



Newsletter

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Hello again and welcome back to the Summer term of this academic year. As I write this to you we are already almost two weeks into a very short term yet we always have so much to celebrate and look forward to.



I would like to begin with some thanks to our brilliant FoWS who, once again, organised a super disco for the children last week. DJ Stewart was on his usual top form, playing all the favourites and with dance club leading the way with their routines it was another thoroughly enjoyable evening. We are very lucky to have so many people who give up their time to staff these occasions, so my thanks to everyone who came along and helped last week. The FoWS raised another **£166** for the school, which is amazing.



We are so grateful to our FoWS and to our parent community for their unwavering support and generosity and I would like to update you on how we have used some of the money that has been raised already this year. Through a large donation from our FoWs, we have now been able to fill our iPad trolley so that we have 16 devices, allowing more children to use them and a whole class to work in pairs. These devices have been hugely beneficial in supporting the children's learning and are used on a daily basis. Thank you to everyone for allowing this to happen, we are all incredibly grateful.



Gardening club helping to lay the new pond liner

Our gardening and pond and patch group have been working incredibly hard and we now have a fabulous pond in the gardening area. This has been fenced off for safety, but I would like to draw your attention to it so that we can all work together to ensure that everyone continues to remain safe around water. I must thank Ms Brown and Mrs Millen for organising this development and look forward to seeing it used on so many ways throughout the coming months. To support this, we also have obtained another grant from Tesco which will go towards adding a polytunnel to our gardening area, allowing outdoor learning all year round.

Westwood Radio continues to go from strength to strength and we are now up to our 25th live weekly show, which is such an achievement. The children are just brilliant and broadcast with incredible confidence, which makes me so proud. If you are unable to join us for the live shows on a Friday afternoon, you can always listen again from the website <http://radio.westwoodwithiford.org/latest-show.html> or you can catch up with everything that is going on in the studio via our blog, <http://radio.westwoodblogs.org/> We are very excited as next week, 12th May, we will be joined for the whole show by Ben Prater from BBC Wiltshire's Breakfast show, who asked if he could come along. We will be live on air from 1.30pm.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our wonderful Year 6 children all the very best for next week in their SATs. We are all so incredibly proud of you and all that you have achieved, both in and out of the classroom and I hope that it is just another lovely week at our school, as it should be and that you are able to enjoy your breakfast club and fun with your friends.

Have a super weekend everyone

Ian Rocky

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS



Sainsbury's have now stopped issuing the Active Kids Vouchers now, so please remember to bring in any you may have collected.

The teachers and children are looking forward to choosing resources for our school.

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday!

LOST

A pretty bracelet has been handed into the School Office. If you think it may belong to you, please come and collect it.

DATES FOR TERM FIVE

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th May
KS2 SATS

Monday 15th May - Skipping Day

Thursday 18th May
Maths Day / School Read Afternoon

Monday 22nd May - Orchid Class
Trip to Salisbury Museum @ 8:45am

Thursday 25th May
Sports Day @ 1:30pm

Friday 26th May
Back up Sports Day @ 1:30pm
Race for Life @ 3:15pm & Tea with the Head.

HALF TERM

Monday 5th June – TD Day
School Closed

Tuesday 6th June – BACK TO SCHOOL



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Summer Fair

We are pleased to announce that our Summer Fair will be taking place on **Saturday 8th July**. We have lots of fun activities and stalls planned making it an unmissable family afternoon. If you are able to help set up or run a stall, if only for a couple of hours, please contact the FoWS Team.

Future FoWS Events:

- Westwood Scarecrow Trail – May Half Term week
- Summer Fair – Saturday 8th July
- Kid's Disco Night – 18th July

Please support us in raising money for our school.

email: fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org

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**SUMMER
FAIR**

Saturday 8th July

OUT & ABOUT

BRADFORD ON AVON DAY OF MORRIS DANCE 20th MAY 2017



The day is in aid of [Dorothy House](#) and has all the makings of a great family day out, we have:

Up to 30 dance sides, 300 dancers and 100 musicians dancing non-stop all day at eight locations around the town centre. Lots of opportunity for adults and children to try Morris dancing.

Live traditional music in eight town centre pubs including English, Irish/Scottish and French sessions, try French traditional dancing. They all serve great food so why not have lunch as well.

A market on Victory Field with 39 stalls mixing local artisan produced goods, community stalls showcasing the activity of local groups and a fast food area with a mix of international foods as well beer, cider and gin bars. Have your face painted, try a traditional foot operated woodturning lathe or get a really close look at the town's big red fire engine.

Morris themed window dressing in town shops – follow the trail.

We are also hoping to arrange short boat trips on the canal, watch for updates on the web site.

There is an event car park at the Tithe Barn, BA15 1LF

The day starts with opening dances at 10.30am at the Tithe Barn. Don't miss our massed parade of all dancers and musicians at the Tithe Barn at 4.30pm, finishing with a massed dance or two - it's going to be loud, chaotic and something you won't forget in a hurry!



TROWBRIDGE MUSEUM

- 30th May- Brilliant Bird Feeders
In this workshop, you will be making treats to make the birds tweet. Suitable for all ages under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Sessions at 10:30, 11:10, 11:50 and 1:30 and 2:10.

- 31st May- Garden Guardians
Decorate a kitchen utensil and turn them into a guardian for your garden.

Sessions at 10:30, 11:10, 11:50 and 1:30, 2:10, 2:50.

- 1st June- Magic Beans (Sensory garden)
Can you grow your beans as high as jack? In this fairy-tale themed workshop, you will decorate your pot and take home your very own magic bean. Suitable for all ages, under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop in from 10:30- 3:30.

- 2nd June- Whizzy Windmills
Decorate your garden and get into the summer mood by making whirly whizzy windmills. Suitable for 6+, under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Sessions at 10:30, 11:10, 11:50 and 1:30, 2:10, 2:50.



Bradford & Avon Valley Youth Chess Club
Beginners and experienced players age 8 - 16yrs
New members welcome to start this term !

When? Tuesdays
 2/5/17 to 23/5/17
 6/6/17 to 11/7/17

Where? St Nicholas Church Hall
 Winsley.
 BA15 2 LH

How much does it cost? £3 per session paid in advance termly.
 6.15pm- 7.30pm
 Free Taster Session for new members

Who will be there?

Sessions will be led by our chess coach Paul Girdlestone, a qualified 'Chess in Schools and Communities' instructor and a strong, very experienced chess player himself who holds an enhanced DBS Certificate. Regular parent helpers, DBS checked, will be on hand to make the sessions go smoothly and provide hot drinks for parents and a drink/snack for the children. Parents welcome to stay and watch or drop off children for the session.
 For further information please contact:
 Paul Girdlestone (Lead Coach) (s) paul.girdlestone@gmail.com (t) 07959000905 (Paul)
 Sarah Gittle (Secretary) (s) sarahgittle@btinternet.com (t) 01225 862619 (Sarah)
 Nikki Komaritsky (NJC Events Secretary) (s) n.komaritsky@gmail.com (t) 01225 262966 (Nikki)
 Like us on Facebook: Bradford & Avon Valley Youth Chess Club.

The Booksters!

New book group run exclusively for readers in years 5 & 6 at Trowbridge Library



One Monday a month 4:00 – 4:30

24 April
 22 May
 19 June
 17 July
 14 August
 11 September
 9 October
 6 November
 4 December

BOOKING REQUIRED.

For more information contact Trowbridge Library
 01225 716700

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GROWN UP (SOCIAL) FOOTBALL

New players welcome

A group of mostly school parents meet up every week on a Thursday evening over the Summer for a social game of football on the Westwood Parish Council football pitch. It is usually a 6 or 7 a side game but numbers fluctuate.

There are three basic rules:

- 1) Over 18s only,
- 2) don't take it seriously, and,
- 3) come for a drink at the pub afterwards.

All are welcome, regardless of skill or fitness. If you would like to play, please feel free to turn up from around 7.15pm on a Thursday at the Council football pitch (not the school pitch).

Just turn up on the night, or contact Ed Harrison (07804 648710) if you want more detail.

Saturday Storytime at Trowbridge Library

Every Saturday
11:00 – 11:30

Join in for a short, fun story session featuring some old favourites along with some new stories.

Suitable for children aged 4 +

Free

No need to book, just turn up.

For more information please contact Trowbridge Library on 01225 716700

Parents are responsible for their children's supervision and children aged 8 and under must never be left unsupervised in the library.



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