



# Newsletter

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*Our school hall was transformed into a recording studio for the day!*

Hello again from a very excited Westwood with Iford school! I have literally just stepped out of our morning recording session for our CD and I couldn't be prouder of our 96 budding recording artists who have sung, listened and given so much energy to making this morning so enjoyable and productive. We have recorded class songs, whole school songs and (BREAKING NEWS!) later we are even recording a staff song as well!! I am very much looking forward to sharing the results of our hard work with you, so keep checking back to our school website and our blogs over this weekend, as I am hoping to add some clips of our CD tracks for you to listen to. We are, of course, now taking orders, so see details below. Next week we will be judging the CD cover competition, so watch this space!

There has been so much creativity taking place in school over the past couple of weeks. The children have become immersed in their new IPC units of work, with exciting entry points and brand new learning which is both engaging them and exciting them. As I walk around school it is lovely to see how well the children are working and the wonderful curriculum that is on offer to them.

This year we are making reading one of our focus areas and I would encourage you to continue to read with your child as often as possible. The value of sharing books, both at home and in school not only gives the children the confidence and skills to develop,

## DATES FOR TERM TWO

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> November – Orchid Class Tag Rugby @ St Laurence**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Storybox Theatre**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> November – ShoeBox Collection Deadline**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TD DAY**

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Curriculum & Assessment Parents Update Meeting – 6:00-7:00pm @ school**

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> December – Westwood School's Christmas Fair – 2:00 -4:30pm**

but it is also modelling a love of books. Children are free to use the library for reference reading, listening to audiobooks and borrowing and returning. We still have a few overdue books, so if you have an overdue book, please could you check under cupboards and behind sofas in case they are lurking at home and return them so that others can enjoy them. Our librarians will always be happy to help and advise if you are unsure of your borrowing status.

Finally just a small mention of our blogs - **[westwoodblogs.org](http://westwoodblogs.org)**. They continue to develop and grow in audience, with some famous people stopping by to leave comments and see the wonderful work taking place at our school. Please do join in and leave comments yourselves. It really does inspire the children to write and learn more.

Have a wonderful weekend and, if you are able, have a listen to your children, the stars of today and, indeed, tomorrow.

Ian Rockey

### BIRTHDAYS



*Some big and little birthdays to celebrate!*



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Last week, our mufti day raised £95.50! Thank you to everyone who donated.

### SHOE BOX APPEAL



Please remember to return your Christmas Shoebox to school as soon as you can. The boxes are being collected at midday on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

For information on how to fill a shoebox, see

<http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

### CD ORDERS

The school CD is now available to buy for £9.00 per copy. The CD will make an excellent stocking filler for a friend or relative, so please download an order form from the school website or collect one from outside the school office..

<http://www.westwoodwithiford.org/letters-home.html>



### CD DESIGN COMPETITION

Due to the number of enthusiastic pupils who need just a little more time to perfect their art work, it has been agreed that the deadline for the CD Design Competition will be extended to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November morning.

If your child would like to take part, entry sheets can be downloaded from the school website.

<http://www.westwoodwithiford.org/letters-home.html>

### SCHOOL JUMPERS

We seem to have acquired a lot of lost jumpers. They are all outside the school office near the photocopier. If you think that one of them may belong to your child, please come and have a look through them.

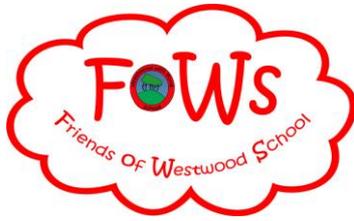
Can we take this opportunity to remind you to please label all items of school uniform so that found belongings may be returned to their owners.

Thank you.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS



Scholastic Book Club catalogues went home to each child a couple of weeks ago. Any book orders need to be back into school by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November so that everyone can get their books in time for Christmas!



## FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

### Children's Christmas Card Designs

Thank you to those of you who supported the school by ordering card packs and mugs. Some lovely designs were created, which we are sure your family and friends will enjoy! This activity has raised £255.70 towards equipment for school. A big thank you goes to Julie Cleave for her time in organising this.

### 100 Club

Our November monthly draw winner was: Pam Lowton, winning £25. Congratulations!

If you are a member, look out for our exciting double draw (December draw and Christmas draw) which will be announced at the forthcoming Christmas Fair.

If you are not a member and are interested in joining, details and forms are available outside the school office.

### Westwood School Christmas Fair – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2-4.30pm

Thank you to those of you who have kindly agreed to help run the Fair and to people who have already responded to our donations letter, sent earlier this week.

We look forward to receiving your donations from Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fri 5<sup>th</sup> December, ready for the big day on Saturday!

### Easyfundraising

This is a very easy way to raise money for our school, without any cost to you!

Please register and then carry on with your Christmas shopping on-line, raising money at the same time. See the poster at the end of this newsletter for more details.

Please support us in raising money for our school.

Ann Windo & Elaine Caddy

Email: [fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org](mailto:fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org)



ON SALE - Westwood Calendar 2015

You can NOW pick up a copy of the calendar at Westwood Village shop, Costcutters. They are £5.00, with all monies raised going to Westwood Nursery School. Calendars will also be on sale at the School Christmas Fair. Once they are gone they are gone, so get your copy as soon as possible.



### 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 have recently helped provide training for the teaching staff to develop their digital literacy 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](http://www.silverss.com)

### WESTWOOD CHURCH

St Mary's Church in Westwood is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. There is a Dickensian theme this year and there will be a fancy dress competition for the children.



## OUT AND ABOUT

### Horrible Histories LIVE TOUR



TROWBRIDGE CIVIC CENTRE

*July 18th 2015, July 19th 2015*

**Tickets on sale NOW**

**Show times 2pm and 4pm each day**

We all want to meet people from history. The trouble is everyone is dead!

So it's time to prepare yourselves for Horrible Histories live on stage with a brand new show BARMY BRITAIN with all new amazing 3D effects!

Can you beat battling Boudicca? What if a Viking moved in next door? Has William Wallace met his match? Would you lose your heart or head to horrible Henry? Can evil Elizabeth entertain England? Will Parliament survive gunpowder Guy? Can King Charles keep his head? Would you stand and deliver to dastardly Dick Turpin? Escape the clutches of Burke and Hare, move to the groove with party Queen Victoria and prepare to do battle in the frightful First World War!

It's the horrible history of Britain with the nasty bits left in!

- See more at:

<http://www.trowbridgecivic.co.uk/event/viewall/all>

## MY SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION – all welcome

All children and parents are invited to take part in the fourth annual My Science Fair Competition on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Wiltshire Music Centre. Children age 5-11 may propose a topic to be explored, conduct an experiment and produce a completed project for the competition. The event is free and will include games, demonstrations and workshops.

See the [mysciencefair.org](http://mysciencefair.org) website for further details and an entry form. Send in your entry proposal before the end of November and then get started on your project.

# 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)**