



# Newsletter

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*Pupils from Orchid Class doing making us proud at the West Wilts Dance Festival*

Welcome back to another busy term and one that has really started with excitement! Last night I was so proud to be able to attend the West Wilts Dance Festival at the Forum in Bath. Once again the children had been expertly trained and encouraged by Karen Hobson, who had put together a fantastic routine. The children took to the stage second to last in proceedings, so had almost an entire evening to wait, but what a way to end the show! They dominated the stage, dancing to No Money by Galantis, playing out a story to the Dare to Dream theme for the evening's proceedings.

The performance was both electric and inspirational, drawing an enormous cheer from the audience, which was so very well deserved. My sincere thanks go to Karen for organising, resourcing, planning and choreographing a spectacular routine that brought the house down and to the children for entertaining, showing such confidence and for representing our school so brilliantly. I was proud of every one of you. So many of my colleagues from other schools came up to me to congratulate our school on such a fantastic performance!

Something you may not know is that two of our children were selected to compere the entire evening, introducing each act to the stage and keeping the flow going. I must congratulate Oscar and Freddie who were just incredible, standing on an enormous stage in front of 1000 people to read their script with eloquence, confidence and humour, exciting the crowd and bringing on the cheers. I was so incredibly

proud of both of them and they represented our school with sheer professionalism.

Thank you for a great evening out and a huge well done. That isn't something I could have done at your age! Later I will post the rehearsal video on my blog [head.westwoodblogs.org](http://head.westwoodblogs.org) and Orchid Class blog [orchid.westwoodblogs.org](http://orchid.westwoodblogs.org).

This week we are delighted to have been able to install some more iPads to support our children's learning in school. Thanks to the tremendous fundraising work of our FoWs we now have 16 iPads which enables us to work with an entire class at a time, providing exciting and engaging learning opportunities. A huge thank you from all of us for the wonderful work that you do in raising so much money for our school, benefitting every single child.

Don't forget next Thursday is World Book Day and also our school council and eco council will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean next Friday, improving the cleanliness of our school grounds by litter picking.

As the weather is still quite changeable, please can I ask that children do not venture onto the mud before and after school as it quickly becomes quite damaged. Also, please can everyone ensure that they have the correct school uniform and shoes in school at all times.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend, **Ian Rockey**.



The FoWs 8<sup>th</sup> annual...

# QUIZ NIGHT

A large, pinkish brain is the central focus. Several tiny figures in orange and blue are shown working on the brain, some with tools, suggesting a process of thought or problem-solving.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Doors open at 7pm. Quiz starts at 7.30pm**  
at Westwood with Iford School

**Tickets: £7.50** (Adults only)

**Ticket includes:**

**'Trio of Puddings' OR 'Cheese & Biscuits'**  
**Bring your own drinks AND A GLASS!**

Tickets on sale **NOW** from the School office... don't miss out!  
Ticket deadline: Friday 17th March

*Get your team ready...  
MAX 6 per team*

## SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS



Please help us to collect as many Sainsbury's school vouchers as possible. We are able to acquire a lot of valuable resources through this scheme and the more we collect, the more materials we can order.

There is a collection box at the school entrance just waiting for your vouchers! Thank you.

## RADIO CLUB BREAKFAST BROADCAST



Following the success of our first breakfast broadcast, Radio Club shall be treating us with another breakfast show on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 8:30am. Please do listen in, email and text if you can, they work so hard to produce incredible shows.

There are a number of ways to tune in - go to [radio.westwoodwithiford.org](http://radio.westwoodwithiford.org) and listen live directly from the player, or on your Smart Phone you can download the TuneIn app from <http://tunein.com/radio/Westwood-Radio-s285146/>

Our podcasts of each show are on both TuneIn and iTunes so you can listen again to any of our shows that you may have missed. With a listener base growing worldwide by the week, our station is going from strength to strength! Contact the show by email: [radio@westwoodwithiford.org](mailto:radio@westwoodwithiford.org) or text 078600 17404. Next week's usual show will be on **Thursday** afternoon at 2.30pm.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day and would like everyone to come to school dressed as a character from a book. This is something we have done before and is always so much fun, so we look forward to some creative dressing up from pupils and staff!

## SCHOOL TRIPS

Orchid and Lotus Classes have their school trips on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember to use ParentPay for consent and payment.



## MATHS FOR PARENTS

Mr Bennett will be running a maths session for parents after school on Thursday 16th March between 3.15-4.00pm looking at the calculation methods we teach the children. A crèche will be available for parents. This will be in Clover class and run by the staff.

## RUGBY SESSIONS

Each class will be taking part in a Rugby session on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Given the time of year, please could you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school on Monday, with appropriate footwear and jogging bottoms and tops as required.



WESTWOOD 2017  
 "FAMILY FILMS"  
 SCARECROW TRAIL



**MAKING A SCARECROW...**  
 Choose your favourite family film. It's a lot of fun and doesn't need to be anything too complicated or costly - you can be as creative and as cryptic as you like!  
**PRIZE** for the best scarecrow.

**HOSTING A SCARECROW...**  
 During the scarecrow trail week we'll need homes for all the scarecrows around the village. If you'd like to host one of our scarecrows in your front garden, we'd love to hear from you.

 westwoodscarecrowtrail

 @wwoodscarecrow

### DATES FOR TERM FOUR

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Radio Club Breakfast Show 8:30am  
Parent Consultations 3:30-7pm

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
Dress as your favourite character from a book  
Parent Consultations 3:30-5pm

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
Year 6 Bikeability

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
Lotus Class Trip – Ashmoleum Museum  
Orchid Class Trip –Wincanton Race Course

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
History/Geography Day

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
World Poetry Day  
School Council Easter Cake Sale @3:15pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Red Nose Day - £1 donation for non uniform

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
FoWS Quiz Night 7pm for 7:30pm start

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
Mother's Monday  
International Day



### FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE



**!!TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!!**

**Date:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**Time:** Doors open at 7pm. Quiz starts at 7:30pm  
**Tickets:** £7:50 (Adults only) from the School Office  
**Venue:** School Hall

Don't forget to get your tickets – for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Pudding Themed' Quiz Night, here at Westwood School on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm.

This event is open to all (adults only), so get your team together and join us for an evening of slightly competitive fun!

Tickets are available from the school office, priced at £7.50. This includes a 'Trio of Puddings' or 'Cheese & Biscuits' during the interval. Bring your own drinks (and a glass)

Please let us know if you are able to donate any puddings or help out on the night.

### BIRTHDAYS



*Happy Birthday!*

### SCARECROW TRAIL



The theme for this year's scarecrow trail is  
**Family Films**

Taking place during May half term

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

During the scarecrow trail week, we'll need homes for all the scarecrows around the village. If you'd like to host one of our scarecrows in your front garden, we'd love to hear from you.

[Westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk)

## OUT & ABOUT



**5TH MARCH 2017**  
**10AM – 3PM**  
**WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE**  
**ASHLEY ROAD,**  
**BRADFORD ON AVON**  
**BA15 1DZ**  
**01225 860100**

A free, all-day family festival showcasing eye-opening children's science projects!  
Explore the worlds of music and science through hands-on workshops, fun games, inspiring demonstrations and lots more...

- **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment:** interactive workshop and family concert
- **Virtual Reality:** learn all about the world of virtual reality
- **Botclub:** explore the world of electronics and computer programming
- **Amazing Chemistry Demonstration**  
Witness the amazing power of liquid nitrogen!

**Free to attend - all welcome!**  
[www.mysciencefair.org](http://www.mysciencefair.org)



**WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE**



## LIONS CLUB OF BRADFORD ON AVON

### Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Competition

at the Victory Field, Bradford on Avon

Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Commencing at 10.00am Free to take part

Open to all children under 12

Hunt for tokens to exchange for cream eggs

Why not enter our Easter Bonnet competition!

Cash prizes for the three best bonnets, cream eggs for all entrants

Come and join us and have fun!



# WEST WILTSHIRE SINGERS

*No auditions, no subscriptions, no pressure*



A new pay-as-you-go choir welcoming singers of all abilities.

*Pleasantly informal and fun!*

If you love to sing and would like to meet weekly to sing pop songs, songs from musicals, folk tunes, and simple choral pieces in a relaxed, light-hearted, and friendly atmosphere, then this could be for you!

Monday evenings, 7 - 8.30pm  
St. Thomas' Church, just off Timbrell Street, Trowbridge

**COME ALONG AND SING!**

There is no joining fee and no subscriptions to pay up-front for a whole term - you simply pay when you attend.

*Pay as you go: only £4 a session.*

[WWW.WESTWILTSHIRESINGERS.COM](http://WWW.WESTWILTSHIRESINGERS.COM)