



# Newsletter

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*Residents of Wiltshire Heights during our live outside broadcast*

This term seems to be racing by already, with the end of November almost upon us and the beginning of Advent just around the corner. A timely reminder is always the sound of Christmas production songs drifting through the school and we have also started practising for this theatre spectacular!

It feels as if so much has happened in the past two weeks. Last week it was lovely to see so many of you at the parent consultations. This is always a good opportunity for you to come along and talk to your child's class teacher about how the home school learning partnership can be further developed in order to support your child in their learning and development. On Friday our fabulous broadcasters were, once again, delighted to be invited back to present a live outside broadcast from the dining room at Wiltshire Heights residential care home in Bradford on Avon. With the usual mix of top stories, engaging scripts and great music to entertain the residents, our team were on top form and made the afternoon so enjoyable for

everyone. We were also thrilled to be able to talk to some of the residents about their memories of childhood; a perfect focus for the show on Children in Need day. Our huge thanks to Julie and the activities team for making us so welcome once again.

Orchid class have also been extremely fortunate recently to have been visited by Freida Ferne, a long-time resident of Avoncliff, who has been coming in to share her wealth of knowledge about Bhutan. Freda has visited 5 times and the children have loved hearing about her travels. Thank you Freda, we hope you come back again soon!

This week has been equally busy and just as exciting as we embarked on another CD recording of our favourite assembly and special occasion songs. Those of you who remember our last recording 4 years ago will know how beautifully the children sang and this week the children were just as brilliant! I was so proud of them as they gave so much energy, enthusiasm and

commitment to making sure that they sounded the best they possibly could. If you visit my Head's blog - [head.westwoodblogs.org](http://head.westwoodblogs.org), you can listen to a short medley of songs as a taster of what is to come on the CD. Please get your orders in to the office now!



Yesterday afternoon, Orchid and Lotus class had the pleasure of being taught by David Mitchell, an education and blogging consultant who visited us to inspire the children in their writing using their class blog. Everyone had such a fun and productive afternoon and you can read exactly what everyone was learning if you head to Lotus and Orchid class blogs. David also stayed after school to work with the staff and we all now have some really lovely ideas for exciting lessons using blogging as a tool for writing.

To end a fantastic week at our school, we were delighted to welcome back Russell Prue of Anderton Tiger Broadcasting, who joined us for a live radio show on Friday afternoon. Russell is a generous supporter of our station and has been inspirational in our development and progress over the past two years. The children always learn so much from Russell when he visits and their broadcasting skills are constantly enriched by his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Speaking of presenting, our broadcasters are continuing to go from strength to strength, setting the standard in education radio for primary schools across the country.



Visit [radio.westwoodwithford.org](http://radio.westwoodwithford.org) for the latest shows, news, information and how you can listen to us live every Monday, Thursday and Friday. We love listener interaction, so do send us your emails and texts, please, even if we are not on air as we can always read them out next time! Amazingly, in the last month alone, we have had over 10,000 listeners to our station and education radio is having such an enormous impact on the quality of writing, speaking and listening in our school.

Finally, if you prefer to catch up with the latest from our school in audio form, you may be interested in a podcast that I record each week. **Westwood Talk** is a roundup of everything that is taking place at our fabulous school and is available to listen or download from <http://radio.westwoodwithford.org/latest-talk-show.html> or from [soundcloud.com/westwoodradio](https://soundcloud.com/westwoodradio). You can get in touch by email with questions or include #westwoodtalk in your tweet to join the conversation.

Have a super weekend everyone

Ian Rockey



### WINTERY WEATHER



With wet and colder weather forecast, we are all trying to ensure that the children stay warm when they go out to play. Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a warm outdoor coat and gloves and a hat.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We would like to say an enormous thank you to you all for supporting our Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal once again. With **20** shoeboxes collected, there are a lot of children around the world who will benefit from the generosity and kindness of parents and friends within our school community.

Thank you so much.

## BIRTHDAYS



*Happy Birthday to you all!*

## GOODBYE BEN



Ben Deadman who runs our Wrap Around Care will be leaving us at the end of next week.

Ben has been such an amazing asset to our school and made a huge impact on both children and grown ups in his time here. We shall all miss

him and wish him all the best for the future.

## DATES FOR TERM TWO

**Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th November**  
**Year 6 Bikeability**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair Donations**

**Saturday 1st December**  
**FoWS Christmas Fair 2-4:30pm**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Bedtime Stories 5:45-7:17pm**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Sunflower & Clover Class Production Dress**  
**Rehearsal**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Sunflower & Clover Class School Production**  
**9:30am and 6pm**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas School Lunch**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christingle Service**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Children's Christmas Class Parties**

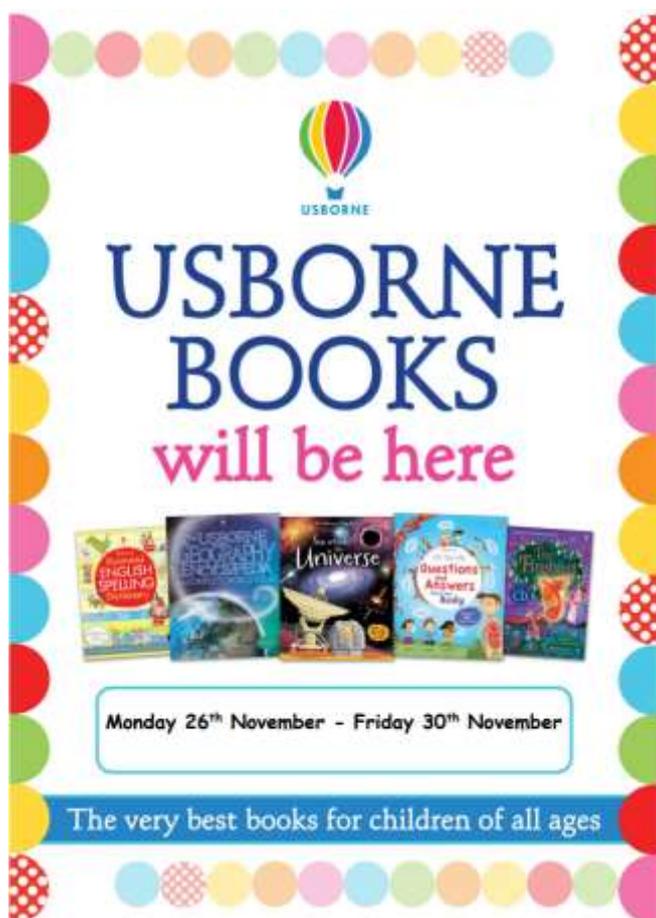
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Carols Around the Tree @ 1:30pm**  
**followed by**  
**Tea & Mince Pies with the Head**

## **END OF TERM**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**

## USBORNE BOOKS

There will be an Usborne Book Stall here each day after school next week. Please come along and pick up some classic children's books in time for Christmas.



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Last week, our mufti day raised £79.20! Thank you to everyone who donated

### WINTER PE KIT

The children still have PE outside when the weather permits. With this in mind, could you please ensure that your child has something warm to wear in their PE kit. Black or Navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirts are allowed for the winter months. Please ensure that all PE items are clearly labelled.



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](http://www.silverss.com)



### Christmas Fair

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2-4:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

This year's FoWS Christmas Fair will be taking place on the above date at our school. We are hoping to build on last year's success, which raised £1,1362 and provided valuable funding for our school. As a way of collecting donations of goods for we hold a mufti day. Instead of the children paying to wear their own clothes to school, we ask for donations of goods which could be used for the tombola or stalls at the Christmas Fair.

### TOMBOLA\*

Luxury food, biscuits, preserves, pickles, interesting or alcoholic drinks, canned luxury items, unusual teas, coffee, candles, aromatherapy items, hand cream, bath or shower products, Family games, jigsaw puzzles, anything containing chocolate.

**\*All product donations need to be new, unused and within their use by date.**

## WINE OR WATER STALL

Bottles of wine – any type, any colour.

## 'THE JAR'

Children can help with this one! Please fill a jam jar of any shape or size with sweets, chocolates, toys (e.g. hair accessories, key rings, plush toys, Lego figures, party bag fillers) then wrap it in Xmas paper and label whether it is suitable for a girl, a boy or both. We will be selling the wrapped jars for £2 each.

## RAFFLE PRIZES

We would love to hear from anyone with business contacts that would donate something like a pub meal, for example, or shop vouchers.

**Please would you leave donations in the School Reception area between Monday 26th November and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

If you are able to help on the day as a stallholder, even for a short time, then please do let us know.

Finally, please support our school by bringing as many family and friends to the Fair as possible.

Kind Regards,

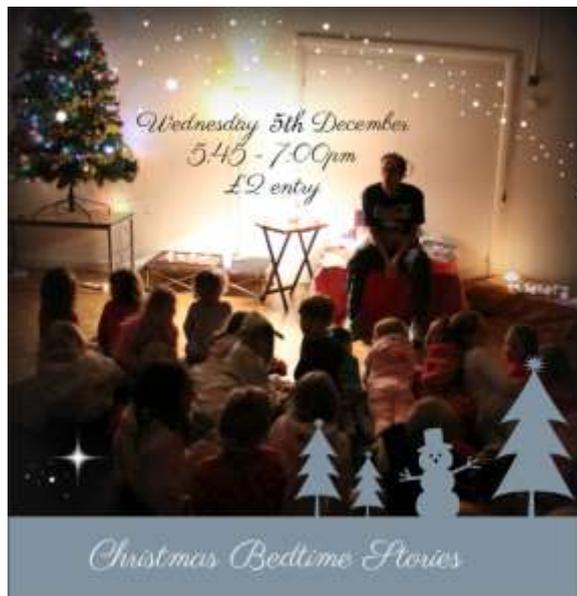
Lee Davies & FoWs team

FoWs Chair

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

## 100 Club

The 100 Club winner this month is Mrs K Kearney.



## Christmas Storytelling Evening

Wednesday 5th December 2018

For the 3rd year running we are pleased to announce that it will be soon be time again for Christmas Bedtime Stories.

Get cosy in your pyjamas, bring your favourite teddy and join Mr Rockey for an evening of festive storytelling by fairylight.

We will have a hot chocolate and biscuit interval again too!

School Hall - 5:45 - 7pm

Admission £2 - includes hot chocolate & biscuits

Siblings very welcome but must be accompanied by parents.

If you would like to share one of your favourite Christmas Stories please bring in your named book and give to Mr Rockey.

Thank you,  
Friends of Westwood School Team

# WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS



# FAIR



GORGEOUS  
GIFTS

Yummy Treats

Santa's Grotto

Mulled  
wine & cider

Games Galore

Festive Fun

2PM - 4.30PM

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Entry £2.50  
includes a free drink  
Kids go free!





## WINTER FAYRE



11.30AM - 3.30PM

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

WESTWOOD SOCIAL CLUB (BA15 2AP)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND DECORATIONS

SILVER JEWELLERY, ART, WAX MELTS

QUALITY BRIC-A-BRAC

AND LOTS MORE

REFRESHMENTS, HOME MADE CAKES,

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

TOMBOLA, CHILDRENS LUCKY DIP & RAFFLE

50P ENTRANCE, CHILDREN FREE

GUEST APPEARANCE FROM BELLE FROM BEAUTY & THE BEAST TO

DRAW THE RAFFLE

RAISING FUNDS FOR LARKRISE SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL, TROWBRIDGE

AND

MARG'S MOGGIES CAT RESCUE B-O-A

Time for a Little Rest Ltd & Wonder Creation Studio Present  
**Christmas Craft & Yoga workshop for children**

At Westwood Parish Hall  
Book tickets here:  
<http://wonder.eventbrite.com>

**15th December**  
**10.30 - 12.30pm**



### **Luxury Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**

**Westwood Parish Rooms, Westwood, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 2AF**

Saturday 8th December - 10am-12pm / 1pm-3pm / 4pm-6pm / 7pm-9pm

Sunday 9th December - 10am-12pm / 1pm-3pm / 4pm-6pm

Want to kickstart your Christmas preparations in style? Spend a cosy few hours creating a unique luxury moss-based wreath for your home. There's no previous experience required as you'll receive a full demonstration from an expert florist as well as hands-on tuition throughout the workshop. With delicious festive treats included, it's the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with friends and make something beautiful together.

Why not join us for our Saturday evening class, with the option to BYO bottle? Delicious cheese and festive snacks are included. Tickets for this special evening are £50 each.

Early bird tickets {available until 31<sup>st</sup> October} - £40

After this date - £45

Book now! [buytickets.at/christmasworkshops](https://buytickets.at/christmasworkshops)

### **Canine Luxury Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**

**Doghouse, Lamb Yard, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1JZ**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 7pm-9pm

NEW for 2018: Join us at the Doghouse for a canine theme Luxury Christmas Wreath Making workshop! Create a wreath with additional dog themed décor for your home. Love you dog? Why not bring your furry friend for the evening? Yummy treats are included for you both.

Limited tickets available - £55 each

Book now! [buytickets.at/christmasworkshops](https://buytickets.at/christmasworkshops)