



# Newsletter

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14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Boswell Road Lower Westwood  
Bradford on Avon BA15 2BY

Can I begin this first edition of our newsletter by both welcoming you back and welcoming you, if you are a new parent, to the new school year. I hope that this week your children have settled well and are enjoying the many exciting learning opportunities that they are experiencing. The school seems so settled, calm and full of fun as I walk around and catch up with everyone on how they enjoyed their holidays.

Even though we are just over a week into the new term, already the children are finding out about their new topics and entry points for their International Primary Curriculum learning. If you are unfamiliar with this, as a school we teach the IPC as a way of engaging children effectively and enabling them to enjoy using a skills based approach, where a broad range of learning styles are catered for. Furthermore, the opportunity to extend their international mindedness and to learn about other cultures has been fascinating and with every class looking to establish a range of international link for the year, I can see this developing into a very exciting prospect. Watch this space and look out for a letter coming home soon with details of the new unit of work in your class and what the children will be learning!

A few dates are already booked in to look out for and you will soon be receiving a list of school dates for the year to enable you to plan ahead as we aware that you are all very busy people. Having listened to parental feedback we will always try to give at least a week's notice with communications of upcoming events from now on to allow you to attend our many school events.

In the meantime, on **Thursday 20th September** we will be holding our *Meet the Teacher* session. This will take place in two short sessions, from 2.20 - 2.40 and from 2.40 - 3pm, so that anyone with more than one child in the school has the opportunity to visit both class teacher sessions. It will be an opportunity for you to find out what you can expect from us as a school this year and what you can do to help your child in the

Home-School Learning Partnership. Teachers will be happy to answer any questions you may have so that we start the year effectively.

## DATES FOR TERM ONE

### **THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Meet the Teacher Session for Parents @ 2:20PM & 2:40PM**

### **MON 24<sup>TH</sup> - FRI 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Science Week sessions for all classes (KS1 in am)**

### **TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**School Open Morning – 9AM – 12PM**

### **THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**FoWs AGM - 8PM in School**

### **FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**TEA WITH THE HEAD/MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON @ 9:45AM in the Meadow**

### **THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Home School Learning Partnership & Reading Meeting @ 3:15 – 4PM  
Maths Day**

### **THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**School Disco @ 5PM & 6:15PM**

### **FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Harvest Assembly @ 9:10AM**

### **MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Years 5 & 6 Simonsbath Residential Trip**

### **FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Tea with the Head – 3:15PM in the Meadow  
End of Term 1**

# For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old  
before September 2019?

**You must apply for a  
primary school place**

Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at  
all schools and County Hall

**The deadline for applications is  
Midnight 15 January 2019**

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

Ring customer services on **01225 713010**  
for more information or to request our booklet –  
**Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire**

Wiltshire Council  
where everybody matters

Also, if you know anyone who has children starting school next year or may be looking to move their children at some point, we will be holding our Open Morning on **Tuesday 25th September** from 9.15am-12pm. This will be a chance to drop in and see the school on a normal working day, whilst asking any questions that you may have to find out more about us. We will look forward to welcoming many new faces!

As a reminder and an introduction, we are continuing to hold our Celebration Assembly every Friday from 9.10am in the school hall. This is open to everyone each week, so please come along when you can, you are always welcome. As a school, our ethos is firmly built on the celebration of skills, talents and achievements and we will be enjoying finding out what the children have achieved both within school and out of school, so if your child takes part in an out of school activity, sporting or otherwise and they have an award, certificate or something of recognition to share, then please bring it along and we will look forward to sharing it with them.

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Tea with the Head is back again! On **Friday 28th September**, in conjunction with Macmillan Coffee Morning, I will be holding our first Tea with the Head in our Meadow after celebration assembly. Please come along and share a drink and a cake and an informal chat. It is always a pleasant occasion and very well supported.



Westwood Radio is back again and bigger than ever! With three live shows every week planned for this year and new broadcasters joining the team, do please listen in on a Monday at 8.15am, Thursday at 2.15pm and every Friday at 2.15pm. The children write their own scripts and completely control the content and broadcast of every show. We are proud of our innovative, ground breaking radio station and hope that many more of you will listen in and interact via text and email. Head to our website, [radio.westwoodwithiford.org](http://radio.westwoodwithiford.org) / [@wwipradio](https://twitter.com/wwipradio) for more information and you can listen from the homepage. PLUS, we now have an Android app for you to download from the Google Play Store to your device to listen on the go, so watch this space for the IOS app!

To finish, please could I ask that if you did not complete a parental questionnaire in the summer term that you would be kind enough to do so and return it to us. As a school we are always looking to improve and it would help us greatly if you could take the time to let us know what you think.

I am very much looking forward to another successful, happy and productive year. I do believe that we have such a fantastic school community and I very much look forward to catching up with you all in and around the playground.

**Ian Rockey**

## YEAR 6 PUPILS

**For the attention of  
all parents**

Will your child be transferring to  
secondary school in September 2019?  
**You must apply for a  
secondary school place**  
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Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at  
primary schools, secondary schools and County Hall

**The deadline for all applications is  
Midnight 31 October 2018**

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

Ring customer services on 01225 713010  
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Where everybody matters

If you are the parent of a Year 6 pupil, please remember that you will need to apply for your child's secondary school place no later than **31<sup>st</sup> October**. Applications are made directly to Wiltshire Council or any other local authority.



If you are a Twitter user, another way to keep in touch with what we are doing is to follow **@wwischool**, where we will be regularly tweeting and sharing our successes.

## DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Data Collection Sheets will be sent home on Monday. Please ensure that you return the signed form back to school no later than Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September

## GOLDEN TIME



For those of you who may not already know, Golden Time is a period of free play for the children in school. It takes place on Friday afternoons for half an hour and the children are very welcome to bring in toys and games from home to play with during this time.

We do ask that no electronic games are brought in, nor any items of great value. Please speak to your class teacher if you are unsure of what may be appropriate.

Golden Time items must be brought into school with your child. Please do not bring in items throughout the day as this causes a distraction to the children.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

One of the factors the DFE bases school funding on is the Free School Meals count. Therefore can we ask that any family who is eligible for free school meals completes an application form even if you do not wish your child/children to have the meal.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parents or guardians are in receipt of:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Child tax credit
- The guarantee of State Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Application is quick and **CONFIDENTIAL** and forms are available from the School Office.

**Lataca**

Don't forget to order your school meals directly with Lataca at <https://www.lataca.co.uk/>

Menus and order forms are available on their website.

## KINGSTONS ESTATE AGENTS DONATION



Kingstons Estate Agents in Trowbridge had an office furniture sale over the summer and raised £250. They have very kindly added another £250 to this total and donated it all to our school!

We were delighted to be presented with the £500 cheque today in Celebration Assembly and would like to thank Kingstons very much for their generosity.

The owners of Kingstons are parents in our school community and this is not the first time they have been so generous. The donation will be used for the enrichment of all our pupils.

Thank you.

## POND & PATCH CLUB

Pond & Patch Club had a bumper crop this summer! The polytunnel came into its own with a bundle of tomatoes, courgettes, sweetcorn and we even tried to grow melons! This was in addition to the runner beans, carrots, radishes, raspberries and sunflowers.



Pond & Patch Club is always such a well-supported club, thank you to all the help from parents, carers, grandparents and residents of the village. We couldn't do it without you.



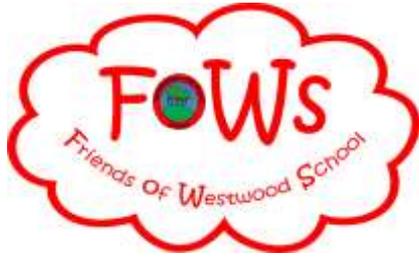
The Wildlife Shed, new this summer, has been essential in supporting pond dipping, identification of insect and bugs and a fun base to do arts and crafts.



The pond has been a wonder this summers, full of dragonflies, fish, frogs, newts and so much more. I hope you've enjoyed it.

**Lindsey Millen**  
**Pond & Patch Club**





## **FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE**

### **FoWS AGM – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September @ 8pm**

You are invited to join us for our Friends of Westwood School AGM to be held in the School Hall.

Join us and find out more about what we do. Hear about our successes last year, and the fun events we organised. Take a tour of the school to see what school purchases we've enabled.

This invitation is open to all parents, carers, family & friends of the children at Westwood with Iford School. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are looking for new members to join the committee from September 2018 and would welcome anyone that is able to donate a few hours of their time or volunteer to continue our success.

### **DISCOS**

Discos in the next academic year, will be on:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

### **100 Club**

Our first draw of the academic year saw

Mrs Havelock-Allen win the monthly draw and Mrs Sage win the midterm bonus.

Congratulations to you both.

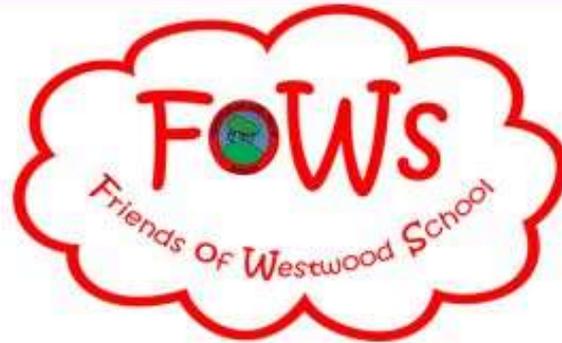


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# AGM

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

8pm in the School Hall

Westwood with Iford School

Refreshments available

Join us for a **drink & nibbles**, and find out more about what we do.  
Hear about our **successes** last year, and the fun **events** we organised.  
Take a tour of the school to see what **school purchases** we've enabled.

This invitation is **open to all** parents, carers, family & friends  
of the children at Westwood with Iford School.

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

Agenda available online at: <http://fows.westwoodwithiford.org/agm>

Registered Charity: 1034875

OUT & ABOUT



**Lions Club**  
of Bradford on Avon

# Fun Runs

Sunday 23rd September  
Culver Close, BOA (by the Tithe Barn)

**10am - 2K**  
Run, Walk, Toddle or Push

**11am - 5k Run**

Live Music from the Fabulous  
**PACKHORSE BAND!**

**MEDALS!  
GOODY BAGS!  
TROPHIES!  
PRIZES!**

[www.entrycentral.com/boa-lions-fun-run](http://www.entrycentral.com/boa-lions-fun-run)  
or email [courages@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:courages@tiscali.co.uk)

## BOA Cluster X-Country

Tuesday 25th September

### BOA X Country Championship

@ St Laurence School

Years 3 and 4 (3.45pm)

Years 5 and 6 (4.00pm)

Races will be held behind Wiltshire Music Centre

Individual Competition  
Boys Team Competition  
Girls Team Competition

Please e-mail Mr Kiely if you have any questions.  
[schoolsport2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:schoolsport2001@yahoo.co.uk)

### Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution Children's Science Workshops

Children's Science workshops BRLSI, 16 Queen  
Square, Bath, BA1 2HN

Bookings are now being taken for all children in  
Year 3 and above for the Autumn term 'hands on'  
science workshops at Bath Royal Literary and  
Scientific Institution,  
1pm to 4pm on the 2nd Saturday of every month.  
£10 per workshop.  
More information  
at [www.brlsi.org/youthactivities](http://www.brlsi.org/youthactivities).

To book go to [coolbookings@brlsi.org](mailto:coolbookings@brlsi.org) and  
please leave name, date of birth, contact details  
and the name of the workshop you want to join.



## BOA GLOW RUN

Saturday Oct 13<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 6:30pm

**Barton Farm**

Entry  
£6.00

Family Entry  
£15.00  
(upto 4 people)

Hop, skip, jump, run or walk  
along the glow run trail!  
Why not blast your buddies  
with Silly String and bubbles in  
the special foam Zone,  
then join us for a  
BBQ at the finish line.

Join us for the  
Family Glow Run.  
A wild and crazy  
glowing "fun" run  
(or walk)!

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Tickets Available

Sign up at Westview Day Nursery, Strawberry Blue  
or buy your tickets for the BOA Glow Run via Eventbrite.