



# Newsletter

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Boswell Road Lower Westwood  
Bradford on Avon BA15 2BY



*Grand Designs: Reception built an amazing bug hotel*

It is quite amazing to believe that we have already arrived at the end of the first term which has seen a number of changes but so much to celebrate. I would like to thank you all for the warmest of welcomes and continued support in all that we are trying to achieve in school.

I feel that it has been a very productive term with a lot of fantastic learning taking place in every classroom and we have been able to share so much of this in celebration assemblies on Fridays, which have always been so well supported. I do enjoy walking around the school and seeing how our children are growing in confidence and their ability to share their understanding. Please feel free to come along to an assembly after half term if you haven't already, they are consistently varied and allow a window into the children's lives and interests outside of school, as we celebrate their talents.

I would also like to thank you for your feedback that you have kindly given on many aspects of school life. I do appreciate it and it helps us as a staff to take the school forward. You are also welcome to comment on my blog: [westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org](http://westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org), which has



*Autumn sunshine around school*

received a surprisingly high number of visits, so thank you.

As the weather begins to get colder, can I remind you that after half term children are more likely to need a warm coat and possibly even a hat and gloves. Please can you ensure that these are named as that makes them so much easier to trace back to their owners!

With so much to look forward to, I am certain that Term 2 will be just as exciting and involved. Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a restful and thoroughly enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you all when we return on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

***Ian Rockey***

## **PARKING**

Many of you will have noticed the presence of our Community Officer, PC David Lee, outside the school gate at the end of the day this week. Residents in Boswell Road have expressed great concern and frustration over the high number of vehicles parking illegally at specific times of the day.

Please park a little further away from school to avoid cars reversing and turning outside the school gates

endangering children and parents. This will also help ensure that our neighbours' driveways are not blocked.

Can we also please remind parents NOT to park in the school car park. Parents and children alike need to cross the road outside the school gate and often have pushchairs, bicycles and scooters with them. Parent's driving in and out of the school car park compromise the safety of everyone doing this.

### TEACHER TRAINING DAY and SCHOOL CLUBS

Please do not forget that the school will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October for Teacher Training. After School clubs will all start again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, with the exception of after school **golf**, which will not start until further notice.

### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK



This week Ellie and Megan celebrated their birthdays

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please remember to return your child's Christmas card design order form and payment to the school office no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD UPDATE

#### Disco

The autumn disco was a huge success and all the children (and a few grownups) had a great time showing off their moves on the dance floor, before cooling down with an ice pop. Over £200 was raised, so thanks to all.

## Westwood Christmas Fair

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2 - 4.30pm  
Westwood with Iford School



Keep Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November free in your diary. Our Westwood Christmas Fair will be held between 2-4.30pm and there will be something for everyone; lots of new and exciting stalls as well as some old favourites. We will be asking for donations for the Tombola, Pre-loved Toys and Book stalls after the break, so please have a rummage in your cupboards for anything that might be useful. More information will be sent out soon.

**100 Club Relaunch** for 2013/14 November to October. Cheques and emails are still coming in, which is fantastic news. The more of you who enter, the more money we raise and the bigger the prizes!

#### FoWs Team

#### DOGS

A gentle reminder that if you walk your dog to or from school, please leave them tied to the fence next to the large gate in the staff car park when collecting children and not to bring them onto the playground. This way, they will be at a safe distance from any children walking on or off the school grounds, as some children may be frightened by dogs.

Thank you



Another reminder to please sign up to The Giving Machine. It is a not for profit, social enterprise that helps to generate free cash donations for our school. In the lead up to Christmas, please use this site as a means of raising funds by simply buying your presents.

[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)

Thank you

### **DANCE CLUB**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Dance Club's cake sale last Friday. Thanks to your generosity, £74.60 was raised which will go towards the purchase of club t-shirts for everyone and props for routines. If you were unable to catch the amazing dance routines in the Celebration Assembly, you can watch the video on our website.



*Dance Club following their assembly performance*

### **LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The end of 2013 is fast approaching, and Father Christmas is already very busy preparing for his hectic schedule of delivering presents for Christmas Day. As

you will probably know, he also manages to find time to make appearances on the streets of Bradford-on-Avon and surrounding villages during the month of December, riding on the Lions Club's Christmas Float, helping collect for local charities.

This is also a very busy time for Lions Club members and friends, as you can imagine, and Father Christmas and we would very much appreciate any help with our collections, whether an evening Float collection, or a daytime collection at Sainsbury's or Budgen's on 20 or 21 December. If we are unable to find more helpers it may be necessary for us to reluctantly curtail some of our collection routes, so please give some serious thought to helping if you can. If you would like to help, please contact Lion Richard Bloom on 01225-865977 or Lion Mike Evans on 01373-461813 by 11 November for more information.

This year (2013/14) we are also keen to support more local initiatives (i.e in the Bradford-on-Avon area) when we are able, perhaps with advice, physical help or maybe financially. So, if you have a suitable project and think that we may be able to help, please give either of the 2 Club members above a call.

We are a small Club of 16 members (men and women) and are always on the lookout for new members, so if you might be interested in helping our community by joining us or helping in any other way, and having fun at the same time, please ring either of the above or visit our website at [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/bradford](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/bradford).

Thank you for your support, as always.

Lions Richard Bloom and Mike Evans

Bradford-on-Avon Lions Club