



Newsletter

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Thistle & Clover Classes had an amazing visit to Bristol Museum this week

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term and I am pleased to say this it does feel a little more Spring like than of late. I do hope that you all had a very pleasant half term with your children.

We are straight back into exciting topics and learning opportunities with the children. Already this week, Lotus class and Orchid class have visited Trowbridge to listen to Michelle Paver; an author; talk and inspire them with their reading and writing. Also this week, Thistle and Clover class have been on a school visit to learn more about their dinosaur topic, which was VERY exciting. Not only that, we have already had an informative and well presented class assembly and we've only been back for five days!

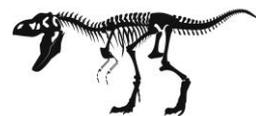
Now that we have school meals back at Westwood, they have been very well received with clean plates and happy children. A range of tasty dinners and desserts has meant that our numbers are healthy and lunchtimes have been a sociable occasion, which is something I always looked to do when I arrived, so I am thrilled that it is working so well. Don't forget, if you would like your child to have a hot dinner, please can you ensure that your order arrives with the office by the Thursday morning before the week you would like to order them. Thank you.

Can I also say thank you for responding so positively to the letter I wrote before half term about the HASP books in your child's reading folder. It makes a difference to our time in the mornings if you can leave a note in the HASP book for issues which aren't urgent, in which case, of course, you are very

welcome to talk to myself or the teachers if you feel that it is something we need to know immediately. However, I would hope that most items can be detailed in the HASP books for teachers to respond to, which of course they will.

As a staff we have focused a lot of our time on talking about ways in which we can encourage the children to develop their reading and writing skills, in school, but also at home. Over the next couple of terms we will be concentrating heavily on reading and writing within school and I will be arranging parent meetings to discuss ways in which you can support your child at home, as I believe that an effective home and school partnership will give our children the best possible chance to maximise their potential. In the first instance, can I ask that, where possible, you set some time aside to sit and read with your child, preferably at least three times a week and to use the reading log to record your experiences. Your child will also bring home their homework and they would benefit greatly from some time with you to support them with their writing. By working with your child in this way, you will be both supporting the learning that takes place every day and modelling the fact that learning is fun! Thank you for your continued support.

With this in mind, please remember that Read for my School: <http://www.readformyschool.co.uk/> is still going for KS2 children. This is an ideal opportunity to sign up, read free new books and even write a review if they were particularly enjoyable. For the younger



(and older) readers, can I also suggest Oxford Owl: <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/library-page>. Both are great online resources.

I hope you have a lovely term and please keep checking the website for up to date events that will be taking place. We will also continue to communicate with you regularly and we always welcome feedback so that we can improve as a school.

Ian Rocky



BIG PEDAL CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 5th we have the Big Pedal Challenge and hope to encourage more pupils and parents to ride their bikes or scooters to school rather than coming by car, particularly as the weather is now improving!



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 6th 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!

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK



There have been a lot of birthdays celebrated during half term and the past week. Happy Birthday to you all.

HOORAY FOR THISTLE & CLOVER

Thistle and Clover Classes had an Bristol Museum this week to learn more about dinosaurs and fossils, with fossilised dinosaur poo being the highlight of the trip! During their visit the children were so well behaved that members of staff at the museum and the general public commented on how good they were. Mrs Cook and Mrs Hannam were both incredibly proud and each class was awarded a Making People Feel Good certificate this week during Celebration Assembly.

DATES FOR TERM FOUR

Wed 5 th March	Big Pedal Challenge
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Thurs 6 th March	FoWS Meeting –New Inn 8pm
Thurs 13 th March	School Disco
Sat 22 nd March	Quiz Night
Mon 31 st March	The Great Big Dance Off
Friday 4th April	Tea with the Head

SCHOOL MEALS

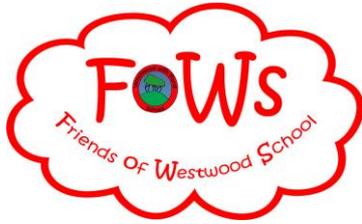
Order forms and menus are available on the school website and from outside the school office. Please place your orders with payment by 9.00am on Thursday mornings.

THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF

Letters went out earlier this week to Dance Club and Orchid Class about travel to Swindon for The Great Big Dance Off competition. Please return the slips to school as soon as possible.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE FIT VOUCHERS

Don't forget that we have a voucher box at the entrance of the school. Please do collect these vouchers as each year we are able to purchase a lot of school equipment from Sainsbury's.



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

After a mellow start to the New Year things are hotting up! Our favourite DJ returns to School Thursday 13th March - look out for flyers in book bags. The following week sees the return of the legendary Quiz night. This adult only night has produced much entertainment in past years, and we hope this one will be another corker. With the theme being PUDDINGS, and not only that a trio of taster puds is on offer, we hope it will be a night to savour! The FoWs team would love some help with raffle prize donations and any pudding offers would also be much appreciated.

The 100 Club is still going strong raising much needed funds for the School. February's lucky winners were D Bryant (a second time monthly winner), and R Harvey taking the bonus draw. If you would still like to join the Club is only £2 a month, with the monthly draw prize at £25. Please pick up a joining form from the School Office.

Some future dates for your diary include a Boden Sale 26th April, and the Scarecrow Trail entry deadline is March 24th. Several pupils have asked about the return of Westwood's Got Talent - please don't worry the FoWs team are fully committed to helping the children put on this amazing night, but due to success of the Dance Off Competition entry its now planned to return on Friday 13th June.

We are still supporting the School with the library development. Funds from this year are planned to be used in revitalising the hall, and possible supporting the School with Wi-Fi improvements. The FoWs meetings are open to all - next one is Thurs 6th March, 8pm New Inn. Thanks to all for the support.

Your FoWS Team

Bradford on Avon Fairtrade Town Group

It's Fairtrade Fortnight in Bradford on Avon and the Bradford on Avon Fairtrade Town group will be holding a coffee morning on 8th March and having a display in the library.

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2014
10 AM – 1 PM

- * Delicious home-made cakes
- * Fairtrade tea, coffee and juice
- * Crafts from around the world
- * Bric-a-brac bargains
- * Everybody welcome!

In aid of BOA, Fairtrade and Oxfam

FREE ENTRY!!

Quaker Meeting House, Whiteheads Lane, B on A (off Silver Street)





FOWs
Friends of Westwood School

Spring

disco

Thursday 13th March

Thistle & Clover Class Disco:
5 – 6pm

Lotus & Orchid Class Disco:
6.15 – 7.45pm

Admission £2.50

Glo-products on sale:
Necklaces: £1
Bracelets: 2 for £1




Permission slips in book bags next week.