



Our House Captains diligently completing their role of collecting the housepoints

Dear Parents and Carers



Another busy week here at Wessex with some pupils going out and about and lot of parents coming in for parent evening appointments.

The halls were full of conversation this week where we held our **parent evenings**. Almost 90% of parents booked an appointment; thank you to those of you who booked and attended and also for those who completed a survey on the way out.

However, only 30% of attendees completed our exit survey. We always appreciate feedback so if you have not yet completed the survey, please do so by clicking [this link](#). The average time to complete the survey takes about 4 minutes based on the current responses. As ever, we must recognise the efforts of the teaching staff for staying late for two nights at the end of a long term and also for those teachers who came in on days they would not usually work. We will share details of the parent survey in next week's newsletter.

The **School Street** continued to get traction last week and not only did we feature on BBC Berkshire's News [website](#), we also featured on BBC Berkshire Radio with Phil Mercer. If you wanted to give us a listen, head over to the BBC Berkshire's [saved shows page](#) and skip to 1:06:30 to get straight to our section about the School Street.

Year 4 took a trip out to **Ockwells Park** this week as park of their Geography work to compare how woodland is used. Pupils behaved very well and enjoyed being out and about. Luckily the rain stayed away!

You may have noticed that there is **no Mymaths homework** this week. This is because over the next few weeks, we will be reviewing our current homework arrangements and our subscription to the Mymaths package has come to the end of this cycle. We will keep you updated with the decisions of our homework discussions. If you have any feelings relating to homework that you wish for us to consider, please let us know of these by completing [this form](#).



Sports Leaders at their training day yesterday

Year 6 Sports Leaders had a great day of training at Newlands Girls' School yesterday. "We had coaches from England Netball teaching us games from BUZZ Netball and then had to teach other schools how to play. We are looking forward to starting a lunchtime BUZZ club. We also had a variety of playground challenges to learn for us to teach to pupils at lunchtimes which we look forward to starting next week!"

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

This week's learning...

- "I like phonics" Scarlett, Reception
- "I've enjoyed the space book we read" Niamh, Year 1
- "I like it when we do Geography with Mrs Pope because I like maps" Adam, Year 1
- "I loved shading with pastels in art and I am proud with the result" Daniel, Year 3
- "I loved playing a football match against my class mates in PE" Russell, Year 4
- "I loved learning about all the interesting facts about search engines" Magnus, Year 5
- "I loved it when we did a cricket match with Mr Browne in PE" Tylar, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Wednesday 23rd October
Year 4, 5 and 6 cross country event

Thursday 24th October
Prospective Parent Tour 9:15-10:30

Friday 25th October
PTA Break the Rules day – see attached poster
Year 4 Jonathan Jungle Roadshow in Year 4

Monday 28th October
Half term break

Monday 4th November
Inset day – pupils not to attend

BREAK THE RULES

Thanks for all of the donations for harvest which have been collected by Maidenhead Foodshare



Good News Certificates



EYFS: Ambra and Isabella

Year 1: Dylan and Harry

Year 2: Naithan and Luka

Year 3: Lily W and Emma

Year 4: Kyreese and Amaan

Year 5: Chester and Georgie

Year 6: Evie

Attendance

Lower School: Cherry winners with 97.1%

Upper School: Pine Winners with 98.7%

School attendance this week

94%



Last week = 93.5%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values – Democracy



We discussed the first British Value of the year – Democracy. We used the Junior Leaders and their roles to help explain democracy and that we are lucky in Britain to have this as a value. Everyone is equal; everyone gets a say. We said that this makes us feel proud that we all get a say too so links with our school values!

Tissues

If you can spare a box of tissues, please send them with your child to school – they will be very gratefully received as we move towards the season for coughs and colds.

Late arrivals

We have noticed a number of children arriving late to school each day. The school gates are open between 8:45am and 8:55am each day so there is no need for your child to be late to school. If your child arrived at 9am each day, they miss an hour and a quarter of learning each week. This morning time is vital time for children to complete quick activities, take reading quizzes or work with an adult in small groups to help their learning.

Attendance reminders

As we move towards the cough and cold season, it is helpful to remember that children can come to school if they are feeling a little unwell. The NHS website ismychildtooillforschool gives parents good advice about when to keep your child off school. Sore throats, coughs and colds are not reasons alone to keep your child off school. Also, our new attendance policy states that medical evidence will be asked for when children are off for a period of five days. If you have any queries around this, please see our [attendance policy](#) or speak to Mrs Matthews or Miss Adams in the office.

Talent Show

Don't forget to book your talent show acts through our [form](#). One of the team will contact your child for their initial discussion.

Character Curriculum

We discussed how holding doors open for people is a polite thing to do and one which breeds positivity. We also decided that you don't hold doors open for people purely to get lots of your classmates saying thank you as they go past.

When to hold a door open



- How to check to see if you need to hold a door open.
- How long to wait for someone.
- How many children to open the door for.
- Saying thank you if someone opens the door for you.
- Not moaning if people don't thank you



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

School Tours and Stay & Plays



For pupils starting school in
September 2025

Tour dates 9:15am - 10:30am:

- ~~Thursday 10th October~~ Fully booked
- ~~Thursday 24th October~~ Fully booked
- ~~Thursday 7th November~~
- Tuesday 19th November
- Tuesday 26th November
- Tuesday 3rd December

Stay and Play dates
9:15am - 10:00am:

Tuesday 12th November



Thursday 28th November



Tuesday 14th January



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BREAK THE RULES DAY

**50P PER RULE BROKEN
HOW MANY CAN YOU BREAK?**

- #1 Have wacky hair**
- #2 Wear crazy socks**
- #3 Paint your nails**
- #4 Non-School Uniform**

- #5 Face Paint**
- #6 Bring a teddy to school**
- #7 Wear a hat all day**

- #8 Squash in your water bottle**
- #9 Temporary tattoo**

- #10 A sweet or savory snack for the afternoon**

**Friday 25th
October
2024**



TALENT SHOW!

ALL ACTS WELCOME



**THURSDAY
7 NOV 3:30PM**

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Decorate your own lantern

Tuesday 29 October

3pm

Ages 4 - 12

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