



Newsletter

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Clower Class enjoying a visit to Downside Nurseries

Already we are two weeks into the final term of this academic year and I can barely believe we are half way through June already! This year seems to have fairly raced by and coupled with the vast array of exciting activities and learning opportunities that have been taking place throughout the school we have had lots to celebrate.



I must give a huge vote of thanks to everyone who came along and took part in our first ever School Race for Life on the last afternoon of term. With the usual brilliant Westwood commitment, our runners and parents all took to the course and ran for the amazing charity that is Cancer Research UK. As a school this charity and also Macmillan are organisations which are very close to our hearts as so many of our lives have been touched by Cancer. This year we raised a massive £325 so far, enabling three whole days of precious research to be funded by your incredible efforts. Thank you all so very much. The donation link <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/wwipschool> will still be open for a couple more months, should you wish to donate.

Our children have also been very busy since we have been back at school. Last week Orchid class had a fantastic trip to the Royal Mint and even got the chance to strike their own coins and to have their photo taken next to a million pounds! Clower class have been learning outdoors too, with a super trip to our local nursery at Downside for their entry point to their new topic. Purchasing their own plants to bring back and put into tubs, everyone had a lovely time and our playground looks even more colourful.



Children from Orchid Class sitting next to £1,000,000!

We now have the final total from our Sponsored Spell. Our wonderful children raised a staggering **£994.25** that will develop and enhance our reading book stock in school. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support.



Pupils gathering around to see our new pond

You may have noticed over the past couple of weeks that our school grounds have been looking even more beautiful than normal. We have been lucky enough to have been the recipients of a Prince's Trust project, whose young people have been working tirelessly to improve our gardening and pond area, mud kitchen and also our Wild Area. Out of three local possibilities, the young people felt that they would most like to take on our school as a project and developed their own proposals before carrying them out using funding they had raised themselves. I think you'll agree the end result is just stunning. With a presentation in school yesterday, the young people have now finished but have left a legacy for many children to enjoy in the future. A huge thank you to the wonderful young people of the Prince's Trust.



The Prince's Trust team with their thank you card from all the children

On Monday the children presented their first outside broadcast live from the West of England ICT Conference in Bristol! Our talented young broadcasters had all been invited by the conference organisers to collaborate with Russell Prue for a joint radio show focusing on online safety. This was to provide a seminar for conference delegates to attend and see how radio can be used as a broadcasting medium and how confidently our children are at hosting and running their own radio show packed with quality content and important online safety messages.



As always, the children had scripted their own material and hosted superbly for a full 70 minute show which included a live interview with one of the delegates and was packed with content, all raising awareness of the importance of online safety. We are all incredibly proud of our entire team for their brilliance behind the microphone and for fielding questions from the delegates so politely and eloquently. It was certainly a day for us all to remember and if you missed it live, you can listen again at radio.westwoodblogs.org and see how much we all enjoyed ourselves from the photos on the day!



Westwood broadcasters in action

Today of course sees the return of our Father's Friday. Once again I must thank you all for joining us and for making the day such fun and so successful. With a vast array of learning taking place, everyone who came along immersed themselves in the true spirit of the day and the atmosphere was fantastic. We are so lucky to have an incredibly supportive parent community who work so well alongside our school

With so much still to come this term, it proves to be another exciting and busy few weeks. Next week Thistle and Clover class head to a multi skills morning, we have a professional poet visiting us for the day on Tuesday and Lotus and Orchid class have started rehearsing their catchy production. Summer must be on its way...

Have a lovely weekend.

Ian Rockey

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday!

MUD KITCHEN

Please let us know if you have any equipment for our new and improved mud kitchen. Any old wooden spoons, spatulas, old saucepans or colanders, etc. would be a fantastic addition and make ideal playtime tools for the children.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS



This is a final request to please send in any Active Kids Vouchers that you may have at home. We will be sending off our order to Sainsbury's on Monday 26th June.

Thank you

DATES FOR TERM SIX

Friday 16th June
Father's Friday

Monday 19th June
KS1 Multi Skills Festival @ Fitzmaurice

Tuesday 27th June
Thistle & Clover Trip to Langford Lakes

Wednesday 28th June
Lotus Class Trip to Living Rainforest

Thursday 29th June
Year 6 – St Laurence School

Friday 30th June
Year 3 Strings Assembly @ 2:30pm

Monday 3rd July
Year 6 – Young Citizens Workshop

Tuesday 4th July
Year 5 – Taster Day @ St Laurence School

Wednesday 5th July
Reading Meeting for Parents @ 9am

Thursday 6th July
Year 6 - St Laurence School

Saturday 8th July
Summer Fair 2-5pm

RADIO CLUB

The next series of sessions for Radio Club will start on Friday 23rd June 3:15-4pm. If you would like your child to join Radio Club, please contact the school office by Thursday 22nd June. Spaces are limited and preference will be given to non-broadcasters.



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

100 Club

Our June monthly draw winner is Heather Castree-Ward winning £32.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will be taking place on **Saturday 8th July**. We have lots of fun activities and stalls planned making it an unmissable family afternoon. If you are able to help set up or run a stall, if only for a couple of hours, please contact the FoWS Team.



Scarecrow Trail

We'd like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped to support the 'Family Films' scarecrow trail this year.

The scarecrows were brilliant – so huge thanks to those of you who made one.

Many thanks to everyone who baked cakes, helped to sell maps, and spread the word among friends and family.

Lastly, thanks to everyone who turned out and did the trail – we sold nearly 600 maps, and made a record total of £2,133 to be shared between Friends of Westwood with Iford School and Westwood Nursery School.

If there are scarecrows you couldn't work out, the answers are now available on the website below along with the winners.

<http://www.westwoodnursery.org/scarecrow-trail-2017.html>

Thanks again,

Bryony, Helen, Jo, Lilly & Rachel
Scarecrow Trail organisers 2017

Working Party

We are holding a Working Party on Saturday 1st July. There are always a number of jobs to be done around the school and grounds and it also proves to be a great social event.

If you are unable to come on Saturday 1st July, but have some spare time during the week or evenings, you can still help.

Please contact Ed Harrison on 07804 648710 for further details.



SILVER STREET DONATIONS

Matt Withers, of Silver Street solutions and a parent within the school, very generously donates a percentage of the commission taken from his business from new mortgages to our school.

His donations are currently supporting the Westwood Radio project that benefits all our pupils in developing their confidence as well as excellent speaking and listening skills.

If you have any mortgage requirements and would like to find out more, please contact him on 01225 869900 or check out his website: www.silverss.com

Westwood with Iford School School Fundraising Scheme

What is Book People's School Fundraising Scheme?

We understand that fundraising plays an important part in raising the money needed by schools for books for their classrooms and libraries. Book People's School Fundraising Scheme is our way of helping you raise these valuable funds without it costing you a penny, by giving your school 10% of the value of every order you place to spend on books. And there's more - you'll also be rewarded with exclusive offers that you won't find anywhere else, as a thank you for helping your school.

It's as simple as A, B, C...

- A** Visit www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising and enter your school's unique Fundraising Code.
- B** Shop our extensive range of books, gifts, toys and stationery. Your school earns 10% of your order in School Savings.
- C** Your school spends their School Savings on new books for their classrooms and library.

Your exclusive offer:

3 for 2 on Summer Activity books. Offer expires midnight 5 September 2017

School: **Westwood with Iford School**

Link: www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising

Starts: **Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

Expires: **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

Fundraising Code:
KzeeqRH

www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising

FATHER'S FRIDAY





Westwood ^{with} Iford School

SUMMER FAIR

Sat. 8th July, 2 - 5pm

INFLATABLE FUN ❖ **SILENT AUCTION**

SCARECROWS ☆ **DANCING** ☆ **CROCKERY SMASH**

TUG OF WAR ☆ **GAMES** ☆ **CRAFT** ☆ **RAFFLE**

TEA & CAKE ☆ **BBQ** ☆ **BEER & PIMM'S**



Entry: Adults £1, Children 50p

In aid of Westwood with Iford School

<http://fows.westwoodwithiford.org>



OUT & ABOUT



3rd Bradford on Avon Guides are holding a Summer Solstice raffle to raise funds for a unit experience to Switzerland.

Prizes include, Lady in the Van tickets at Bath theatre, a family ticket for Wookey Hole, a Woolley Grange Spa Day, Race day tickets for Castle Coombe and a case of beer from Box Tunnel brewery, plus 30 more prizes.

Tickets are £1 each are available from Kathy Sage, TA in Clover Class or Bryony Green, parent of Ros Green.

Thank you in advance for supporting this local guide unit.

Fund Raising for Bath Cats and Dogs Home

Come along Saturday 24th June and Sunday 25th June 1pm -4pm

28a Huntingdon Street Bradford on Avon BA15 1RF (just up past Bearfield Church)



Ayelen and Briar will be selling pre-loved toys, dvd's and clothes. There will also be cakes for sale. **All money will go to the charity**



Bradford & Avon Valley Youth Chess Club
Summer Fun Chess Camp 2017 - open to non-members
Beginners and experienced players age 8 - 16yrs

When? Tuesdays 25 th July and 8 th August 2017	Where? St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley, BA15 2 LH	Who will be there? Enter by 10 th July!	How much does it cost? £10 half day Training 9.45am - 12.15pm Or £10 half day Tournament 13.00pm - 17.00pm Or £18 full day 9.45am - 17.00pm Drop off 9.30am/12.45pm
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Sessions will be led by our chess coach Paul Girdlestone, a qualified 'Chess in Schools and Communities' instructor and a strong, very experienced chess player himself who holds an enhanced DBS Certificate and Peter Richmond also a very experienced Junior Chess Coach who has coached eleven British Chess Champions. Regular parent helpers, DBS checked, will be on hand to make the day go smoothly and run the tuck shop for drinks and snacks. **Please bring a packed lunch if staying all day!** Request and return application form by email to s.measures@btinternet.com and pay on-line or send with entry fee (cheque) to: Sandra Measures, Chairperson B&AVCC, 43, The Old Batch, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1TL.



BUTTERFLY DAY
Iford Orchard
 Sunday 25 June 2017, 12- 4pm

FREE ENTRY

(Peto Garden not included)

Bring a picnic and enjoy a wild day out for all the family in a beautiful riverside setting. Dogs on leads welcome.

- Guided butterfly walks
- Free craft making
- Music - learn a bug song
- Spectacular moth display
- Face Painting
- Story telling



Iford Manor tea room
 Delicious cakes, teas and ice creams
 Served from 12 noon
 The Peto Gardens will be open from
 2pm (separate charge applies)

For further details and to find out more about the 2017 Iford Arts festival of events at Iford Manor, visit ifordarts.org.uk. BA15 2BA
 Registered Charity: 1091312



JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 10th June from 10.00 – 12.00

Westwood Social Club

(Westwood, Bradford-on-Avon)

Clothes, Bric-a-brac, Toys, and Refreshments

50p entry for adults & children free!

Donations welcome, please take them to Westwood Nursery or deliver to the hall from 5-7pm on 9th May
 Registered charity number: 10282