



Newsletter

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Some of our Year 6 broadcasters at the BETT Education Conference in London

Welcome back once again to another newsletter - slightly delayed due to extreme weather conditions! The weeks are fairly racing by and we are packing so much in, with so much more still to come this term before half term.

Since I last wrote to you there have been many exciting things to report. Two weeks ago I had the wonderful opportunity to take a group of children to London to the BETT show at the ExCeL. We had been invited to broadcast a live Westwood Radio show from the Netsupport stand and Al Kingsley, their CEO, is a great supporter of our station and generously invited us along. Once again we got the opportunity to work with the brilliant Russell Prue, who guided us through a rehearsal and gave so many top tips that when we went on air at 3pm, the children were brimming with confidence and ideas. It was amazing to see them at work, in the middle of a packed show floor and being watched by, literally, hundreds of people passing by, all of them so impressed by the professionalism and quality of the children's presenting. After an outstanding hour's broadcast I could not have felt prouder of everyone's confidence, resilience and professionalism. They were all such a credit to our school. I must also thank so many parents and friends who listened in and contributed via text and email too, which made for a fabulous experience.

We had an amazing day and I hope the children enjoyed themselves as much as I did. A huge thank you to them all for such sensible and polite behaviour. A special mention and thank you, also, to Karen Hobson who accompanied me on the journey and helped me to navigate London public transport, ensuring everyone was safe.

Last week our Ocarina day was a tremendous success and I am so proud of our children and staff for their enthusiasm and commitment in learning a musical instrument. As a project this is something we all decided to undertake together and it has been such good fun to progress through our songs over time. With each class learning their own piece, along with two songs that I taught the whole school in assemblies, I am delighted that it was so successful and our assembly at the end of the day was great fun! As a school we try to offer as many opportunities as possible so that our wonderful children have a broad and rich education and the Ocarina is now adding to this even further.

Just a mention of a couple of exciting opportunities we have coming up. Next week the children in Lotus and Orchid class have an author visit to look forward to on Monday and we have the West Wilts Dance Festival at the Bath Forum to look forward to on Thursday as well!

I do hope that you all enjoyed the unusually large amount of snow that we had on Friday. It is always a difficult decision to make when closing the school, but it is always made with health and safety firmly in mind. I hope that you had plenty of chance to make alternative arrangements, if you needed to.

Please join me for an end of term Tea with the Head on Friday 15th February at 3.15pm to see in the half term together.

Ian Rockey

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council shall be holding a Hot Chocolate & Cookie sale after school on Tuesday 5th February. Please come along and support them as they raise funds for our school.

DATES FOR TERM THREE

Tuesday 5th February

Safer Internet Day

School Council Hot Chocolate & Cookie Sale

@ 3:15pm

Monday 11th February

Author Visit for KS2

Wednesday 13th February

Lotus Class Exit Point @ 3pm

Thursday 14th February

Orchid Class – West Wilts Dance Festival

Friday 15th February

Tea with the Head

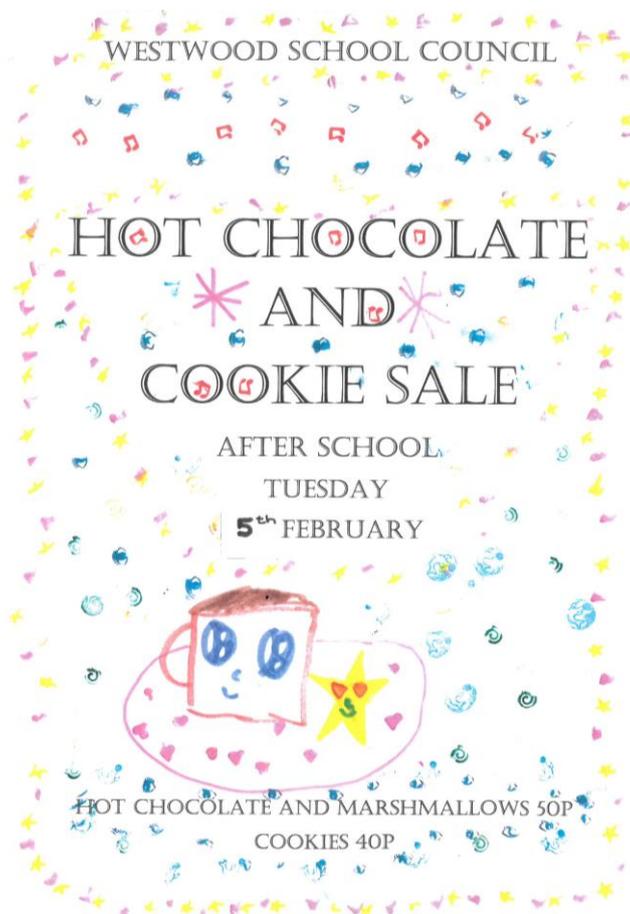
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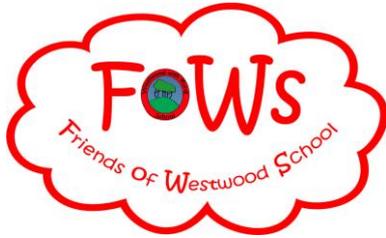
Monday 25th February 2019

BACK TO SCHOOL

LOTUS CLASS EXIT POINT

Lotus Class shall be holding their topic Exit Point on Wednesday 13th February @ 3pm. Parents of Lotus class are very welcome to come along and see what they've been learning about for their 'All aboard' topic.





OUT & ABOUT



Think of a film, book, character, song etc. which includes numbers or numerical references – perhaps you could make a 007 scarecrow, or the 3 Little Pigs or Count Dracula?
Come up with your own idea, or we can make some suggestions to help you decide.

Please contact us if you can:

- * Make a scarecrow
- * Host a scarecrow in your front garden if you are on the route
- * Join our friendly group and help with the organisation
- * Bake cakes
- * Help during the week by selling maps and / or serving refreshments

Please email westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk to get involved

Find us on Facebook!

(Deadline for scarecrow entries is 31 March 2019).

Save the date: Scarecrow BBQ in Westwood Park on Saturday 25 May 2019 more info to follow soon.

The trail is a really fun village event which raises much needed funds for Westwood with Iford School and Westwood Nursery School – thank you in advance for helping us to make it a success – The Scarecrow Trail Group (Bryony, Helen, Jo, Kay, Rachel & Vicky)

50% OFF
1 STANDARD DAY AT HOLIDAY CLUB (8:40AM-3:20PM) If You Complete Our Questionnaire! <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/COCKIGG>

GET A FREE DAY OF HOLIDAY CLUB!
Register and book online with us to get a free day of Holiday Club.*
(Early Morning: 8:10am-8:40am)
(Regular Day: 8:40am-3:20pm)
*Not including Bonus Club from 3:20pm-6:10pm.

www.fundaysclub.co.uk
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We have three days of craft workshops during the February Half Term holidays – all with a bird theme – it is garden bird nesting time after all. Each workshop takes place in a different venue so make sure you note it down.

If you have a SEND child that would benefit from attending a quieter activity then please call us and we will try to accommodate you.

Tuesday 19th February: Feathered Friends (In the Shires)

Drop-in 10.30 – 3.30; Ages 5+

Come along to the Shires Shopping Centre and make a simple birdy puppet in our FREE drop-in craft workshop.

Thursday 21st February: Birdfeeders (In the Museum*)

Tickets issued at the main entrance from 10am for sessions at 10.30, 11.10 & 11.50 and 1pm for 1.30, 2.10 & 2.50 sessions. Ages 5+

Making birdfeeders is one of our stickiest workshops – so come to Trowbridge Museum and get your hands lardy and seedy rather than at home! Birdfeeders is FREE and suitable for children aged 5+, but younger children will probably be fine cramming lard and seeds into a pot.

**Please note that the Museum is only open for families participating in the craft activity.*

Friday 22nd February: Clay Birds (In the Guide Hut)

Tickets issued from 10am for sessions at 10.30, 11.10 & 11.50 and 1pm for 1.30, 2.10 & 2.50 sessions

Ages 5+

Hop along to the Guide Hut for a spot of bird modelling in clay.



The Woodland Trust are now the proud owners and trustees of 48 acres of Avoncliff Wood and the 26 acres of surrounding fields (Upper Westwood down to Avoncliff/toboggan field and Avoncliff river meadow). The Woodland Trust raised an appeal for £355k for both the land purchase and future 10 year maintenance plan.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/support-an-appeal/avoncliff-wood-help-keep-a-sleeping-beauty-safe-forever/>

Westwood Parish Rooms consultation by The Woodland Trust

26th March

The Woodland Trust shall be holding a briefing day and consultation period for villagers of Avoncliff, Freshford and Westwood to explain their “stewardship” of this land and engage with (and hear villagers ideas), and also expand on their activities with interested parties. This is planned for:

Tuesday 26th March 2019 from 11 am - 6:30 pm and will be held at the Westwood Parish Rooms

It would be an ideal opportunity for members of our community to visit the Westwood Parish Rooms on that day to learn about what The Woodland Trust has planned for our local woods.