

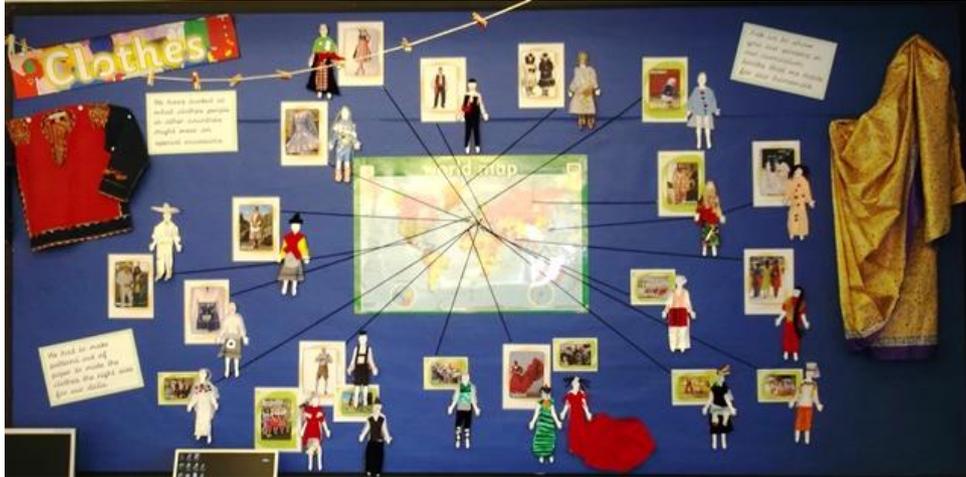


Newsletter

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Clothes from around the world in Clover Class

Hello again!



It seems to have got a little chillier since I last wrote to you, so can I please remind everyone that they need a coat, hat and gloves in school to wear on the playground. I have certainly been glad of mine recently!



I would like to say a big thank you first of all, to the parents and members of FoWs who have kindly offered to help run the library on a Tuesday and Friday after school. It was my aim in the New Year to establish a regular pattern of opening hours, so that children, adults and members of the community can use the library on these days, which we have now achieved and I am thrilled. We are so lucky to have the library as a resource and I would like to see it used as much as possible, so please feel free to come along on a Tuesday and Friday from 3.15pm, where you will be able to browse our stock of books and borrow one or two to take home and enjoy.



I would also like to thank those of you who so kindly donated books for our library. We now have plenty to be going on with and there are a number to be catalogued, so for now, we will not need any more. If you are a parent, grandparent or a member of our community who would like to make

use of the library, please pop in during opening hours and let the librarians know and they will pass your information on to me. I will then create a library card for you. We do look forward to seeing you!

Our school council have been very active recently and are taking a key role in the improvement of our school for the children. They even have their own blog now: schoolcouncil.westwoodblogs.org, where you can read our minutes and see what our current topics of discussion and areas of development are.

DATES FOR TERM THREE

FEBRUARY 2015

WEDNESDAY 4th – FOWs Meeting - 8pm, The New Inn

TUESDAY 10th – Safer Internet Day

THURSDAY 12th – Thistle & Clover Classes BRING A PARENT TO BLOG AFTERNOON – 1:45pm

FRIDAY 13th – Lotus & Orchid Classes BRING A PARENT TO BLOG AFTERNOON – 1:45pm

FRIDAY 13th – Tea with the Head & School Council Cake Sale – 3:15pm

FRIDAY 13th – END OF TERM

MONDAY 23rd - SCHOOL CLOSED – TD DAY

TUESDAY 24th - BACK TO SCHOOL

**KEEP
CALM
THERE'S A
CAKE SALE**

On Friday 13th February at 3.15pm, alongside my Tea with the Head, they are holding a cake sale as they have agreed that they would

like to raise money for small play equipment for play times and lunch times. If you were able to make or donate some cakes for this event, we would be very grateful as the school council have planned it and will be running it on the day. If you have a moment to read our minutes, there may be other areas that you are able to help with in supporting them and our school. Thank you.

Around the school we are as productive and focused as ever, with lots of great learning taking place. Last Tuesday we held a maths day, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. With maths a focus for us this year, we are exploring different ways to engage children in their maths and to make it even more exciting for them. The impact of the Big Write and blogging has been huge to improve writing and we are now trying to emulate this with our maths. We also have a maths blog now too - maths.westwoodblogs.org. I would ask that you join us in our challenge, further developing our Home School Learning Partnership, by working with your child for a few minutes each week on their homework and by using Mathletics.



A fantastic online resource, Mathletics is individually tailored to all of the children's needs and allows developmental progress through a series of activities and online challenges against pupils of similar ability - a far cry from the Cuisenaire and counters approach that I had at school! Every child has their own login, found in their HASP book and the link can be found on the Home School Learning Partnership Page, under the Community tab on the school website. Have fun!

I have had the very good fortune to spend time teaching in nearly all of our classes over the past two weeks. What occurs to me each time is that the children always enjoy their learning and are keen to engage in discussion in order to find out more and to develop their own knowledge, skills and understanding. With the IPC, I believe we have a

curriculum which both inspires and excites our learners and the topics being taught across the school are fun, a key element to successful teaching and learning.

You are most welcome to have a look at our School Development Plan for this year, as I have now added it to the 'Our School Curriculum' page of the website. On that note, we always welcome suggestions and improvements as I believe a successful school is constantly looking to improve in all areas. In particular, our website is very much a key resource for information and communication, so if you feel that this could be improved in any way, please let us know, but do make suggestions for any area of school life.

Once again, thank you for your continued support in making our school community so successful and welcoming.

Have a great weekend,

Ian Rockey

BIRTHDAYS



Birthday Girls

TEACHING ASSISTANT / MDSA POST

We are currently seeking a highly committed Teaching Assistant to support the class teacher and to work with children in small groups and individually. The post holder will also work as an MDSA, preparing the hall for lunches and engaging with our pupils in fun and games through the lunchtime period.

Further information is available on the school website, in the COMMUNITY section.



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

School Disco Night - Results

The scores are in - we raised a total of **£155.77**. Another super achievement!

Thank you to all those who came, it was lovely to see the children thoroughly enjoying themselves. Also, thank you to the teachers who came along to have a bop too!

Lastly, a huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help, it is really appreciated.

easyfundraising
.org.uk

Thinking of booking a holiday...? If you're booking this year's holiday online, make sure you book via easyfundraising.org.uk and raise free donations for Friends of Westwood School at the same time.

With hundreds of top travel retailers to choose from, including Expedia, LateRooms.com and Virgin, you can book your holiday and raise a donation for us. And it won't cost you a penny! To see all of the holiday companies that are registered with easyfundraising, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/travel

All you have to do is:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowestwoodschool
2. Sign up for free
3. Start your shopping from the easyfundraising website - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Friends of Westwood School. It couldn't be easier!

Using the easyfundraising website will not cost you a penny. There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Westwood School will be really grateful for your donations.

Next FoWS Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th February, 8pm at The New Inn, Westwood.

We're always on the lookout for new members and new ideas, so if you would like to find out what we've got planned/get involved, please come along.

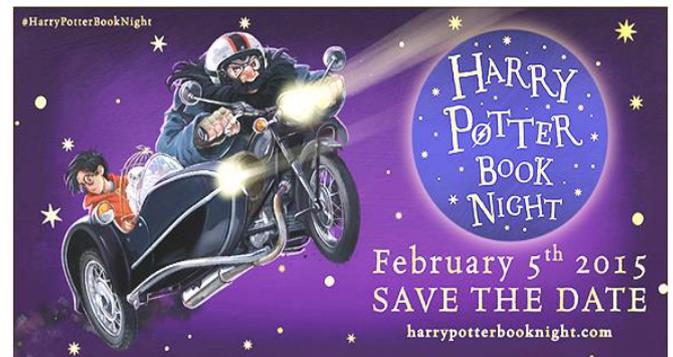
Please support us in raising money for our school.

Ann Windo & Elaine Caddy

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OUT AND ABOUT

BRADFORD ON AVON LIBRARY



Wiltshire Council is holding an amazing Harry Potter Book event at Bradford on Avon library after school between 4 -5pm.

This marks the first Harry Potter Book Night which is being held next Thursday 5th February (and it's also one of the events they are holding across Wiltshire in the week of National Libraries Day - 7/2/15). It's a free event open to all children, but particularly suitable for 7-11yr olds.

So whether you are a Harry Potter fan or not, come a long and have some magical fun!



BOA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please see the flyer below. All pupils in KS2 are welcome to take part. Just turn up on the day and run! If you require any further details then please contact Shane Kiely, Schoolsport2001@yahoo.co.uk



Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution 'hands on' Children's Science Workshops

All workshops are open to children age 8 and over (unless otherwise stated).

They run on the 2nd Saturday of each month (not August) from 1pm to 4pm. £6 per child per workshop or £16 per term for 4 workshops. Advance booking is essential because workshops get booked up very promptly.

Saturday April 11th at 1pm

16 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN

Milky Way Zoo with Charles Draper of Herschel Society. (9+)

Do real science by analysing images from the Spitzer Space Telescope.

Can Chemistry Be Green? With Emma of University of Bath and friends.

Find out how Chemistry and Engineering can be used to help save the planet

How Plants Grow with Matt Soan of B&NES Parks Department

Visit Bath's world famous award winning nursery to find out how the gardeners grow their plants.

This workshop will take place in Bath's Royal Victoria Park greenhouses.

Children's Competition for Practical Creativity

All children are invited to enter the Bath Young Inventor of the Year Award. There are prizes available for all entrants. More details can be found at www.brlsi.org/youthactivitiesgallery along with full details of the summer programme

To book send name of child with date of birth and name of workshop to coolbookings@brlsi.org Pay on line at www.brlsi.org/shop/youthactivities or to BRLSI 16 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN



TROWBRIDGE MUSEUM

Tuesday 17th Feb: Pancake Day @ Trowbridge Town Hall

Join us for a little bit of culinary creativity as we have a go at making fresh pancakes Drop-in from 1pm - 3pm. For ages 5+, all children must be accompanied by an adult

Wed 18th Feb: Crowns & Tiaras*

Get ready for Magna Carta with our medieval-style headgear workshop for ages 4+

Thu 19th Feb: Ye Olde Cut Out Characters*

Make a medieval character in our fun and easy craft workshop – ages 5+

Visit www.trowbridgemuseum.co.uk for more information.