



Newsletter

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Clover Class made our amazing Harvest loaves this year

Welcome to our third issue of the Newsletter this year already! With autumn well established and days getting colder, after a gloriously pleasant summer, please can I remind everyone to ensure that their children come to school in sensible shoes and that they have a coat for play times.

This morning we celebrated our Harvest assembly and it was wonderful to see so many parents and friends join us from the community. As always, the children presented the meaning behind Harvest in four very special ways and I do believe that added to the occasion. I must pass on our very grateful thanks to all of you who so generously donated to our Harvest collection. Next week all of the produce and toiletries will be going to Storehouse Food Bank in Trowbridge, where many members of our local community will benefit from your kindness.

I have found the last two weeks in school to be so inspiring. With the International Primary Curriculum in full swing in all of our classes, it has been lovely to wander around school to see the many forms of learning taking place. Our children have been so engaged and excited by their learning and I know that they have come home to tell you all about it. As a school, we have also been making International links to tie in with our approach to the curriculum and this week we held our first International day. In Thistle class the children were learning all about India, in Clover class, the children chose Thailand as their link

country, in Lotus Class, France was the chosen destination and in Orchid class it was New Zealand. I think this gives us an excellent opportunity to develop our understanding of other cultures and to develop our international mindedness and the children all had the most amazing day studying their respective countries. With more International Days planned for later in the year, there is certainly a lot more exciting learning to look forward to.

DATES FOR TERM ONE

Mon 13th-Fri 17th October – Simonsbath Residential Trip

Tuesday 14th October – FoWS Meeting – 8pm The New Inn

Wednesday 22nd October – Last day of term

HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November – BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 4th November – OPEN DAY for prospective parents

Friday 7th November – Tea with the Head

Monday 10th November – Parent Consultations 3:30-7pm

Tuesday 11th November – Parent Consultations 3:30-5pm

Friday 14th November – Children In Need Non Uniform Day

You may have noticed that our class blogs have also been developing at a rapid pace. Please subscribe to them as they are updated almost daily with new posts, comments and exciting learning - both as photos, audio and in written form. The school website will take you there by hovering over the School Blogs tab and by clicking on the blog of choice. It has been an exciting week for us as we have had visitors from, quite literally, all over the world dropping by to comment on our blogs. I am thrilled as the children's audience for their work is growing at a pace and this will encourage them even further. Particularly when teachers from other schools have taken the time to comment on posts and even Pie Corbett, a leading expert on talk for Writing has visited our blogs too! If you haven't already had a look, please do and you only need an email address to leave a comment, which will not appear. Can I ask that you use your first name to comment, rather than someone's mum or dad, thank you! The more comments the children get and the wider the audience, the better their enthusiasm becomes for this form of learning.

As a school we are also on Twitter and our username is **@wwischool**. On my blog and on the school website homepage there is a feed to show you what we are doing as we do it! I do try to put as much on as I can during the day as I feel that it gives you a window into life at school. Please follow us and keep up to date!



Finally, tomorrow is the FoWs Ceilidh. Tickets are still available from the office and it promises to be another fantastic event. Last year was so much fun and I can't wait to have another go at dancing a circle dance the wrong way! I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible as it is such a good way to spend a Saturday night!

Can I wish you all a super weekend.

Ian Rocky

MDSA VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a part time Mid-Day Supervisory Assistant (MDSA). Details are available on the school website in the Community section and also from the school office.

BIRTHDAYS



Some big and little birthdays to celebrate!

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

CAKE DONATIONS

Thank you so much to everyone who either donated or bought cakes for the MacMillan Cancer Support Charity on Friday 26th September. At school we raised £90.26 from our Tea with the Head cake sale.

Mrs Ruth Harvey, who generously offered to combine her coffee morning proceeds with the school's, brought the total up to an amazing **£372.50!**

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 6

If you have a child going to secondary school next September, please remember that all applications have to be submitted to by **31st October 2014.**

Parents are able to apply for schools either on the application forms that were handed out this week or through the online system which is available through www.wiltshire.gov.uk Parents who apply online do not need to complete a paper application form and their application will be acknowledged electronically.

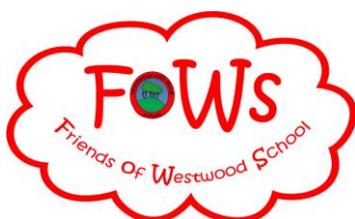
CLUBS

Please note that as Mr Rockey and Mrs Tyler shall both be in Simonsbath next week, Forest School and Computing Club will not be on.

360°SAFE

If you have yet to do so, please could you fill in and return the 360°safe permission and agreement forms to school.

Thank you.

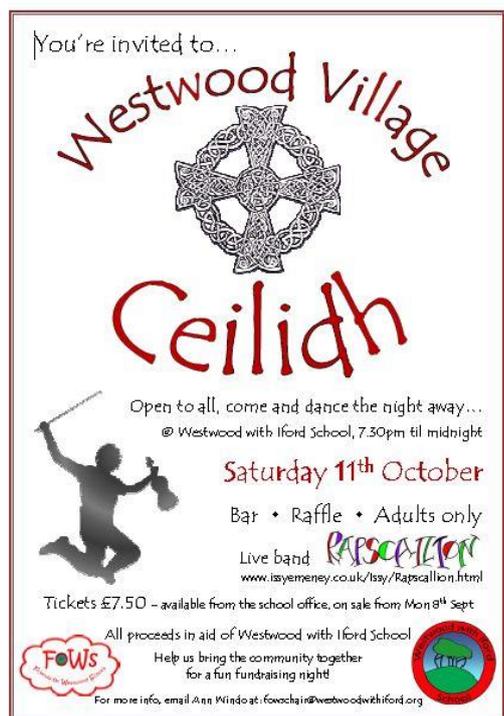


FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Ceilidh – (Gaelic Dancing Evening) – THIS SATURDAY 11th October, from 7.30pm

No prior dancing skills needed. Just come along for a fun night out.

Tickets still available – £7.50 on sale from the school office, or on the door.



100 Club – Your Local Lottery

If you're not in it – or have the form but not handed it in, then please do!

Its only £2 a month with cash prizes to win!

By joining you will be helping raise valuable funds for our school. Membership forms are available from the school office. Deadline is 17th October.

Children's Christmas Card Designs

We have a Christmas Card fundraiser in full flow. The children have been busy designing their own Christmas Cards. More info will be coming home soon along with a proof of your child's design and details of how to order.

As well as Christmas Cards, you'll also have the option to order gift tags, thank you notes & mugs!

The school earn commission on each item sold, so please support us as much as you can and encourage friends & family to do so too.

Westwood School Christmas Fair

We will be holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December, 2 - 4.30pm.

If you or your children have any ideas for stalls or games for our Fair, then we would like to hear from you. Please email us or catch us in the playground.

Our next FoWS meeting will be on Tuesday 14th October, 8pm at The New Inn, Westwood.

We're always on the lookout for new members and new ideas, so if you would like to get involved please come along.

Please support us in raising money for our school. Thank you.

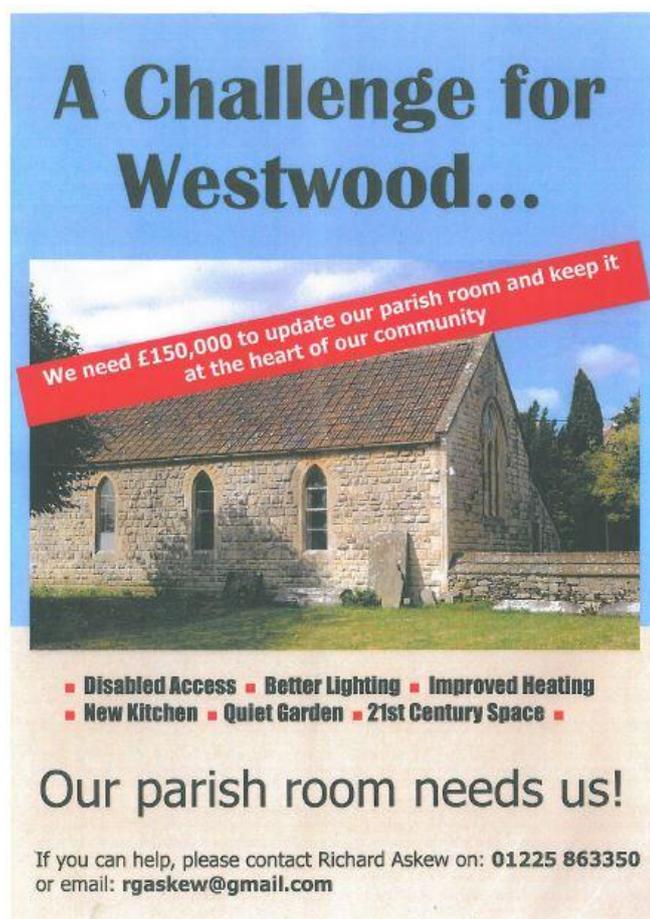
Ann Windo & Elaine Caddy

Email: fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org

OUT AND ABOUT

WESTWOOD CHURCH

St Mary's Church in Westwood is raising funds to help with the refurbishment of the Parish Rooms. If you feel you are able to help in any way, please contact Richard Askew on 01225 863350 or rgaskew@gmail.com



A Challenge for Westwood...

We need £150,000 to update our parish room and keep it at the heart of our community

- Disabled Access
- Better Lighting
- Improved Heating
- New Kitchen
- Quiet Garden
- 21st Century Space

Our parish room needs us!

If you can help, please contact Richard Askew on: **01225 863350**
or email: rgaskew@gmail.com

BATH ROYAL LITERARY & SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION **16 Queen Square Bath. BA1 2HN**

The BRLSI is organising two workshops for children aged 8+ on **Saturday 1pm to 4pm November 8th £6 per child**

How to make it fly. Join Steve from Airbus in Bristol. Discover the how and why of flight by making things fly yourself. Help build a hovercraft that you can sit on yourself!

RSC'Global' Experiment (9+ only) Join the Royal Society of Chemistry to experiment with other young chemists.

FRESHFORD UNITED YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Training started on 27th September and we are seeking new players.

The new youth set up for Freshford United FC is taking shape and training sessions will take place on Saturdays from 10am till 11:30am at Browns Park in Freshford on Abbey Lane near Homewood Park. The first session was held on 27th September 2014 and run weekly every Saturday morning.

Training will be split into different groups as needed so 6 year olds are not playing against 11 year olds. We then have an ambition to have teams at every age group, so everyone is welcome. And please spread the word to parents and friends who may be interested in joining.

The club's new facilities (changing rooms, flood lights, toilets, etc.) are in the process of being completed and should be ready in the first few weeks of October where there will be Male, Female and Disabled toilets as well as a small club room serving drinks and snacks. So until this is complete the old changing rooms will be available to use.

There will be a form we will need one parent to complete before each child's first training session so please be prepared to take 5 minutes to do that when dropping the children off, you are welcome to stay and watch if you like. There will also be a cost of £2.50 per child per session and this cost will go to providing all the equipment that was needed and to getting kit in the future.

The sessions will be outside on grass so please make sure children wear suitable clothing so they are warm enough and bring their boots.

Shin Pads must be worn by each child for the session and without them they will not be able to join in unfortunately.

Just turn up on Saturday and make yourself known to Rich or Dave.

Any questions feel free to call Rich on: 01225 720302 (evenings only) or send an email to richiedunn381@hotmail.co.uk.