

Newsletter

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Orchid Class showing their competitive side



Lotus Class jiving to wartime music

It feels as if it has been a very busy two weeks as the term gains momentum and children have settled very positively into their classes, particularly our new arrivals in Reception who seem as if they have always been with us, well done everyone.

Can I please remind you that if you are late into school in the morning, that you sign the late book if you come through the main entrance after the classroom doors have closed. I appreciate that everyone has made a real effort to get to school on time so far this term, but I am aware of a few late arrivals still, so please make every effort to arrive before 9am, or you will be asked to sign in. Thank you.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our first celebration assembly last Friday and also those who came to tea with me. Every week there is an open invitation for anyone to attend our celebration assembly, so please feel free to join us when you can. It was wonderful to celebrate children's achievements, both in and out of school and I know how much it meant to the children. I also very much enjoyed our tea and cake. This will be a termly event, so if you missed it this time, there will be other opportunities to come along and have an informal chat over tea (or coffee!) and biscuits with me and your friends. Children are most welcome.

Two exciting events next week to look forward to. - on Tuesday, the children's learning will have an international flavour on **International day** with each class taking a different country to focus on. This will be a lot of fun and I am sure the children will learn a lot

DATES FOR TERM ONE

Saturday 28th September – Westwood Village Ceilidh

Tuesday 1st October – International Day

Friday 4th October – Harvest Assembly - 9.15am

Tuesday 8th October - School Photographer 8 – 10am

Thursday 10th October – FoWS Meeting – 8pm - The New Inn

Thursday 17th October – School Disco – 5-6pm /6.15-7.45pm

Thursday 24th October – Term 1 ends

Friday 25th October – Teacher Training Day

from the day and each other. Next Friday 4th October will be our **Harvest Celebration**. Please come along and share our assembly; the children will be performing something they have practised in class, along with some special songs learnt for the occasion.

Can I point you in the direction of a blog that is now up and running. My Head's blog westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org is my take on the day to day life at our wonderful school and is updated on an

almost daily basis. Please follow my journey through my first year here.



I would like to end this week by formally welcoming **Miss Clare Brown** to the staff here at Westwood. Miss Brown will be working with Mrs Cook in Thistle class and we are delighted to welcome her as part of our team.

Have a great weekend and I hope to see many of you at the Ceilidh on Saturday night.

Ian Rockey

After School Clubs

As part of our on-going commitment to offering a range of after school clubs for your children to take part in and enjoy, we had a golf club taster session on Wednesday.

Dave Stockley, an experienced golf professional already working with other schools in the area will now be running Golf Club each Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm for a nominal charge of £2 per child per week.

If you would like your child to take part, please contact the school office.

School Uniform

As the autumnal weather takes hold, children are welcome to wear tracksuits for outdoor P.E. Please ensure that these are black, navy or red.

For any clarification on school uniform, please look at our website or ask at the school office.

Thank You

Ann & Andrew Windo for generously donating and installing kitchen cupboards in the Meadow and Ian Pritchard for making Orchid Class that little bit more stylish by installing blinds.

Birthdays of the Week

As part of the Celebration Assembly held each Friday morning, everyone sings happy birthday to those children who have had a birthday during the past week.



Last week's group was quite large, as it also included summer holiday birthdays!



Only **Jemima** celebrated her birthday this week.



School Photos

The photographer from DSP Photography will be coming in on Tuesday 8th October. If you would like your child to have photos taken with younger siblings, please bring them to the school hall for 8.30am.

Coats

Please could you ensure that your child has a coat for playtime, especially when the forecast is for colder weather.

Friends of Westwood School

Year 4 Violin

The FoWs have kicked off 2013/14 events with a Ceilidh this year. This is a new event for us as we are keen to try new ways of raising money, encouraging community involvement, and having a bit of a laugh! We would love some parent feedback on what type of event people are keen on - please leave comments in the office, use the website contact form, or come to the next meeting on 10th October 8pm in the pub.

Our new fundraising aim for the year is to regenerate the school hall - buying new portable staging, re-decorating, purchasing a giant noticeboard to display work, replacing the curtains and possibly the old lighting system. On top of this we aim to fund the Christmas and leavers presents, plus another summer term activity day. This year we will be giving the children the final say, so please look out for an online poll for the children to decide between circus skills, steel drum band or drama workshops.

We can't do any of this without your continued support so please help where you can by attending events, donating raffle prizes or joining the helpers list - we never know when we might need a shout out to borrow the odd smoke machine for a Talent Show, or a paddling pool to cool off hot Sponsored Walk feet.

Philly Lowton, FoWS Chair
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Free School Meals

One of the factors the DFE bases school funding on is the Free School Meals count. Therefore can we ask that any family who is eligible for free school meals completes an application form even if you do not wish your child/children to have the meal.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parents or guardians are in receipt of:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Child tax credit
- The guarantee of State Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Application is quick and CONFIDENTIAL and forms are available from the School Office.

This may prove of interest to those children in Year 4 who are continuing to have weekly lessons with Mr Smith. It is of course open to all young players of stringed instruments.



JUNIOR STRINGS

BRADFORD-ON-AVON and TROWBRIDGE.

What?

Orchestra for Young String players that rehearses and performs fun and exciting music

When and Where?

Trowbridge Junior Strings

Walwayne Court Primary, Monday 4 – 5pm

Bradford-on-Avon Junior Strings

Wiltshire Music Centre, Tuesday 4 -5pm

How Much?

£30 per term (remission available for hardship)

What next?

Just turn up for a no commitment trial rehearsal (borrow a violin from the pile)

More Information?

Call Daniel Smith on 07919397207, e-mail Daniel.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk or see us on action at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0u8qa6X6aGU>

