artwork directly to the school office, drop in your payment and we'll make sure it is in the programme by next weekend.

**Charges:   £5 = ¼ page                   £10 = ½ page                   £20 = Full Page**

This is a great way to support school and share your business with the local community, so give it a try!

## School Photographs

Year group photos were sent home at the beginning of the week – check with your children if you have not got them yet!! All orders **MUST** be returned by mid-day **Thursday 1st July 2010** as they are being collected first thing on Friday 2nd July 2010 and we need to seal the parcels properly. Any late orders will need to be sent separately which means you will incur a delivery charge.

## Is your child the next Darcy Bussell or Ashley Banjo?

Auditions for the SSCO Junior Dance Company are being held in a couple of weeks time and they are looking for **11 girls and 11 boys** to join the group. They will audition anyone who wants to be seen but are looking to attract dancers that have exceptional talent or potential in dance, in particular creative dance.

Information leaflets and details of the auditions are available from the letter tree outside the school office.



## Celebrating Talents Competition

Does your child have a special talent? We are holding a talent competition with a difference – no singing or dancing! The categories are Photography, Art (drawing/painting/modeling) Sewing, cookery and cake decorating, gardening (plants/flowers/fruit/vegetables), writing (poetry/report of a hobby) and a World Cup 2010 Football category! All entries must be received by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. Competition winners and entries will be on display at the Open Evening on **7<sup>th</sup> July**.

## 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!

## Lost Property

As the end of term approaches, we have an *enormous* amount of lost property that is waiting to be claimed. More precious items, such as glasses, watches, wallets etc. are kept in the school office. All lost property will be recycled/donated to charity on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. **PLEASE** come and claim your lost items before then!!! Can we urge, beg, plead with, implore, exhort, nay **INSIST** *all* parents to make sure that all items are named, including purses for lunch money, so that we can return mislaid items to their owners. Please could you also check your child's clothing and make sure that it has their name in it and not someone else's – a number of parents have said that their named sweatshirts etc have gone missing so please check and return to the rightful owners - thank you!!!

## Plants for Sale!



Gardening club are having a plant sale on Monday afternoon when you will be able to buy tomato plants for just 50p! The club is also selling Rosemary - 6 sprigs for 50p (lovely with the roast lamb!). Order forms are available from a basket outside the school office. Orders need to be left in the basket no later than Friday lunch time, ready for collection from the same basket in reception after school on Friday. The Nursery also have basil and parsley for sale for a donation.

## This weeks' requests

- All supermarket/stationery/cereal vouchers or tokens – Tesco's vouchers are being sent off next week so please bring them in on Monday!!

## Cancer Research Race for Life

Hannah Newton and Jade Anderson, both in Y6, are running the Race for Life at Windsor Race Course on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July alongside their mums, Janette and Ann. They would love for anyone to sponsor them to complete this 5k achievement and raise money for this worthy charity. If you would like to sponsor this 'Wessex team' we have a sponsor form in the office.



## 11+ Examinations

We have heard from Bucks Education authority that out-of area schools (such as ours) will not be allowed to host the tests any more. Tests must now be taken at particular centres in Bucks during the October half term holiday. More information is available from [www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooladmission](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooladmission)

## 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:  
5D - 1<sup>st</sup> July            5C - 8<sup>th</sup> July    6R and 6D - 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Cox Green School Jazz Picnic



Cox Green are holding another of their brilliant Jazz picnics on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** (not Saturday as notified in last weeks newsletter – sorry!). A Family ticket costs £10 for up to 6 people. The event runs from 1pm – 5pm with live football on the big screen (for those that want it) at 3pm! More information and tickets are available from Cox Green School.

Wessex Primary School proudly presents:

## *Olivia!*

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm.

Next week, we will be painting the backdrops for our production of Olivia! If you have any **spare tins of paint** (any colour of the rainbow but not gloss!), please bring them into school and give them to Mrs Hillbourne. We are also in need of **waistcoats** of varying sizes, **top hats**, **long skirts** and **flower baskets**. Your help would be much appreciated!



## Tickets for Olivia!

As ticket numbers will be limited we want to give Y6 parents priority as it is predominantly a Y6 leavers production. Therefore tickets priced at £2 each will go on sale on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June** for Y6 only. Tickets (again £2) for all other year groups will go on sale on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. Tickets are limited to two tickets per family. Dress rehearsal tickets *may* be made available if we are oversubscribed. Please do not bring toddlers to the 6pm event. Ticket order forms will be sent home to each year group at the appropriate time. Thank you!



| TALKING HOMEWORK                 | THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Should Joe Cole start on Sunday? | A mystery number is divided by 7, and leaves a remainder of 2. Its digits total 5. What could the number be? |

## St Mary's Church Holiday Club

St Mary's Church are running a holiday club for children aged 5 – 11 years from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Activities will include music, games, craft, bible stories and more and all for just £10 for the first child and half price for siblings! More information is available by e-mailing [holidayclub@stmarysmaidenhead.org](mailto:holidayclub@stmarysmaidenhead.org)

## Caption competition – the final slogan (cue Europe.....)

This is the last caption competition so put on your funny hats and let's come



up with some real goodies! We are featuring the mum's race from Upper School sports day (sorry ladies!!). There is no winner from two weeks ago – no entries!

We need parents and children to help us with the jokes at the beginning and end of the newsletter as Mrs Cawte's choices get worse and worse each week! The best joke each week will be published and the winner can choose between a free school meal or a breakfast club place.

**Some dates for your diary:**

| DATE   | OCCASION  | WHO?  |
|--|---|---|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July | Y6 Residential trip to Kingswood  | Y6  |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June              | Orange base class assembly  | All parents and carers of children in Orange base |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June              | Y3 Languages Extravaganza at Cox Green School   | Y3  |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                | Last day to return class photo orders   | Nursery – Y5                                      |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                  | Y4 Adventure Day at Bray Lake   | Y4  |
| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>            | <b>PTA Summer Fair</b>  | <b>Everyone!!!!</b>                               |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                  | Lower School Sports Day - 1.15pm  | Y1 and Y2   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                  | Summer Reading Challenge Launch   | Whole school                                      |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July                 | Class swap day (Y6 visiting new schools)  | Whole school                                      |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July               | Open Evening for parents to meet next years' teachers – 6pm                                 | Parents   |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                  | Basil's Barnyard Buddies visiting Foundation Stage  | Nursery and Reception                             |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July                | Olivia! – 4.30pm  | Ticket holders only                               |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July               | Olivia! – 6pm   | Ticket holders only                               |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                 | End of term – 3.20pm  | All   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> July     | Part of school open for those that have booked! <b>Close at 2pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> |   |

A: So that they can pack the defence!

Have a great weekend



COME ON ENGLAND!!