



Newsletter

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Thistle & Clover Classes having fun at the Multi skills Day

Another two weeks have flown by and with only one newsletter left before we break up for our summer holidays, it gives me time to reflect on what a successful and enjoyable year we have had. Watching the children having such fun, some of them for the last time, at our school disco was a joy and a reminder of how much they have matured and progressed this year. We will certainly miss our Year 6 children very much.

On Tuesday we had our first History day, in recognition of the centenary of the First World War. Each class took a sensitive and age appropriate look at what life was like 100 years ago and I know that the children found this fascinating. Once again, the staff worked hard to make it an engaging experience for them. You also know that it is late in the academic year when we start to welcome our very newest children to school. Over the past few weeks it has been super to welcome our Reception children for September and we look forward to seeing them in school looking smart in their uniform.

You may have noticed that a survey came home recently for school uniform polo shirts. I will be closing this next **Friday 11th July** so that I can let the parent community know the results well before the end of term in preparation for purchasing for September.

As I write this, I can also hear the Year 5 and 6 children practising for their performance of 'Pirates

of the Curry Bean', which sounds both hilarious and toe-tapping at the same time. I am really looking forward to the performances, both of which will be on the dates list and website. Today our KS1 and Early Years children have also had the chance to take part in a cluster multi skills festival. We have been lucky, this year, to have had the opportunity to take part in events such as these and I know that the children have benefitted so much from the experience.

With dates in mind and this being a particularly busy time of year for all of us, can I make you aware of our Leaver's Assembly which will be at **9.15am on Wednesday 23rd July** in the school hall; a last chance to say goodbye to our fabulous Year children from Westwood school. I will also be holding my last Tea with the Head for this year (plus cake!) in the Meadow on **Friday 18th July** after school. Please come along for a chat, it is always so good to see you all.

On Monday 14th July we are offering an optional parents evening. This is for parents who feel that they have something to discuss that isn't addressed in their child's school report, which you will receive next **Friday 11th July**. As our end of year reports are so comprehensive, I would hope that they contain all of the information you need to summarise your child's end of year achievements and progress. However, if you do feel that you have something to discuss that isn't covered within it, please speak to your child's

class teacher on the morning of Monday 14th July and they will arrange a time to see you that evening between 3.30 and 5pm.

As a school, we have been actively blogging recently. I have worked with all of KS2 and I will be working with KS1 next week. Blogging is an excellent way to develop literacy skills and to have your writing read by a wider audience. I would ask you to take a look at the children's work and to leave a comment, if you have time, as there is nothing like response to writing to boost a child's confidence. You can find their amazing work at westwoodlotusclass.schoolblogs.org and westwoodorchidclass.schoolblogs.org. Please have a look and encourage your child to comment on their friend's work. We have already had a visit from some teachers in America!

Can I wish you all a very pleasant weekend.

Ian Rockey



PHOTO ORDERS

Please remember to bring in your class photo orders by Monday morning. After this time, you will need to place any late orders directly with the photographer.

SIMONSBATH

Mrs Hannam has invited all parents and pupils going on the Simonsbath Residential Trip in October to a meeting on Tuesday 8th July at 6:00pm.

Please remember that parents are now able to pay for the trip either via Home Contact or to the school office.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You may have heard that industrial action is planned for Thursday 10th July. As things currently stand, we are UNAFFECTED by this, however; if this changes, we shall endeavour to inform parents as soon as possible.

DATES FOR TERM SIX

Mon 7th July – Years 3 & 4 Violin Assembly – 9:15am

Tues 8th July – Year 5 Taster Day @ St Laurence School

Tues 8th July – Simonsbath Parents Meeting – 6-7pm

Thurs 10th July – Transition Day / Year 6 Induction Day @ St Laurence School

Friday 11th July – School Reports due out

Sat 12th July – Hall Painting Day from 9:30am

Mon 14th July – Optional Parent Consultations 3:30 – 5pm

Tues 15th – Wed 16th July – Orchid & Lotus Class Performances

Fri 18th July – Musicians & Celebration Assembly – 9:15am

Fri 18th July – Tea with the Head – 3:15-4pm

Wed 23rd July – Leavers Assembly – 9:15AM

**THURSDAY 24TH July – SCHOOL CLOSSES @1:30PM
Last Day of Term**

Back to school on Tuesday 2nd September 2014

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK



Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated a sunny birthday recently



VIOLIN ASSEMBLY

On Monday 7th July, our school assembly will include performances from our Years 3 & 4 violinists with their violin tutor, Daniel Smith. Parents of these children are invited to attend this recital at 9:15am.

NITS

We currently have a few cases of nits in school. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat the family as a whole where possible. Can we also ask that children with long hair have their hair tied back in order to help minimise the spread!

PARKING

Can all parents take care to park appropriately when dropping off or collecting their child from school. Please remember that no parking is permitted in the staff car park or in front of the school gates.

Thank you



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Many thanks for supporting the summer disco so well. It was a lovely one, and great to see the children enjoying themselves so much.



The library is now up and running very successfully. Our thanks go to Ed Harrison for securing the grant that supported the FoWs fundraising, Jane Caston for working tirelessly to transform the money into a working library, plus her dedicated team of helpers Celia Rees, Sofia Harrison, Jill Ross and Heidi Leeder, and finally to thank Mr Rockey for supporting the whole project.

Our final event of the year will be a summer social involving redecoration of the school hall - please lend us a hand attached to a paint brush on Saturday 12th July any time from 9.30am onwards, go on it will be more fun than it sounds! A letter will be out shortly containing a reply slip.

We will be holding a crockery smash stall at the Westwood Church Fete, to help raise funds for our school. Join us at Westwood Manor on Sat 19th July, 2.00-4.30pm for some smashing fun!

Also, if you have any chipped, unwanted china/crockery for the stall, please contact Ann Windo at school or tel: 07804 598449 or email: ann@annrelax.co.uk. Thank you.

We also need support with prizes for the final raffle of the year at the Summer Production - please can you leave any donations, bottle of wine or box of chocolates in the School Office by next Friday 11th July.

Once again thanks for all the support for this terms events.

Yours FoWs Team.

BRADFORD ON AVON NEWS



**It's Butterfly Day at Iford Manor on Sunday 13th July
2014 from 12:00 – 4pm**

Free Entry BYO Picnic - A fun day out for all the family

- Guided butterfly walks
- Spectacular moth display
- Art & Craft, face painting and story telling
- Bat Roost, view via infra-red camera
- RSPB 'bird watching' walks
- Digital photo competition
- Butterfly friendly plant sale
- All weather programme
- Dogs on leads welcome/ queries on the day: 07967 323949

SOME OTHER LOCAL ACTIVITIES YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution 16 Queen Square Bath.

Children's Science Activities during the summer holidays.

Jurassic Ark. All summer, everyday (not Sunday) 10am to 4pm. A free exhibition of a spectacular and globally unique set of fossils found in Ilminster, Somerset. (Children's activity leaflets available).

Family Trails. 3 short trails around the centre of Bath. Tree Gazing. Bath Science Trail. The Adelard Trail. Free. Available from BRLSI reception. All summer, everyday (not Sunday) 10am to 4pm

Competition. The extinction of the passenger pigeon. (For children of all ages). . **The closing date is August 15th 2014.** Entries to be delivered between 10:00am and 12:00pm on September 1st to BRLSI 16 Queen Square.

On September 1st 1914 the passenger pigeon which was very numerous and flourished in North America became extinct because of 100 years of human interference September 1st

BRLSI wishes to remember this disastrous event exactly one hundred years after its occurrence. To help us to do this we invite children and families to provide an exhibit which will form part of a commemorative day on the exact day of the extinction. Produce a table top exhibit to explain and or demonstrate any aspect of extinction. It can be completed in any medium or mixed media e.g. posters, paintings, models or digital representation. More details at www.brlsi.org/youthactivitiesgallery

Prizes will be offered and judges will include The Chair and Trustee of the BRLSI Collections' and the designer of the BRLSI Jurassic Ark Exhibition.

Entries (**free**) can be made at coolbookings@brlsi.org or by post or in person to Passenger Pigeon Competition, 16 Queen Square, BA1 2HN

If you express an early interest, BRLSI will offer additional information and support via the BRLSI website.

September 1st at 1pm at 16 Queen Square, Bath.

Death of the passenger pigeon. FREE Open to all.

At the tolling of the bell a one minute silence will be observed to mark the end of the first century after the extinction of the passenger pigeon. This will be followed by the announcement of the winners of the 'Extinction' competition. The opening of the exhibition (including a conserved specimen of a passenger pigeon) and an entertainment.

Please note that the Autumn programme of BRLSI Children's Science Workshops is now advertised at brlsi.org/youthactivitiesgallery. Booking (at coolbookings@brlsi.org) from July 12th.

**American Museum in Britain
Family Events Summer 2014**

Family Fun: Mini Shaker Boxes

Thursday 24 July, 1pm-4pm

Create your own mini oval box in the style of the Shaker boxes found in the Museum's collection. What will you keep in yours?

Drop in, age 3+

Young Artists: Illustrate!

Tuesday 29 July, 10am- 12pm

Illustrator Hannah Carding draws characters that are bursting with personality. Join her to create your own illustrated characters inspired by the Museum's collections and make a mini story book.

£10 (£8 Museum Members)

Booking essential, ages 8+

Young Artists: Printmaking

Wednesday 30 July, 10am- 12pm

Join printmaker Steve Dixon and create your own bold screen print poster. Learn how to create a powerful design using images and text, cut a stencil, and screen print your own poster to take away.

£10 (£8 Museum Members)

Booking essential, ages 8+

Young Artists: Fashion Fantastic

Thursday 31 July, 10am- 12pm

Learn tips and techniques in fashion illustration direct from illustrator Helen Horler. Study Kaffe Fassett's exhibition to inspire designs based on the colourful flora and fauna in the Museum's garden. Use block-printing techniques to create your own bag to take away.

£10 (£8 Museum Members)

Booking essential, ages 8+

Family Fun: Pop-Up Rooms

Thursday 31 July, 1-4pm

Construct your very own pop-up room inspired by the Period Rooms in the Museum.

Drop-in, age 3+

Family Fun: Quirky Quilts

Thursday 7 August, 1pm-4pm

Be inspired by the riot of colour and pattern in our Kaffe Fassett exhibition and create your own colourful paper quilt.

Drop-in, age 3+

Family Fun: Printed Patterns

Thursday 14 August, 1pm- 4pm

Create your own printing block from recycled materials and decorate colourful banners and flags.

Drop-in, age 3+

Family Fun: Wigwams and Wikiups

Thursday 21 August, 1pm- 4pm

Join a local artist on the lawn to bring a mini community to life. Arrive early to find out how to make your own willow structures. All families are invited to decorate the 'homes' with drawings, stories, and messages. Dressing up optional!

Drop-in, age 3+

Family Fun: Perfectly Potty

Thursday 28 August, 1pm- 4pm

Create your own clay pot, inspired by the Museum's collection of Pueblo pottery.

Drop-in, age 3+