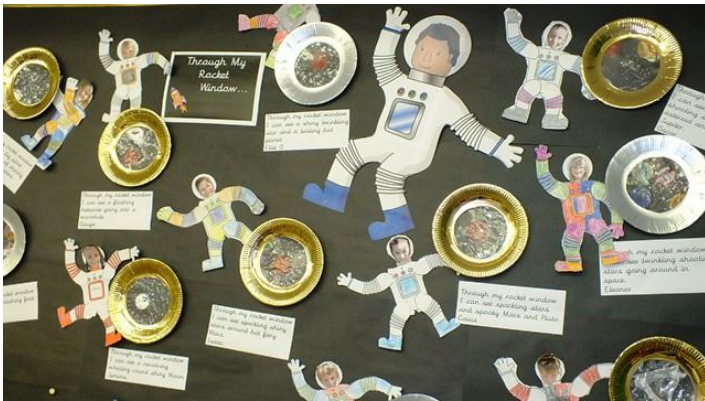


Newsletter

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Space, a new frontier for Clover Class



DATES FOR TERM ONE

Friday 20th September - Tea with the Head 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 25th September – School Open Morning

Saturday 28th September – Westwood Village Ceilidh

Tuesday 1st October – International Day

Friday 4th October – Harvest Assembly - 9.15am

Tuesday 8th October - School Photographer 8 – 10am

Thursday 17th October – School Disco – 5-6pm/6.15-7.45pm

Thursday 24th October – Term 1 ends

Friday 25th October – Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 6th November – Term 2 starts

We are lucky to have some super activities planned for this year at Westwood. All of the children are currently being taught PE by a specialist teacher, who has brought a lot of enthusiasm and knowledge to lessons and even after 2 weeks we are loving it! Please take time to look at the diary that accompanies this newsletter. We have tried to put in as many of the important dates as possible to allow everyone the chance to join us when they can. We will be adding more as the year progresses, but we will give you plenty of notice through our newsletter, letters home and through our website - www.westwoodwithiford.org

One change will be the addition of a celebration assembly every Friday, beginning next Friday 20th September at 9.15am. This will be a chance to celebrate children's achievements, both in and out of school and is an open invitation for parents to attend. If your child has achieved an award for something particularly special - be it sporting, musical or through a hobby, they are welcome to bring their certificate or award to school on a Friday and we will celebrate their achievement. I look forward to seeing some of you there in the near future. You are also welcome to join me for tea and biscuits that afternoon straight after school, 3.15pm. I hope that will be an opportunity for informal discussion and to get to know each other better.

Have a great start to the year!

Ian Rockey



New Arrival

For those of you may not know, Mrs Rosier safely delivered a beautiful baby girl over the summer holidays. We all send our very best wishes to Mr & Mrs Rosier and their new daughter, Elsa Mae.

Welcome back, or indeed welcome, to the new academic year and the first issue of our newsletter. As I walk around school and spend time in classrooms, I have been delighted to see so much exciting learning taking place, with children engaged in what they are learning and trying their best. We have also had some fun learning new songs in assembly! One thing I have noticed is how smart everyone looks in their new uniforms. I would like to thank you for your continued support and for getting the children to school on time; it really has made a difference so far this term.

After School Clubs

Due to high demand, many of the after school clubs have been oversubscribed this term. There are restrictions on the numbers of children allowed to participate in the various activities, so we are very sorry if your child missed out.

We are always keen to offer more clubs and are looking into options for next term, so if you have a skill which you would like to share please get in touch.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please contact the office for more information.

Golden Time

After a short absence, Golden Time is now back!

Each Friday afternoon, for half an hour before home time, children may bring in an indoor toy to play with.

Golden time is used as a reward for good work during the week and is a privilege that the children work towards.

Please note that the children will be responsible for anything they bring in and it must be clearly labelled with their name. No high value items are allowed.

Term Themes



This term Thistle & Clover Classes are learning about SPACE.

Lotus & Orchid Classes are learning about World War II.



If you have anything on either theme at home you would like to bring into school to share or talk about, please let us know.

School Uniform

A gentle reminder to all that the PE kit for school is white t-shirt, black short and daps/trainers.

For any clarification on school uniform, please look at our website or ask at the school office.



Caius & Ekin Seet

Congratulations to...

It seems that you were all keeping very busy over the summer holidays!

Both Ekin and Caius Seet passed their respective Karate grading assessments and have been awarded with a purple belt and orange belt respectively.

Natasha and James Batten took the trophies for Best Junior and Infant entries at the Westwood Flower Show last month, with Lucy Ollerton winning the pre-school section and Ellie Ollerton taking first prize for her jam.

Well done all of you.





James & Natasha Batten with Antiques Roadshow's Hilary Kay

Thank You

Sean and Terri Wyartt, along with Fran Booth took time out of their holidays to do painting in the school. The boys toilets, especially, look great. Thanks for all your hard work.

FoWS
Friends of Westwood School

Having raised a total of £5,440 last year, the FoWs are planning to continue their success with more fantastic fund raising events. The upcoming Ceilidh promises to be a great evening for all. Tickets are available from the school office now.

<h2 style="color: red;">Westwood Village Ceilidh</h2>	
Saturday 28 th September, 7.30pm – midnight	
Westwood with Iford School	
Bar • Raffle • Adults only	
	
£7.50	

If you would like to help with fundraising in any way, no matter how little, please contact either FoWs Chair Philly Lowton, pjjstardate71@hotmail.com or Jo Batten, joanita_dasilva@hotmail.com

Childcare Survey

Wiltshire Council is looking at the needs and views of parents in Wiltshire with regards to childcare. If you would like to have your say please complete the survey online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parent-2013-survey.htm>

The survey runs until the end of September and the results will form part of the childcare sufficiency assessment which will be published in April 2014.

Admissions

If you have a child starting school in September 2014, please remember that all applications have to be in with Wiltshire Council by 15th January 2014.

All Year 6 parents need to return their secondary school applications by noon, 31st October 2013.
www.wiltshire.gov.uk



	Date	Event	Time/Notes
Sept	04.9.13 11.9.13 20.9.13 25.9.13 28.9.13	Term 1 begins Friends of Westwood School (FoWs) AGM Tea with the Head School open morning FoWs Ceilidh	7.30pm @ The New Inn 3.30-4.30pm 9.00am-12.00pm 7.30pm @ School
Oct	1.10.13 4.10.13 8.10.13 17.10.13 24.10.13 25.10.13	International Day Harvest assembly School Photographer School Disco Term 1 ends TD day, school closed	9.15am 8.00-10.30am Thistle & Clover 5.00-6.00pm, Lotus & Orchid - 6.15-7.45pm
Nov	6.11.13 11.11.13 13.11.13 21.11.13 28.11.13 28.11.13 30.11.13	Term 2 begins Parent consultations Parent consultations Lotus class assembly Orchid class assembly Storybox Theatre performance FoWs Christmas Market	3.30-5.00pm 3.30-7.00pm 9.15am 9.15am 1.30pm 2.00-4.30pm
Dec	4.12.13 10.12.13 12.12.13 18.12.13 19.12.13 19.12.13 20.12.13 20.12.13	Christingle service at the church Thistle & Clover Christmas performance dress rehearsal Thistle & Clover Christmas performance Christmas lunch Children's Christmas parties Tea and mince pies with the Head Carols around the tree Term 2 ends	10.00am 9.30am 9.30am & 6.00pm 1.00-3.15pm 3.30-4.30pm 9.15am SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 1.30PM
Jan	6.1.14 24.1.14	Term 3 begins Tea with the Head	3.30-4.30pm
Feb	11.2.14 14.2.14 24.2.14 25.2.14 27.2.14 28.2.14	Safer Internet Day Term 3 ends TD day, school closed Term 4 begins Orchid class assembly Tea with the head	9.15am 3.30-4.30pm
Mar	3.3.14 5.3.14 6.3.14 13.3.14 20.3.14 27.3.14 31.3.14	Parent Consultations Parent Consultations World Book Day - Dress as a character Clover class assembly Thistle class assembly Lotus class assembly Mother's Monday	3.30-5pm 3.30-7pm 9.15am 9.15am 9.15am All day @ school
Apr	4.4.14 4.4.14 22.4.14 23.4.14	Easter Assembly, Easter bonnet parade and egg rolling Term 4 ends TD Day, school closed Term 5 begins	9.15am

May	12-16.5.14 22.5.14 22.5.14 23.5.14 23.5.14	KS2 SATs week Sports Day Tea with the head Sports Day (if wet on 22.5.14) Term 5 ends	No holidays will be approved for this week. 3.30-4.30pm
June	2.6.14 9-13.6.14 17.6.14 20.6.14 26.6.14 27.6.14	Term 6 begins KS1 SATs History day Father's Friday Clover class assembly Tea with the head	No holidays will be approved for this week. All day @ school 9.15am 3.30-4.30pm
July	3.7.14 11.7.14 14.7.14 14.7.14 15.7.14 16.7.14 18.7.14 24.7.14	Thistle class assembly Transition day Lotus & Orchid Performance Dress Rehearsal Parent consultations Lotus & Orchid Performance Lotus & Orchid Performance Tea with the head Y6 Leavers assembly	9.15am 2.00pm 3.30-5pm 7.00pm 7.00pm 3.30-4.30pm 9.15am