

Newsletter

ISSUE: 1

10th September 2021

Boswell Road Lower Westwood
Bradford on Avon BA15 2BY

Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome to the start of a new term at our school. For those of you I have not met on the playground, my name is Stuart Busby and I will be supporting our school during Mr Rocky's absence.

It has been an absolute delight to meet your children during the first few days of term. They have settled in well and are clearly enjoying being back in school. Of course, we are all aware of the ever changing national situation with regards to Covid, but for the moment, our children are thoroughly enjoying taking part in 'normal' school activities, such as assemblies and shared lunchtimes. Long may this continue!

During the first few days our staff have worked hard to establish start of school routines in classes and you will be shortly be receiving a letter from them outlining arrangements for the term. One event I am really looking forward to is the resumption of our **Celebration Assemblies** on Friday mornings. If your child has received a nomination from their class teacher you will now receive a notification on the Thursday morning before the assembly. I hope that this will allow as many of you as possible to attend.



Over the next couple of weeks, we will be updating the school website and will include the latest safeguarding information that our staff reviewed on our teacher training days. Please let us know if you have any suggestions of other user information that you would find useful for us to include.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next couple of weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like to speak to me about any specific issues.

Stuart Busby

MY MOMENT OF THE WEEK

Undoubtedly seeing how well our new pupils have settled into school. They are a real credit to themselves and their families.

QUESTION ON THE GATE



Why have fences been installed at the edge of the playground and school field?

These have been funded by Wiltshire Local Authority to ensure that our school site is compliant with safeguarding legislation



Next Tuesday there will be an opportunity for parents to meet their class teacher(s). The timings of these sessions will be at **2.30pm** and **2.45pm**. Class teachers will be sharing a booklet detailing information about the year's learning. These will also be sent home for parents who are unable to attend.

N.B. These are not 1:1 sessions but group sessions, so just go straight to your child's class at the time that suits you best.



WELLIE BOOTS FOR WILLOW CLASS

Please could the parents of Willow Class send in a pair of named wellie boots to be kept in the classroom. They can then be used for exploring our grounds, whatever the weather.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Football Club for KS2 children (Maple and Oak Classes) is available on Tuesdays as well as STEM Club for Years 1-6 on Wednesdays.

A letter was sent out to parents yesterday. Please email the school office admin@westwoodwithiford.org if you would like your child/children to take part



PE DAYS

- Willow Class – Monday and Thursday
- Maple Class – Monday and Wednesday
- Oak Class – Monday and Tuesday

Please could the children come to school wearing their PE kits for the relevant days.

N.B Proper PE kit is required – plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts/joggers/ school jumper/ cardigan and trainers or Black Daps.

TD DAYS

Here are the remaining TD Days for this academic year:-

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

The full list of term dates can be found on our website.

TERM 1 DATES

Tuesday 14th September

Meeting the Teacher
2:30pm and 2:45pm

Wed 15th - Thurs 16th September

Bikeability for Year 6 pupils

Tuesday 21st September

FoWS AGM @ 7pm, School Hall

Friday 24th September

OPEN MORNING – 9:30-11:30am

Tuesday 28th September

School Photographer



Our school meals continue to be provided by Lataca. You can order meals for your child directly with Lataca – info@lataca.co.uk 01380 502498.

If you do not wish to book school meals, please remember that your child will need to bring a packed lunch to school.

PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS

Your child should come home with a Consent Form today. We would be grateful if you could please check bags, complete and return the forms to school as soon as possible.

Our new starters in Reception and throughout the school, will already have submitted a completed form and do not need to do so again.

VIOLINS

Our Year 3 pupils will begin their First Access violin lessons from Friday 17th September with Mrs Charlotte Sloane-Hill. The lessons will take place weekly, during school time, throughout the academic year.



SCHOOL GROUNDS



In addition to the new fencing, you may have noticed that we have some beautiful new flower beds at the entrance, courtesy of Nia Solomon-Bennett. With the incredible support of plant donations from **Iford Manor**, Nia is transforming our flower beds. Thank you to Iford Manor for such generosity and to Nia for all her hard work.

If you have any plants or time to donate, please contact the school office – admin@westwoodwithiford.org.

YEAR 6 PARENTS

If you have a child due to start secondary school next year, please remember to make your application to Wiltshire Council no later than 31st October 2021.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2022?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is **12 midnight, 31 October 2021**

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

OPEN MORNING

We are planning an Open Morning on

Friday 24th September - 9:30am and 11:30am.

If you, or anyone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2022, please come along for a good look around our school and grounds.

Applications for Primary School 2022, need to be made by 15th January 2022.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2022?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is **12 midnight, 15 January 2022**

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

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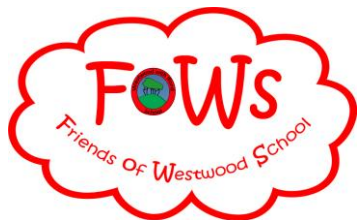
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NEW BEGINNINGS



Some of our new starters this September.





We hope everyone had a fab Summer break.

During the summer break FOWS and the amazing parents and children at Westwood school have continued to work hard raising funds.

Parish Teas Takeover!

Our wonderful team of bakers, kitchen helpers and not forgetting the children who helped, raised over £900 selling tea and cakes at the Parish rooms during the first 2 weeks of the August, an amazing amount, thank you to everyone involved.



Our second half marathon summer challenge has also taken place, we are busy counting miles and sponsorship money and will provide a full update on this event as a soon as possible. Presentations will be made during a Celebration Assembly soon!

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st September. Full details are in the poster below.

We would love to see some new parents and we promise to keep the meeting short so that we can get back home for the start of bake off 😊 .

FOWS Team

OUT & ABOUT



Thinking about after-school clubs for the coming year? 15th Bath Beavers and Cubs are back in Freshford! Meeting on Thursday evenings from 6pm in the Memorial Hall, boys and girls aged 6 years and upwards will enjoy a varied programme of skill building and adventure. With subs of £10 per month, it's great value after-school fun!

Cubs (ages 8-10) will start on 16 Sept. Beavers (ages 6-8) will begin with a taster session on 23 Sept.

For more info and to register interest, please email: join@bathscouts.org

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS



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OPEN EVENING
WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2021
5.00pm – 7.30pm

We warmly invite parents of Year 5 and 6 children to attend our Open Evening
Presentations led by the Headteacher will be at 5pm and 6pm, in the Wiltshire Music Centre
Student-led guided tours of all subject areas will take place after the presentations, and will include opportunities to meet staff
Please see our website for further information

Open School Events 2021

Open Evening
Tuesday 14th September
Upper Oldfield Park Campus
5.45pm - 8.30pm

Open Morning
Friday 17th September
Brougham Hayes Campus
9.15am - 12noon

Open Afternoon
Thursday 7th October
Brougham Hayes Campus
1.45pm - 4.00pm

For further details please visit www.hayesfield.com



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GIRLS' SCHOOL



FOWS Annual General Meeting



**WE NEED
YOU!**

**Tuesday 21st September @ 7pm
In the School Hall**

We need more parents to join the FOWS team. This commitment can be as big or small as you like – please come along to our AGM to learn about what we do!

Just turn up, or email us to let us know you will attend:
fundraising@westwoodwithiford.org

FLU IMMUNISATIONS



Dear Parents

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that, due to an underlying medical condition, are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or vcl.immunisations@nhs.net. Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Aged Immunisation Team

The HUB@BA15

THE HUB @ BA15 - BRIDGING THE GAP
T: 01225 920748 W: www.boahub.co.uk
E: boacommunityhub@gmail.com
The Hub@BA15 is a voluntary community project offering advice, counselling, information and support.
The Hub, Church Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LS
Charity number: 1160807

BOA foodbank
Hope Debt Advice Service

BRADFORD-ON-AVON

SERVICES OFFERED

- ✓ Warm welcome and a listening ear
- ✓ Internet access
- ✓ Debt & budgeting advice
- ✓ Welfare benefits & tax credit advice
- ✓ Accessing information
- ✓ Meeting room available for hire
- ✓ Signposting to organisations & agencies
- ✓ Form filling assistance
- ✓ Work Club
- ✓ Housing advice
- ✓ Foodbank
- ✓ Counselling

BRADFORD ON AVON COMMUNITY AREA

Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Limpley Stoke, Winsley, Holt, Staverton, Westwood, Wingfield

Working in partnership with: Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), Bradford on Avon Community Area Network and Bradford on Avon Town Council.

Churches Together, Wiltshire Council

Opening Times: Monday - Friday 10.00 - 1.00
See separate opening times for groups including Foodbank, Debt Advice, Work Club

The Hub continues to be open for food parcels to be collected between 10-1pm each weekday morning but we also have volunteers who are willing to deliver within the local area which had not previously happened pre-pandemic.

This dual system is continuing and the rest of the Hub is opening up next month for general support and advice, access to computers, plus debt and welfare benefit advice for Covid safe face to face meetings.

If you are donating food – thank you very much, it can be left in the entrance.

Please ring 01225 920748 or email boacommunityhub@gmail.com with any requests and they will respond as soon as they are able. Please contact them if you need extra support.

Their emergency number is 0800 840 2298.