

# 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 listen from alwavs again the http://radio.westwoodwithiford.org/latest-show.html or you can catch up with everything that is going on in studio via our 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 Rockey**

#### **SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS**



Sainbury'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 25<sup>th</sup> May Sports Day @ 1:30pm

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

**HALF TERM** 

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>Saturday 8th July</u>. 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 –18<sup>th</sup> July

Please support us in raising money for our school.

email: fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org



Westwood With School



Saturday 8th July

#### **OUT & ABOUT**

# BRADFORD ON AVON DAY OF MORRIS DANCE 20<sup>th</sup> 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

30<sup>th</sup> 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.

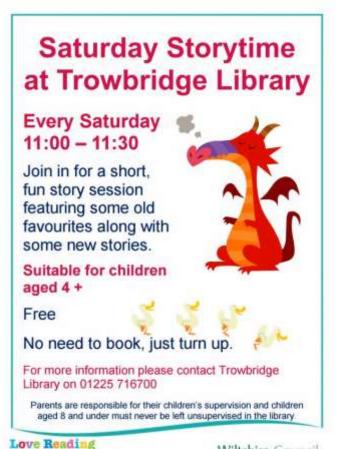
1st June- Magic Beans (Sensory garden)
 Can you grow your beans as high as jack? In this fairy-tale themed workshop, you will decorate your pot and take home your very own magic bean. Suitable for all ages, under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop in from 10:30-3:30.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

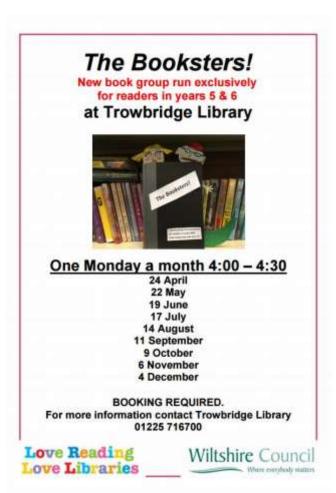
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# **GROWN UP (SOCIAL) FOOTBALL**

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.