



# NEWSLETTER

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*The whole school enjoyed the Christingle Service*



A very festive and sparkly welcome to this Christmas edition of our newsletter and, indeed, the last of 2014. So many great things have happened in 2014 that I really do feel that, as a school, we are moving forward together in a wonderful way.

As always, Christmas in school is a very special time. In fact, as I type this, the children are enjoying well deserved parties with their teachers and I can hear the happy sound of music, laughter and fun - everything a school should be about at this time of year.

In the past two weeks we have celebrated the Christmas season in many ways. Thistle and Clover class treated us to a magical performance of 'A Christmas Recipe', which was enjoyed by so many of you and it was so lovely to see the children confidently speaking, singing and acting. Those are memories that I hope they will remember for a very long time. I know I will. We have also, thanks to the incredible hard work, dedication and organisation of our amazing FoWs, held our Christmas fair which raised an enormous £1200. I cannot thank you enough for supporting this event which had such a lovely atmosphere and sense of occasion in the run up to Christmas.

As a school we have also released our first CD of our favourite songs. If you are yet to purchase a copy, we have a few left in the office. At £9 each they are a perfect stocking filler and a very heart-warming listen. The children have all developed so beautifully in the way that they sing and it was captured perfectly, with energetic and enthusiastic singing throughout the entire day.

On Tuesday of this week we all went to the church and celebrated our Christingle service with Reverend Joanna Abecassis, which was a wonderful occasion. Once again I was tremendously proud of the children in the way they listened, conducted themselves and most of all in the way they sang. The church was filled with good voice and festive cheer and was a great way to spend a morning. How else can you follow a Christingle but with a Christmas lunch. Once again a feast for all was had and accompanied by the traditional Christmas songs it was not to be missed. Plus the children experienced Staff service, a once in a lifetime (well, once a year!), opportunity.

## DATES FOR TERM THREE

### JANUARY

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL CLOSED – TD DAY**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> – BACK TO SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> – Tea with the Head – 3:15pm**

**TUES 20<sup>th</sup> – Maths Curriculum Day**

### FEBRUARY

**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> – Tea with the Head – 3:15pm**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> – END OF TERM**

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> – SCHOOL CLOSED – TD DAY**

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> – BACK TO SCHOOL**

I would like to add a reminder, please, in that school opens at 8:55am each day to ALL parents. Please do not come in before then, as staff will be preparing for the day and need to be given time to organise themselves. We are also not responsible for your children until they enter the school building at 8.55am, so please ensure that they are well supervised on the playground. Thank you.

We have so much learning and progress to celebrate from this term and I would like to thank those of you who have been supporting the children with their blogging. Lotus class blog has received almost 5000 views and Orchid class almost 3000. My own blog which began humbly is now beyond 4000 views, so thank you for continuing to show such interest in our day to day life at school. There is so much to read on all of our blogs and I am incredibly proud of our children, so please visit [westwoodblogs.org](http://westwoodblogs.org) and click from there!

Lastly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for continuing to work hard at their learning. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very merry and restful family Christmas and a happy New Year. I do hope that you enjoy the break and immerse yourselves in festive cheer. If you are available, I will be serving mince pies, cake, tea and coffee after the Carols around the tree assembly in the meadow. Please join me to see Christmas in together.

**Ian Rocky**



## BIRTHDAYS



*The festive birthday girl and boy*

## PIANO COVER

Some of you may have already noticed that we have a beautiful, brand new, made to measure piano cover! The FoWS Team very kindly agreed to pay for this much needed item and after a lengthy wait, it is finally here.

We would like to say an ENORMOUS thank you to FoWS for their generosity in funding this cover for us. It now means that our lovely piano can be looked after properly and will last for many more years to come.



## WINTRY WEATHER

The weather will undoubtedly be very cold when the new term starts in January. Can you please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate coats, gloves, hats etc.

## CLUBS

A clubs letter for the January term will be going out on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. In order to be as fair as possible, no replies shall be accepted until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Those children on a waiting list from September will be given priority for their chosen club and then the remaining spaces shall be filled on a first come, first served, (and where applicable) first paid basis.

Clubs will start week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## TEACHER TRAINING

Please make a note in your diaries that the school will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January for Teacher Training. We will see you all back in school on TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015.

## SWIMMING

Lotus Class shall be starting their swimming lessons on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015. If you haven't already done so, please return your child's level slip to the school office.

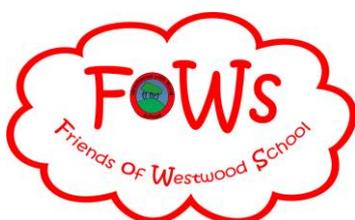
## MORNING REMINDERS

If you wish to speak to a class teacher, please could you make an appointment through the school office or send in a message via your child's HASP book.

As already mentioned by Mr Rockey, teachers use their time in the mornings to prepare for the day ahead and unexpected meetings mean that the classes are delayed in starting their work.

Could we also remind parents that pupils are not to come into the school before the bell goes at 8:55am.

Thank you



## FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

On behalf of the FoWS Committee, we thank you all for your continued support. Watch this space for up and coming events in the New Year.

In the meantime, we wish you a fabulous Christmas holiday.

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VILLAGE NATIVITY



St Mary's Church in Westwood will be holding their annual candlelit carol service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm. This is lovely service with short nativity involving some of the local children. All are welcome.

# Bradford on Avon Santa Trail

21<sup>st</sup> Nov- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014



- ◆ find the Santas around the town
- ◆ find their nicknames
- ◆ enter to win - lots of prizes

Get your trails from  
Bath Bombs, Piha, Swan Hotel  
Made in Bradford on Avon  
Return your form by 1pm on the  
24<sup>th</sup> December to the Bath Bombs  
Drawn at 2pm

50p each supporting to our Town's Christmas Lights Fund  
Organised by BOA Chamber of Commerce  
[www.boachamber.co.uk](http://www.boachamber.co.uk)

