



# Newsletter

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*Pupils from Orchid and Lotus Classes enjoying their school trips*

Hello again and already we are at the end of week 3; time is fairly racing by! With another packed two weeks, there is lots to report and also lots to look forward to, as always, in the remaining four weeks of term until Easter.

We always try to give the children as broad a range of opportunities as we possibly can and last week everyone in the school had the opportunity to learn some new rugby skills with Mark of Crusader Rugby. Each class had a wonderful half hour session and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with even the Reception children excited to learn more! I know that there is the potential for a club to run after school, so watch this space!

World Book Day was a huge success and we have a photo in this week's Wiltshire Times too! With an assembly to start the day, it was so lovely to see how everyone – children, staff and adults – had made such a superb effort to all come as their favourite book character to celebrate this annual event. With everyone from 'Where's Wally?' to Goldilocks and The Boy in the Dress to Harry Potter, all types of books and stories were represented and it demonstrated what a love of reading our school has. In class the fun continued throughout the day, with the staff all having planned some fantastic learning activities for the children, all centred on reading and books. Furthermore, a whole school reading session, with older children pairing with younger children made the day even more special and a special announcement of

an extreme reading award has now got everyone thinking how best to create that perfect photo of themselves reading! Thank you for supporting us again and creating such fabulous costumes! Check out the aforementioned Extreme Reading Blog too - [reading.westwoodblogs.org](http://reading.westwoodblogs.org) and please send us your photos of children reading in unusual places!

I must congratulate members of Orchid class who have been taking part in Wiltshire Council's Bikeability for the past two weeks. Learning how to maintain and ride their bikes safely and correctly, the staff who led the sessions remarked how sensible and committed the children were to learning these new skills, so well done everyone. Once again you were a credit to our school.

This week we have had two very exciting learning outside the classroom visits, with Lotus and Orchid Class both enjoying fantastic weather for their trips. Both classes learnt a huge amount from their stimulating days and have come back full of ideas. Once again I have been informed how beautifully behaved everyone was, to the point where the teachers were thanked by the staff on site. Thank you everyone for continuing to be such wonderful ambassadors for our school and I am glad you all had lovely days.

Our radio station continues to grow and provide opportunities for children to develop their speaking confidence and writing skills in producing their scripts.

With two successful breakfast shows broadcast and now online for everyone to listen to again, we now move on with our second Friday Radio Club group who will be broadcasting live in a few weeks time. Of course, we continue to broadcast live every Friday at 2.30pm with our regular broadcasting team.



Each week they put together such fantastic shows which are drawing very positive comments and praise from, literally, around the world. There are a number of ways you can listen online or via a smart phone. I have added a link on our website homepage and you can listen live on [radio.westwoodwithiford.org](http://radio.westwoodwithiford.org). For some reason it doesn't show as live on the player, but please click play - we will be there! Our radio blog, [radio.westwoodblogs.org](http://radio.westwoodblogs.org) is also up to date with all that we are enjoying, so please come back regularly and class blogs are bursting with content - we have been so busy!

Enjoy a restful weekend everyone.

**Ian Rockey**

### MAKE IT! CLUB

Make it! Club is running a free taster session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15- 4:30pm in the school hall. Please return the form to the school office if you would like to attend. (*Open to Years 4, 5 & 6 only*)

### SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS



Please help us to collect as many Sainsbury's school vouchers as possible. We are able to acquire a lot of valuable resources through this scheme and the more we collect, the more materials we can order.

There is a collection box at the school entrance just waiting for your vouchers! Thank you.



Mr Bennett will be running a maths session for parents after school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March between 3.15-4.00pm looking at the calculation methods we teach the children. A crèche will be available for parents. This will be in Clover class and run by the staff.

### DATES FOR TERM FOUR

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
**History/Geography Day**  
**Maths for Parents 3:15-4pm**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
**World Poetry Day**  
**School Council Easter Cake Sale @3:15pm**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Red Nose Day - £1 donation for non uniform**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**FoWS Quiz Night 7pm for 7:30pm start**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Mother's Monday**  
**International Day**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Make It! Club Free Taster Session 3:15pm**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Lotus Class Bath Tag Rugby Festival**

### BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday!



The FoWs 8<sup>th</sup> annual...

# QUIZ NIGHT

A large, pinkish brain is the central focus. Several tiny figures in orange and blue are shown working on the brain, some with tools, suggesting a process of thought or problem-solving.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Doors open at 7pm. Quiz starts at 7.30pm**  
at Westwood with Iford School

**Tickets: £7.50** (Adults only)

**Ticket includes:**

**'Trio of Puddings' OR 'Cheese & Biscuits'**  
**Bring your own drinks AND A GLASS!**

Tickets on sale **NOW** from the School office... don't miss out!  
Ticket deadline: Friday 17th March

*Get your team ready...  
MAX 6 per team*



Congratulations to all the children who participated in our Walk Safe training. We are now officially a Walk Safe School!

### EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

As part of our ongoing hard work at Westwood School to promote reading as a pleasurable activity the children (and parents too if they would like to join in) have been challenged to find the most 'extreme' place to be photographed reading and enjoying a book. The challenge will run until July, the end of the summer term, when prizes for the most unusual and extreme will be awarded.

We would really appreciate it if you could encourage your child to join in with the challenge. Ready printed photographs can be brought in to be displayed on our challenge board or, if you prefer, photos can be emailed to the school office.

[admin@westwoodwithiford.org](mailto:admin@westwoodwithiford.org)

Please provide a brief description of the photo. The children (and parents) are encouraged to enter as many photos of different 'extreme' reading places as they wish.



### FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

#### SCARECROW TRAIL



The theme for this year's scarecrow trail is **Family Films**

Taking place during May half term

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

During the scarecrow trail week, we'll need homes for all the scarecrows around the village. If you'd like to host one of our scarecrows in your front garden, we'd love to hear from you.

[Westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk)

### ? QUIZ NIGHT ?

? !!TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!! ?

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**Time:** Doors open at 7pm. Quiz starts at 7:30pm

**Tickets:** £7:50 (Adults only) from the School Office

**Venue:** School Hall

Don't forget to get your tickets – for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Pudding Themed' Quiz Night, here at Westwood School on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm.

Tickets are available from the school office, priced at £7.50. This includes a 'Trio of Puddings' or 'Cheese & Biscuits' during the interval. Bring your own drinks (and a glass). Please let us know if you are able to donate any puddings or help out on the night.

### WORKING PARTY

There is a working party on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March to help give the grounds of the school a bit of a spruce up. If you have some time to spare, please do come along and give a helping hand.

Contact Sarah Williams for more details on 07795 832184

WESTWOOD 2017  
 "FAMILY FILMS"  
 SCARECROW TRAIL



WHERE	WESTWOOD
WHEN	MAY HALF TERM WEEK SAT 27 MAY - SUN 4 JUN
CONTACT	westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk
MAKERS/HOSTS	WWW.WESTWOODNURSERY.ORG/SCARECROW-TRAIL
DEADLINE	ALL PROCEEDS TO WESTWOOD NURSERY & WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL
FRI 24 MAR	

**MAKING A SCARECROW...**  
 Choose your favourite family film. It's a lot of fun and doesn't need to be anything too complicated or costly - you can be as creative and as cryptic as you like!  
**PRIZE** for the best scarecrow.

**HOSTING A SCARECROW...**  
 During the scarecrow trail week we'll need homes for all the scarecrows around the village. If you'd like to host one of our scarecrows in your front garden, we'd love to hear from you.

 westwoodscarecrowtrail

 @wwoodscarecrow

WORLD BOOK DAY 2017



Just some of the fantastic characters would came into school for Word Book Day

## OUT & ABOUT



### EASTER EGG HUNT WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL

The nursery welcomes all children in the village to our annual Easter Egg hunt, starting at 3.30pm.

£2 per child - It's a frantic dash for eggs throughout the park and an opportunity for the parents, family and friends to relax with tea and cake next to the nursery building. It's great fun and there are eggs of all sizes to win and search for.

## Pop Up Arts Trail - Huntingdon Gallery 28a Huntingdon Street BA15 1RF

### Free trial art sessions

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10-11am & Adults drawing with patterns

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 3.40-3.40 Children's (aged 5+) drawing with patterns

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 11am-12 & 2pm-3pm 'Jim Dine' inspired drawing with charcoal and inks (a small donation towards materials)

Please book as limited spaces

Lisametcalf41@gmail.com  
07934696546



## LIONS CLUB OF BRADFORD ON AVON

### Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Competition

at the Victory Field, Bradford on Avon

Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Commencing at 10.00am Free to take part

Open to all children under 12

Hunt for tokens to exchange for cream eggs

Why not enter our Easter Bonnet competition!

Cash prizes for the three best bonnets, cream eggs for all entrants

Come and join us and have fun!



## WEST WILTSHIRE SINGERS

*No auditions, no subscriptions, no pressure*



A new pay-as-you-go choir welcoming  
singers of all abilities.

*Pleasantly informal and fun!*

If you love to sing and would like to meet weekly to sing pop songs, songs from musicals, folk tunes, and simple choral pieces in a relaxed, light-hearted, and friendly atmosphere, then this could be for you!

Monday evenings, 7 - 8.30pm  
St. Thomas' Church, just off Timbrell Street, Trowbridge

COME ALONG AND SING!

There is no joining fee and no subscriptions to pay up-front for a whole term - you simply pay when you attend.

*Pay as you go: only £4 a session.*

[WWW.WESTWILTSHIRESINGERS.COM](http://WWW.WESTWILTSHIRESINGERS.COM)