

Newsletter

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Thistle Class enjoying their Superheroes topic and Orchid Class running through passing skills..

Hello again and what a busy two weeks it has been! With so much wonderful learning taking place throughout the school it is so good to see the children engaged and enjoying their brand new topics and the teachers have worked very hard to ensure that the walls are already filled with super work.

We were very pleased to have such a prominent mention in the Wiltshire Times last week. If you missed it, it is still online here: http://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/latestheadlines/13656435.Superhero_welcome_for_pupils_at_Westwood_with>Iford Primary School/?ref=rss A fabulous day was had by all and in the true spirit of the International Primary Curriculum our entry points were inspiring, with Superheroes taking over Thistle Class, Clover Class being circus performers for the day, Lotus Class sampling chocolate and Orchid Class dressing up in Roman attire. I had great fun walking around school to see how the children were enjoying themselves and they had so much to tell me and talk about.

I am very pleased to announce that we have chosen our School Councillors, Librarians and Digital Leaders. These children have been elected by their class to represent them and help them in their their learning. Congratulations to Hattie, Mya, James, Izzy, William and Wilf who are on our School Council, to Ana, Lennie, Jay, Georgie, Lizzie and Tom who are our Librarians and to Talia, Janko, Ellie, Joshua, Isabel and

Bella who are our Digital Leaders. Please ask them for help, they would be happy to assist!

Please don't forget that next **Tuesday 22nd September** from 9.15am - 12pm is our Open Morning and a chance to see the school in action. If you know of anyone who has a child starting school in September then they are most welcome to come along and talk to us. A reminder, too, about our *Meet the Teacher* afternoon next **Thursday 24th September**. This will take place in two short sessions, from 2.20-2.40pm and from 2.40-3.00pm, 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.

A couple of mentions, if I may, please. If you bring your dog to pick up your child, please can you ensure



that they are secured to the fence on the grass side, by the large 5 bar gate next to the staff car park. On a couple of occasions, there have been children frightened by large dogs and dogs barking when they have

been brought onto the school grounds.

Also, you will notice that the front gate is now securely closed at all times and we are working with our local PCSO to implement our Travel Plan. I have also applied for Healthy Schools Status, so will be writing to you in the very near future with information on how we can all help our children to remain healthy.

Finally, our blogs are up and running again with a lot of new content. Please do visit them, subscribe to them and comment on the children's work. An audience provides the very best inspiration and motivation for the children to aim higher and a few minutes to leave a comment would make such a difference. A starting point is our central landing page at westwoodblogs.org or you can visit our school website and follow the links from the School Blogs drop down menu. Also, I do try to keep you updated with what is happening in school via my Head's Blog: head.westwoodblogs.org. We have become a truly international presence on the web, so feel free to join in the fun!

Have a great weekend everyone and see you at Macmillan Tea with the Head next Friday 25th September.

Ian Rockey

DATES FOR TERM ONE

**TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL OPEN MORNING
– 9AM-12PM**

**THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER –MEET THE TEACHER
SESSION FOR PARENTS – 2:20PM**

**FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER – TEA WITH THE
HEAD/MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON – 3:15PM**

**MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER – HOME SCHOOL LEARNING
PARTNERSHIP & READING MEETING – 2:30PM**

**THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER – FOWS AGM – THE NEW INN
– 8PM**

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER – INTERNATIONAL DAY

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER – SCHOOL DISCO

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - 5-6pm

KS2 (Year 3–6) – 6.15-7.30pm

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER – HARVEST ASSEMBLY – 9:15AM

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated their birthdays over the last couple of weeks.

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.



GARDENING PLEA

Following on from the success of gardening club, we have grand plans to expand our school garden and grow even more throughout the school year. In order to do this, we really need your help with sourcing more equipment.

If you have any gardening equipment that is surplus to requirement, please bring them into school. The following items would be fantastic:-

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| Spades | Rakes |
| Forks | Green house |
| Trowels | Water butts |
| Canes | Wheelbarrows |

We may seem a little ambitious with some of the items requested, but you never know! It would be great for the children to develop their gardening skills further and a real boost to our Healthy Schools Plan.



CAKE DONATIONS

Tea with the Head on Friday 25th September coincides with the MacMillan Cancer Support fundraising day.

So for this particular Tea with the Head, we are going to charge for the cake in the hope of raising as much money as we can for such a worthy cause.

We would appreciate any cake donations that you are able offer and of course, please save the date and time in your diaries, to come and have a cuppa, some cake and a chat!

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you have a child starting in **Secondary School** next September, please remember that applications need to be made to the Local Authority no later than the 31st **October 2015**. If you are planning to take your child to visit a potential Secondary School, please remember to let us know in advance.

If you have a child starting at **Primary School** next September, please remember that applications need to be made to the Local Authority no later than **Friday 15th January 2016**. Don't forget our Open Morning on 22nd September.

Application forms can be completed on line or you can ask for a paper form from the school office. Please contact the School Admissions Team on 01225 713010 for any enquiries or visit the admissions web page: <https://admissions.wiltshire.gov.uk/>

SCHOOL POST BOX

Please remember that you can use the small black post box on the wall outside the school office to post any forms, slips, notes etc. This means that you do not have to queue to see Mrs Evans or Mrs Batten in the office.

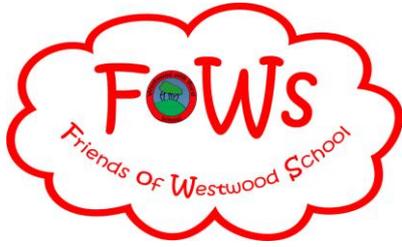


SILVER STREET DONATIONS

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.

With his donations to school fund, we have been able to fund a number of IT projects and all the children continue to benefit from this. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Matt for his continuing support.

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



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome to a new year of fundraising with the Friends of Westwood School (formerly PTA) and a warm hello to parents/carers of the children who have joined the school this September.

We are looking forward to an exciting and fun filled year, with events and activities to suit all, which will raise much needed funds for our school.

Planning has already started with our first event, a children's disco night booked in and our AGM, details as follows:

FoWS, Annual General Meeting

Thursday 1st October

Our first meeting of the year, where we summarise our successes of last year, plan our fundraising and also welcome anyone who is interested in joining our Committee. Please feel free to come along, 8pm at the New Inn Pub in Westwood and find out more and get involved if you wish.



Autumn Disco

A great night for children, with our brilliant DJ, Stuart, will be: Thursday 8th October.

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - 5-6pm

KS2 (Year 3-6) – 6.15-7.30pm

£3:00 entry, per child, which includes an ice-pop. Glow products on sale from only 50p! Details and a permission slip will be sent home nearer the time.

FoWS & Nursery 100 Club & Winners

If you are not in our 100 Club, why not join. Its only £2 per month and you have a chance to win cash prizes, whilst supporting our school and nursery at the same time. Membership leaflets are now available by the FoWS noticeboard in the school reception area or from Committee members from Monday in the playground.

The winners of our August and September draws are as follows:

August: J Cleave & J Batten, each winning £25

September: C Brown & R Parsons, each winning £25

Please support us in raising money for our school.

Ann Windo, FoWS Chair

Friends of Westwood School (FoWS)

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OUT AND ABOUT



THE OWL WHO WAS AFRAID OF THE DARK

By Blunderbus Theatre Company

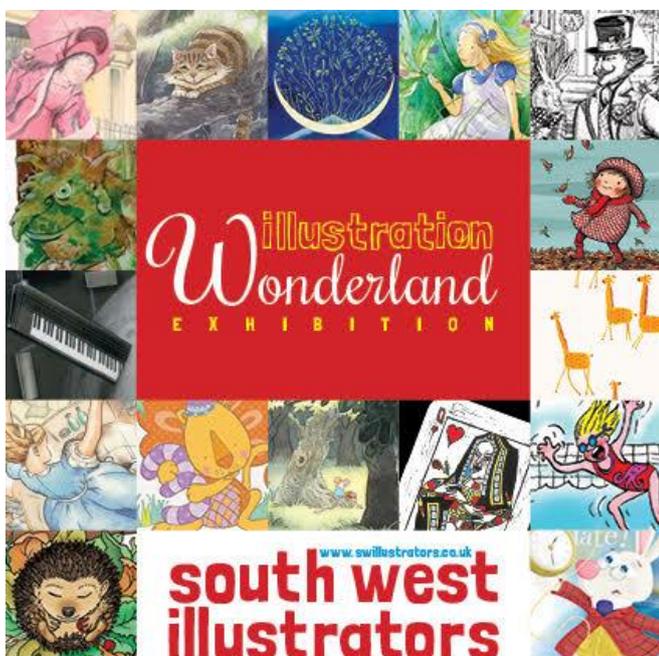
Internationally acclaimed children's theatre company, Blunderbus, are bringing their new production of "The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark" to **St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon** on **Friday 30th October** at **1pm**.

Based on the classic 1992 children's book by Jill Tomlinson, this funny, reassuring tale about Plop, the baby Barn Owl and his fear of darkness, has been created especially for small people aged 3 to 7 years (and grown-ups who sleep with the big light on!).

The storybook has been adapted for the stage by Lynn Roberson Hay, with music and lyrics by Frank Goodhind and direction and design by Blunderbus's own Artistic Director, Bill Davies. With an irresistible blend of live music, handcrafted puppets and spellbinding storytelling, the talented Blunderbus actor-musicians bring this well-loved tale to life for a new generation of theatregoers.

Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from Wiltshire Music Centre on 01225 860100 or www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk

WONDERLAND EXHIBITION



Tuesday 22nd – Sunday 27th September 2015

Opening Times: Tuesday to Sunday 10.00am – 6.00pm
at: Gallery 44AD, 4 Abbey Street, Bath BA1 1NN



The South West Illustrators have pleasure in announcing this year's Illustration Exhibition in Bath, which also celebrates 150th anniversary of the publication of 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.

"Curiouser and curiouser!", the hallway of the 44AD Gallery will be transformed to show a selection of 'Alice' or Lewis Carroll themed artwork, in recognition of the anniversary.

The Exhibition is entitled 'Illustration Wonderland' and presents wonderful new and unseen artwork from 15 illustrators, designers, artists and printmakers in the South West.

As well as 'Alice' themed artwork, you will be able to enjoy and purchase original artwork, signed giclee prints, picture books and greetings cards from the following artists:

Anna Popescu, Estelle Corke, Ivana Svabic Cannon, Jan Nesbitt, Jane Veveris Callan, Julia King, Kate Davies, Laila Hills, Lisa Kelly, Nick Shewring, Mary Hall, Penny Ives, Richard Deverell, Sally Barnett, Scott Joyce.

The Exhibition is open from Tuesday 22nd to Sunday 27th September, between 10am to 6pm at 44AD Gallery, 4 Abbey Street, Bath. BA11NN

RUGBY



The eighth Rugby World Cup (RWC) takes place between 18 September – 31 October 2015, with matches at 13 venues across 11 host cities in England and Wales.

Wiltshire Council has supported local rugby clubs in Wiltshire to celebrate the RWC taking place in 2015 by developing an exciting programme of events and activities for local communities. These will encourage new players of all ages and abilities to take up the sport, to give the game a try, to raise awareness of rugby this year and be part of the celebrations during rugby's biggest year.

The activities will include high quality coaching sessions, development camps, social events and participation opportunities, to inspire the next generation of players.

For more information, please visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/sporphysicalactivity/rugbyworldcup.htm>