

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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Q: How many chimneys does Father Christmas go down?



Shepherds Abiding in the Upper School Hall

This week:

PTA Christmas Fun Afternoon, Nativity DVD's, Christmas Events, Vacancy!,  
term dates and MUCH more.....

**SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER: Back in Action!!!**

6159KWh of Electricity Produced

3510Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Head's Chair



This week has been another one of those weeks that make my job one of the best jobs in the world. I have had the pleasure of 4 nativity performances and at this time of year I am so proud of the children and staff who bring the theme of Christmas to life. Songs, acting, dancing, music....it has been a real celebration of the festive season. On Monday and Tuesday, our Nursery children performed to parents and families, doing so with confidence! They sang and acted beautifully and for our youngest children (aged 3 and 4) to play their parts in front of 100+ parents is quite a spectacle! On Wednesday and Thursday, our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children followed suit and really excelled despite the odd technical issue. (Mr Beattie's Maths Lesson was accidentally transmitted via the speakers on a couple of occasions and sounded jolly good!). However, the show went on and was a great success. Parents and families were hugely complimentary and I was astounded by the number of family members who were able to support their children. Well done to all the staff who made the performances such a success – Mr Porter for the staging and DVD's, Mrs Pusey and the Nursery team for teaching all the songs, Mrs Cawte for producing the programmes and everyone who helped with costumes and rehearsals – a successful team effort! DVD's are available for Christmas from the school office!!

Last week's mini enterprise week was enjoyed by all the children in Upper School and overall their hard work made a profit of just over £100. The money will be used to buy new wet play games for each class. Well done children!

On Monday, our badminton team attended the county badminton finals in Reading and played brilliantly. Our somewhat depleted team (due to illness) rose to the occasion and came sixth overall. The team were Dylan, Ben, Ritchie, Jack Alger, Connor and Daniel. Well done children, thank you Mr Lloyd for organizing the trip and thank you to Mr Porter for driving the mini bus!

On Wednesday and Thursday, we welcomed a group of sixth form drama students to Wessex to lead a workshop for our Year 4 and Year 6 children. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions, and during the workshop I watched yesterday I noticed that every single one of our children were engaged, working together as a team, listening to each other, sharing ideas and grinning from ear to ear. Thank you to Bob Hawxwell from Cox Green for bringing the students over and well done to our children for 'going for it' with such enthusiasm.

Finally this week we welcomed around 30 grandparents to school to enjoy lunch with their grandchildren. Once again it was a positive experience for everyone who attended and the meals were highly praised. (There were a few horror stories about school meals in the past too!). Thank you to Debbie, Karen, Karen and Angela in the kitchen for all their hard work this term.

Have a good weekend.....and don't forget Carols Around the Tree at Cox Green next Tuesday or the Christmas fun afternoon on Wednesday next week!

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## PTA CHRISTMAS FUN AFTERNOON

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.20pm



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has responded already with donations, offers of help, etc. -it is very much appreciated. Please bring in any remaining filled cups for the children's tombola on Monday.

Also can we remind families to donate any Christmas decorations that people might be thinking of renewing this year! And finally, cakes for the cake stall should be brought along on the day.

### Nativity DVD's

DVD's of the Nursery Nativity (morning and afternoon) and the Lower School Production are available to purchase at £5 each. Please note that the Nursery Nativity was recorded during the dress rehearsal on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, so if your child was off sick on that day they will not be in it.



### Church of the Good Shepherd

Please join us at any of our special Christmas services at The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Thursday 16th December

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** 4pm (lasting about 30 minutes)

*Come after school from 3.30pm onwards to make a Christingle. Drinks & cakes too!*

Sunday, 19th December

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** 4pm

*A service of carols and readings suitable for all ages, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.*

24th December - Christmas Eve

**CRIB SERVICE** 4pm

*Especially suitable for children of all ages.*

25th December - Christmas Day

**FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE** 10am

*With carols - suitable for all ages.*

*Children are invited to bring one of their Christmas presents to show us!*



### Breakfast Club

Booking forms for the Spring term are now available from the ladies in Breakfast Club, from the letter tree outside the school office, or downloadable from our website!

### Vacancy - Relief Breakfast Club Assistant

We urgently need someone to help out on an ad-hoc basis in our Breakfast Club to cover busy days and absence. Do you know anyone that might be interested? They will get to work with our existing lovely Breakfast Club staff *and* our lovely children *and* will even have the opportunity to play on the Wii!! The club runs every day in term time from 8am until 9am and is becoming more and more popular so some weeks we may want someone every day and other weeks maybe not at all (although that is rare). More details are available from Jane Wardle in the school office.

### School Lunch Promotion

Caterlink is running a promotion offering 'six weeks' meals for the price of five'. The advertisement/voucher will appear in 'Around the Royal Borough'. This promotion is only available for new pre-orders with full payment of five weeks' meals (£52.50); pupils will then receive the sixth week free. This offer is only available if the original full-colour advertisement/voucher, cut from the publication, is presented. No photocopies and only one voucher per child will be accepted; the offer ends on 31 March 2011.

## Changes to Christmas Week Menu

Due to the events taking place in the next week, the menus will change to the following:

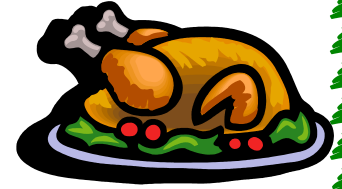
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Jacket potatoes or pasta with tuna/cheese/beans

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Cottage pie (meat or veggie)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Fish and chips/jacket potato

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Sausage and mash/roasted veg toad in the hole



### This weeks requests:

- Clear 2 litre plastic bottles so that we can finish our eco-greenhouse!!
- Newspapers in Nursery for the tables and easel. Broadsheet is the best, but any would be fantastic!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
X Factor final this weekend – who do you think will win and who will Robbie Williams sing with?	If you could be anyone else in the world, who would you be and why?

### Dates for your diary.....

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Morning Nursery CLOSED!! Afternoon Nursery PARTY!! No Nursery Lunchclub</i>	All children in Nursery
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Morning Nursery PARTY!! Afternoon Nursery CLOSED!! No Nursery Lunchclub</i>	All children in Nursery
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols Around the Tree at Cox Green School 6pm	Everyone!!
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch	Everyone
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA <b>Christmas Fun</b> Afternoon followed by <b>Carols Around the Tree</b> at Wessex	Everyone!!
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Parties – more information to follow	Children in Reception – Y6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term – <b>2pm</b> (Please note that Multiskills club will run from 2pm – 3pm on this day)	Everyone!!!



Mrs Dawson, Mrs Corbett and Miss Oldfield with their babies Melissa, Eve and Alice!!

A: Stacks !!