



# Newsletter

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*Orchid Class Dance Off Finalists in Oxford*

Welcome to this slightly lighter weight issue of our Westwood school newsletter. With so much that is about to happen over the next few days, we have decided to slip in an extra special edition next week...

I would like to open this week with my huge and sincere congratulations to our dancers in Orchid class who made themselves, their parents and me extremely proud with their performance at the Great Big Dance Off Final on Tuesday in Oxford. After an enormous amount of hard work to get through the heats in Swindon and then training very hard to perfect their moves, timing and skill, every single dancer deserved their place on the stage.

Up against 24 other schools from around the country, I do feel that this really has put our school on the map. The level of energy, enthusiasm and commitment from everyone was just wonderful and despite being the second smallest, our school had the biggest cheer and warmest reception when announced in the early part of the second half. With slick moves and an outstanding performance, every member of the dance group should feel so proud of themselves and I hope that it is an experience that they will all remember for many years to come. I know I will as the atmosphere was electric!

I must give an enormous amount of thanks, once again, to Karen Hobson for her tireless efforts, amazing choreography and superb organisation in

making sure that the day was one for us all to remember. What started out as a simple discussion between us, Karen was able to develop into a reality and a wonderful experience for us all and I know how much time has been put into making this such a success. Can I also please thank the parents for their support and time in ensuring that this was so successful. I am in no doubt that you are all incredibly proud of your children and rightly so.

After all that excitement, please can I put in a couple of reminders as well. Firstly, can I ask that both reading folders and HASP books are checked regularly for letters and correspondence, please. They have proved to be a fantastic means of communication in establishing good home-school links this year and I would really like this to continue. Can I also ask that all children bring a hat and a drink every day, particularly since we have been experiencing such glorious weather recently.

In other news, which must get a mention, Thistle and Orchid Class have been travelling to far flung sunnier environments, Orchid class have got Brazilian World Cup fever and Lotus Class have been sampling chocolate delights. All of these have been the exciting and engaging starting points to the class topics for this term and I hope that you have been hearing all about them at home. School is constantly buzzing with new learning and opportunities, with everyone working very hard.

Finally, I would like to wish all of tonight's acts the very best of luck for Westwood's Got Talent. I am very much looking forward to it and will report back next week in our extra newsletter. Last night saw the first ICT club after school and there are still places available - please see the letter and sign up slip that came home earlier in the week. I will write to you next week with a further reminder and details.

Also, a reminder that tonight sees the opening of our community library, from 3.15pm-4pm. All children have their own borrower card and you are all welcome to come and browse and even join, if you would like to! The entrance will be through Lotus class door - please follow the signs!

Can I wish you all a thoroughly enjoyable weekend and, if you are coming, an entertaining evening.

**Ian Rockey**

#### DATES FOR TERM SIX

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June - Library Opening for Book Lending 3:15-4pm**

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June – Westwood's Got Talent 7:00pm**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June – Fathers Friday – 9:15am onwards**

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June – Clover Class Assembly – 9:15am**

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June – School Disco**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June – Tea with the Head – 3:15 – 4pm**

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> July – History Day**

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Thistle Class Assembly – 9:15am**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Week**

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Social & Hall Painting Day**

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July – Orchid & Lotus Class Performances**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July – Tea with the Head – 3:15p-4pm**

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Assembly**

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term**

**Back to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014**

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

There is a box outside the school office with several items of lost property including school jumpers. Please check here for any missing items. Lost property will be disposed of on a regular basis.

#### **Great Big Dance Off Thank You**

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of everyone in helping to raise funds for the coach to take Orchid Class to and from Oxford for the Great Big Dance Off Final. Although each and every one of you helped in some way, we would like to mention the Lawrie and Nickson families for their generosity and also Mrs Wijesena for persuading Alpha Taxis to make a large donation towards our costs.

The day in Oxford was a lovely one and we couldn't have done it with the support of all the staff and parent helpers. Thank you for the great turn out and support for what was an amazing experience.



#### **GOLFING CHAMPIONS**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Westbury Golf Club hosted the first Grounders Schools tournament. The schools taking part were Westwood, The Grove, Chapmanslade and The Mead.

We are delighted to let you know that the winners were Westwood!

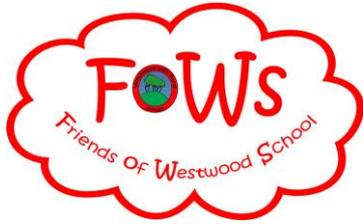
According to the Golf Coach, Dave Stockley, the Westwood pupils were impeccably behaved and played very well against some Year 6 pupils for The Mead in the final.

Congratulations to our amazing golfers who took part!

#### **BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**



*Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated a sunny birthday recently*



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE



Thank you very much to everyone who supported the half term Scarecrow Trail. We sold over 400 trail maps and raised over £1,000 to be shared equally between the School and Nursery.

We've had such positive feedback from trail hunters far and wide, making it our most successful scarecrow trail to date. If you think that you might have caught the scarecrow bug and would like to make one next year, let us know!

Keep Saturday 12th July free! We are planning our summer social and hall painting day, so look out for more information soon.

Thanks to all for your continued support.

Your FoWS Team

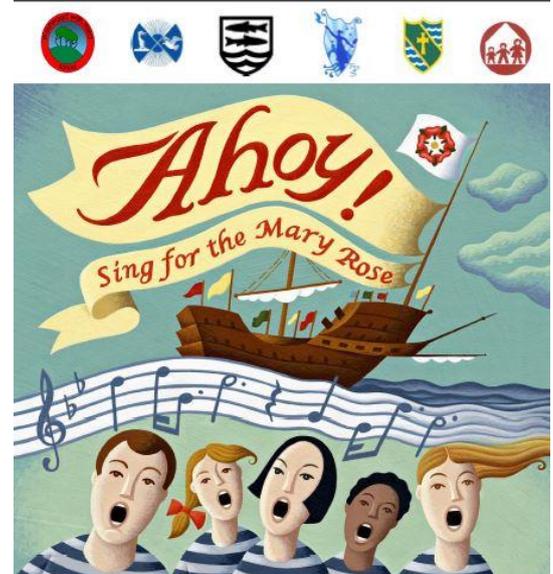
BRADFORD ON AVON MUSIC

Well, it's finally here! Westwood's Got Talent has just about half of the school performing with all classes represented. Doors open from 7pm.

The event has proved a sell out and the FoWS team would like to thank the parents for supporting this event so well. Unfortunately, the popularity of the event has meant that some people missed out on tickets. We would like to inform parents that in future this event will either move to a bigger venue or change to a 2 stage ticket selling process, wherein parents only get the opportunity to buy in the first week of sales.

The FoWS team would like to apologise for any problems caused by the ticket limit this year, unfortunately numbers are controlled by fire regulations. Please speak to Philly Lowton if you have an unresolved ticket issue.

You can order your DVD of the event either after the performance or in the School Office no later than 27th June.



Bradford on Avon Schools' Choral Project

With Cantamus Chamber Choir & Bath Camerata

Wednesday 9 July 2014, 6pm & 7.30pm

Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon

Tickets: £5 / £3 Box Office: 01225 860100

www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk

