



Newsletter

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Thistle & Clover Classes enjoyed the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Workshop this week.

It is incredible to think that we are already half way through this term and that at the end of this term we will be half way through this academic year! Time really does pass so quickly.

That's not to say that we haven't been exceptionally busy since I last wrote to you, with all classes well under way with their new topics and today's celebration assembly was another reminder of how hard the children are working each week and how well they look after each other. I've been out more than usual this week on training courses, so it was a pleasure to catch up with them and what has been happening whilst I have been elsewhere.

One point that I would like to reiterate this time is that in the morning before school and after the teachers have handed your children over to you at the end of the day, your children are your responsibility. I know that this may have caused a little confusion, as in the past this was approached differently, but in order to keep our children safe, I would ask that you keep your children with you until they enter the classroom and after they have left at the end of the day. Thank you.

It has been lovely to see children taking part in our Westwood Writer's Blog: westwoodwriters.schoolblogs.org (not as previously stated in the last newsletter, sorry!) This can also be found through the link on the home page. Each week

there will be a new prompt for the children to respond to and is intended to encourage children to write creatively in their own time, if they would like to. I am also committed to developing the children's digital literacy and use of ICT and this forms part of an on-going desire to develop technology at the school. Watch this space for further developments...Thank you to those who have visited my blog: westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org. The number of visits grows by the day and I do try to keep it updated, though this week I have been out so it has been more difficult. I will be less tardy next week! Please leave comments if you feel you would like to contribute; I am always aiming for more interaction with parents and pupils through digital medium as well as face to face.

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners who represented the school in their own time at St Laurence school against other schools in our cluster. Well done to everyone who took part and I know from talking to Mr Kiely that you all did very well indeed. There will be more sports tournaments over the coming weeks, so I will let you know of the dates in case your children would like to take part.

If you haven't yet replied, please can you bring in your response to our school meals letter as soon as possible. We need to have a clear idea of numbers before we are in a position to make a decision as to how we proceed. I hope you enjoyed the tasting

session, the delicious smells of Mrs B's cooking filled the school all evening! Can I also ask that you return your parent questionnaire at the same time, if you haven't already done so. We always value your feedback.

Please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school every day and that it is named. Playtimes are much colder at this time of year and I am still seeing one or two children without proper clothing when I am on duty.

And finally...If you are available this afternoon, I will be hosting another Tea with the Head in the meadow straight after school. Cakes, biscuits, tea or coffee and a chat for anyone who would like to come along, you are all welcome, as always.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Ian Rocky

THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF

Orchid Class and Dance Club are hard at work perfecting their dance routines for The Great Big Dance Off in March. They shall be holding a cake sale at 3.15pm on Friday 31st January in the school hall to help raise funds for their costumes.

Please help them by donating cakes and of course, don't forget to come along and buy something yummy.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK



Theo is now a year older.

DATES FOR TERM THREE

Fri 24 th Jan	Tea & Cake with the Head 3.15pm
Fri 31 st Jan	Orchid Class & Dance Club Cake Sale 3.15pm
Thurs 13 th Feb	Last day of term
Fri 14 th Feb	Teacher Training Day – no school

DATES FOR TERM FOUR

Mon 24 th Feb	Back to school
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Thurs 6 th March	FoWS Meeting – The New Inn 8pm
Thurs 13 th March	School Disco
Sat 22 nd March	Quiz Night
Mon 31 st March	The Great Big Dance Off



WESTWOOD SCARECROW TRAIL

Calling all Scarecrow makers... we need your help! Planning is underway for the 2014 Westwood Scarecrow Trail. This year's theme is 'Nursery Rhymes' as we're celebrating Westwood Nursery's 30th Birthday.

We're looking for enthusiastic local scarecrow makers as well as homes for our scarecrows along the trail route.

For more information on making or hosting a scarecrow, please see our website:

www.westwoodnursery.org/scarecrow-trail-2014

To get involved in making/hosting a scarecrow, please talk to trail organisers:

Jane Caston, Julie Cleave, Jo Hill, Elaine Caddy or Lilly Webb

or email us at: westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk

Please get in touch no later than Monday 24th March.

FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we've had to change some of our dates. These have all been updated on the website calendar and are also in the newsletter date box.

The pudding themed Quiz Night is now on the 22nd March, so book those babysitters and brush up on your general knowledge for a fun evening.

The January draw has been made for the 100 Club and we can announce that E.Caddy is the lucky winner. The usual monthly draw will take place again next month, along with the February Half Term Bonus draw! It is never too late to join the 100 Club, see the website for details.

Your FoWS Team

Trowbridge Library events not to be missed! **(and all FREE!)**

Monday 3 February (3:45 – 4:30)

Crayons Love Libraries Activity

Stories, art, drama, creative writing for 4-9 year olds. Part of our series of events for National Libraries Week

Tuesday 3 February (10 – 4)

I love my library photo booth

Members of the public are invited to write on a card why they love their library, then have their photograph taken in front of a backdrop. *These photos will be used in further displays and promotion. Part of our series of events for National Libraries Week

Saturday 8 February (10:45 – 11:15)

Teddy Fancy Dress Competition

Decorate your Teddy with the theme of 'books and libraries', £10 Book Token prize for the best dressed teddy. Parade at 11am followed by judging. Part of our series of events for National Libraries Week

3 - 8 February (drop in anytime)

We live in the library...who are we? Quiz & treasure hunt

Children need to work out the children's book characters based on the descriptions of them, and with picture clues around the library; small prizes for winners.

*Customers invited to encourage to friends and family members to take out library membership and in so doing being entered into a prize draw. Part of our series of events for National Libraries Week

Saturday 22 February (10 – 2)

Family Treasure Hunt around Trowbridge + Fun activities in Library

Join in with the hunt and then have fun with crafts and the Wiltshire Scrapstore!

No need to book, just turn up!

Tuesday 25 February (3:30 - 4:00)

After School Stories with Tracy, Running for 6 weeks for 4-8 year olds

No need to book a place

Regular Activities

Weekly Rhyme Times (10:00 – 10:30)

Mondays – Polish rhyme time

Wednesdays & Fridays – for toddlers

Thursday – for babies & non-walkers

Young Writer's Squad (4.00-6.30)

The Young Writers Squad is a group for secondary school age students to experiment with writing and storytelling using a variety of styles, techniques, and media.

16, 30 January

13, 27 February

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