



# Newsletter

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## *Thistle Class Eco Warriors*

With only a week left until the Easter break, time really has passed quickly during this short term and lighter nights and clocks going forward this weekend are a reminder that the consistently (!) warmer weather is on the way. We can forever hope...

As I walk around school and talk to children about their learning, it is clear how so many have grown in confidence as the year has progressed. Not only that, they are able to tell me what they need to do to improve their work and to challenge themselves. When I came to Westwood as Head, my overriding aim was to have a school full of happy children whose behaviour for learning was consistent and who enjoyed their learning. I believe that we see this each and every day and the many visitors that I have had to the school say the same.

Once again, I can report that we have had two wonderful class assemblies from Thistle and Lotus class. Both were packed with learning and interesting facts and it was a pleasure to be able to share them. The children and staff have worked extremely hard and, as always, the attendance from parents and carers was fantastic and very much appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

This leads me nicely into some upcoming events that you are most welcome to. On Monday, we will be having our first **Mother's Monday**, beginning with an assembly at 9.10am. This is an open invite for mums

and significant females in our school community to join your children for as little or as much of the day's learning as you would like to. We are all excited that you will be coming into school to share our day and look forward to working with you. Next Friday 4th April, the last day of term, is also our **Easter Assembly** at 9.10am, immediately followed by the **Bonnet parade** and **egg rolling** eggstravaganza (I won't give up the day job!).



You are, of course, all welcome to join our celebration of Easter and can I please put out a reminder that the children will need a hat or bonnet for our parade and two decorated hard boiled eggs for the rolling competition. Let's hope the weather stays fine for a super last day.

Later that day, you are welcome to join myself and the Governors for **Easter tea and cake with the Head** from 3.15pm in the Meadow. This informal occasion is a chance for you to have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake to round off the term. It's always lovely to see so many of you there, so please join us if you can spare the time. It would be good to see you. There will also be an **art exhibition** in the hall at the same time, showing off the significant

talents of Ms Brown's art club, so please come along that too if you can; there will be lots to see!

Thank you for responding so positively to the letter I sent out recently regarding illness. By working together, we have cut the number of days that children are away and missing valuable learning time through catching other people's germs and I am now hoping that our attendance levels will improve even further. Please try to get your child into school whenever possible. I cannot stress enough the importance of a consistent education and even a day out of school is a day's learning missed. Although this may not sound significant, the pace at which we work can mean that children are left needing to catch up rapidly on work missed when they are away.

With a holiday approaching and opportunities to diversify their learning, can I remind you of our blog sites: [westwoodwriters.schoolblogs.org](http://westwoodwriters.schoolblogs.org), for children to express themselves in creative writing. You will also find links here to the 100 word challenge and 5 sentence challenge for younger writers. All easy to access and a lot of fun to do! There is also my blog [westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org](http://westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org). Whilst I have not kept it as up to date as I would have liked recently, I do try to keep posting my Westwood thoughts regularly to give a window on our world. Amazingly, it is approaching 2000 hits!

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter break with your families and a well earned rest. With  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the year already complete, I do feel so positively that, as a school community, we have moved forward so much in our time so far. Thank you for your continuing support and I will look forward to seeing you in Term 5.

**Ian Rocky**

### CLUBS

Clubs will be running as normal next week, except for Hockey on Friday.

A letter for new clubs starting after Easter will be available next week. Please make sure that your child has a signed consent form for whichever club they apply for.

### DATES FOR TERM FOUR

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mother's Monday
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> March	The Great Big Dance Off
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Lotus Music Centre Trip
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Westwood Nursery Egg Hunt 3.30pm
Friday 4th April	Easter Assembly 9.10am Easter Bonnet Parade/ Egg Rolling
Friday 4th April	Tea with the Head & Art Club Exhibition
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First day back at School
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> April	FOWS Boden Sale 10.30 – 4pm

### ECO WARRIORS



The rowan and cherry saplings from the Woodland Trust that Miss Brown planted a couple of weeks ago are thriving. Our Thistle Class eco warriors have been out and about ensuring that the trees are well looked after. From the look of things, they are doing a great job!

### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK



*Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated a birthday over the past two weeks.*

### LOTUS CLASS SWIMMING

Due to an event being held at Bradford on Avon pool, there will be no swimming on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.



## ART CLUB EXHIBITION

Art Club, run by Miss Brown, has produced some spectacular works of art this past term. Please come along on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April for tea and cake with the Head, and then roam around the gallery (hall) admiring various pieces from our budding artists.

## SCHOOL MEALS

New order forms for after the Easter holidays are available from outside the school office and also the website. Please remember to place your order for the first week back by 9:00am Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. A new menu should be in use from the May half term.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

There may have been some confusion as to when we return after the Easter holidays. We come back, raring to go on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and our next TTD is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

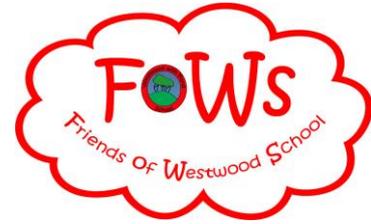


## EASTER EGG HUNT 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

The nursery welcomes all children in the village to our annual Easter Egg hunt, starting at 3.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

It's a frantic dash for eggs throughout the park and an opportunity for the parents, family and friends to relax with tea and cake next to the nursery building.

It's great fun and there are eggs of all sizes to win and search for.



## FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Our fifth annual Quiz Night took place last Saturday with this year's theme of Puddings. There were some new as well as old faces, all of whom seemed to have an absurd amount of fun whilst raising funds for the school.

Over £400 was raised on the night, so thank you for all your support and scrumptious puddings and also to Becky and Jeremy Robertson for some amazing quiz mastery.

Our next event is the ever popular Boden Sale on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Be sure to spread the word because as well as fantastic bargains, the first 40 orders receive a free Boden gift!



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