



# Newsletter

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Boswell Road Lower Westwood  
Bradford on Avon BA15 2BY

Dear parents,

Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Autumn term. I hope that you all managed to stay dry during the half term break. It has been great catching up with your children about all the adventures that they had whilst they were off school. (I'm especially pleased to hearing lots of them talking about Doctor Who - which takes me back to my own school days!)



Just before we broke up, our school received a visit from the Local Authority to review our progress in addressing the areas of development identified during last year's Ofsted inspection. I am pleased to report that this visit was extremely positive about the direction that the school is travelling in. I have included a selection of quotes below:

*The main issue during Ofsted was safeguarding. This is no longer an issue. Extensive work has been undertaken to ensure robust systems are in place: CPOMS has been introduced and staff have received training; Wilts LA safeguarding training was delivered on 1st September; all case files have been reviewed and discussions with MASH held; staff know what to do in case of a concern and now expect feedback and know to challenge if this does not happen. Staff talk about being listened to and they know that any concern is followed up.*

*Attendance robust procedures are in place. This is no longer an issue.*

*Parental relationships a lot of work has been undertaken by the interim Head, Chair of Governors, staff and governors to mitigate the negative impact of the Ofsted report. Parental communication has improved. The recent meeting with parents held to discuss the Ofsted report was very positive and*

*extremely well led by the interim Head and Chair of Governors.*

*Parental response has been by and large positive.*

*Children are well behaved and on task.*

During the course of the next few days I will be updating our school website with further evidence of the progress the school is making. A recent focus for us has been to upload our new curriculum documents onto our website, which provide clear evidence of progression - which will ensure that every child is learning at the appropriate level.

This afternoon I met with some of our older children to discuss plans for our Pupil Parliament. It was a great meeting and they shared some super ideas, which you will see come to fruition over the next few weeks. We also talked about writing and came up with some good ideas for how to use it as a tool to show off other areas of learning.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us, with parents evening, and I hope to speak to as many of you as possible. I would like to take this opportunity though, to thank you for your ongoing support. It really does mean a lot to the staff and myself.

Best Wishes

**Stuart Busby**



## HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Our Harvest assembly was so well supported and with many, many generous donations from our fantastic community. It was such a pleasure to be able to celebrate one of our main festivals in the year. Once again, our donations have gone straight to Storehouse Foodbank in Trowbridge, who were delighted, so thank you all so much.



## SNOW WHITE



We were delighted to welcome M&M Theatrical Productions to school on Monday. They entertained us with the classic production of Snow White.

This wonderful treat was funded by Friends of Westwood School. As always, we are very grateful for their continuing support.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

The children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform. We are asking for a £1 donation for Children in Need.

## TERM 2 DATES

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Parents Evening

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Forest Schools – Willow Class

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Forest Schools – Oak Class

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Forest Schools – Maple Class

Parents Evening

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

School Photographer – a.m.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Flu Vaccines – **POSTPONED** until January

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

MUFTI DAY for CHILDREN IN NEED

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES EVERY FRIDAY @**

**9:05am**

## FOREST SCHOOLS ACTIVITY DAYS



In response to parent feedback, we plan to make more use of our incredible grounds. Next week, we have arranged for each class to have a full day of Forest School fun.

Den building, making campfires and nature crafts are just a few of the fantastic activities planned by Wild Woods. As Mrs Tyler is our very own Forest Schools teacher, she will be taking Oak Class for their day, but will follow the same format as Wild Woods, so that the children all enjoy the same experiences.

**WILLOW CLASS – TUESDAY**

**OAK CLASS - WEDNESDAY**

**MAPLE CLASS - THURSDAY**

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate, outdoor clothing on the relevant day. The children will be outside for the entire day, coming in only for lunch and the weather has turned much colder.

Appropriate clothing should include:

- wellie boots
- thick socks
- warm layers for both top and bottom halves
- waterproofs
- coats
- gloves
- hats



Each session will finish with some toasted marshmallows on the campfire. Please remember to contact the school office if your child has any dietary requirements so that alternative provision can be made.

The Wild Woods sessions are being funded by our amazing FoWS Team. As always, we are incredibly grateful for their hard work in raising funds to enable our children to enjoy the best experiences possible.

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

**The Immunisations Team will now be visiting school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Please use this link to give consent for your child.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/wilts>

Dear Parents,

Where the School Aged Immunisation Team would normally aim to complete the flu vaccine offer in schools by the end of December, this year there has been significant additional work to deliver to support the Covid 12 -15 vaccines and all year group flu vaccines programme. In view of this the flu delivery schedule has been extended to February, although we will aim to complete all sessions by the end January where at all possible.

Advice from Joint Committee for vaccinations and immunisations (JCVI) recommend, whilst flu often starts to circulate from late December, the peak can occur at any time and can often occur in February or later. Immunising children in January will still provide protection in these circumstances and is therefore beneficial.

We apologise that this is later in the season than we would normally like to deliver and we thank you for your ongoing understanding at this time.

Thank you for your help and support at this time.

Best Wishes

**School Age Immunisations Team  
Virgin Care Services Limited**

**Telephone: 0300 247 0082**

**e: [VCL.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:VCL.immunisations@nhs.net)**

**w: [www.virginicare.co.uk](http://www.virginicare.co.uk)**

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#### **How does it work?**

- ★ You can join the **100 Club** for just £2 per month
- ★ All **100 Club** members are entered into monthly, termly, and bonus cash prize draws (approx. 15 throughout the year)
- ★ Half of your membership fee will benefit the school and directly, the other half goes into the prize fund
- ★ The more members that join, the bigger the prize fund

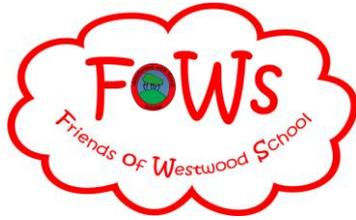
#### **How Do I join?**

- ★ The **100 Club** is open to all - no direct association with the school is necessary so please encourage friends and family to join
- ★ The annual fee is £24
- ★ Download a Members Pack from: <http://fows.westwoodwithiford.org/100-club.html> or email [100club@westwoodwithiford.org](mailto:100club@westwoodwithiford.org)

**Deadline for entry is: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Full details and Terms & Conditions are available in the Members Pack.  
Please email any queries to Hazel Eades (FoWs 100 Club Co-ordinator):  
[100club@westwoodwithiford.org](mailto:100club@westwoodwithiford.org)

Friends of Westwood School (FoWs) Registered Charity No: 1034875  
Westwood Nursery Registered Charity No: 1028876



How fa-Boo-lous was the halloween trail? It was full of amazing pumpkins, ghosts, spiders, skeletons and the odd witch too. A wonderful family event that saw people from across Westwood and wider Wiltshire join in the spooky fun.



This year we were also able to run a BBQ as part of the trail. Burgers, sausages, popcorn, cake and candyfloss all available to help warm up/reenergise those completing the trail on Sunday. This amazing event was only possible thanks to our pumpkin hosts, cake bakers, map sellers, Burger flippers, candyfloss spinners, and the expert organisational skills of Rhiannon and Lilly who made the trail and BBQ run smoothly. It was especially nice to see some of our old FoWS members come and spare an hour to continue their support of the school activities. Thank you!

Our thanks also to Westwood stores for supporting this event selling maps and also holding their own raffle to name the pumpkin.

All monies have been counted and you have helped us to collect a hair raising £561. Thank you so much. What a brilliant start to our fundraising year. Congratulations to our winners.

You can see more photos of our creations and creators on the Wiltshire times website and in the FoWS Facebook page.



As you may have seen in previous newsletters, FoWS have committed £10,000 to help provide new equipment and additional activities to supplement the children's learning. To replenish the committed funds, we have lots of activities planned for this year, hopefully something to suit everyone's tastes.

Christmas cards, expertly designed by your children are now available to order using the unique code sent home with your child this week. We receive a small commission for every order so please support this cause by buying your children's artwork to share with family and friends. **Deadline for orders 20th November.**



## OUT AND ABOUT

This year the children have also drawn self portraits which will adorn beautiful tote bags. The bags will be on sale from early December priced at £6 each 2 for £10. You can pre order yours on school gateway from next week. A great alternative to a plastic bag for PE kits, although please remember to name your bag.

100 Club renewals are now due. New members are always welcome. The more members the bigger the prizes. Please see the attached poster for more details or contact [100club@westwoodwithiford.org](mailto:100club@westwoodwithiford.org)

### Dates for your diary.

#### **2021**

16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas disco £4 per child, more details will be sent out shortly.

17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Carols by lantern light. A Wonderful opportunity for the whole community to come together with carols and Christmas songs performed by the whole school, along with traditional carols for everyone to join in. The service will be followed by mulled wine, minced pies, tea, coffee, cake and a raffle.

#### **2022**

29<sup>th</sup> January - Quiz. Get your babysitters booked, the quiz is back. This year to help with organising we will be selling tickets in tables of 6. Your ticket price will include pudding for 6 people. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our planned events in the coming months.

FoWS team.

**Sarah Humphries**  
**FoWS Chair**



Little Pickles Markets are a great way for families to save money.

The Little Pickles markets are aimed at children aged 0-3 years. Parents can choose to buy a sellers table space and come and sell all the clothes, toys and equipment their child has grown out of. They get to keep all the money they make on the day. Or they can come along as a buyer and get a whole new wardrobe for their child at a fraction of the cost. These markets are not only a great money saver for families but also have to save our planet to! Reduce, reuse, recycle!

The first market in Bradford on Avon is at St Laurence school (in the sports hall) on Saturday 20th November from 2-3:30pm.

## The HUB@BA15

**THE HUB @ BA15 - BRIDGING THE GAP**  
T: 01225 920748 W: www.boahub.co.uk  
E: boacommunityhub@gmail.com  
The Hub@BA15 is a voluntary community project offering advice, counselling, information and support.  
The Hub, Church Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LS  
Charity number: 1160807

**BOA foodbank**  
**Hope Debt Advice Service**

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON**

**SERVICES OFFERED**

- ✓ Warm welcome and a listening ear
- ✓ Internet access
- ✓ Debt & budgeting advice
- ✓ Welfare benefits & tax credit advice
- ✓ Accessing information
- ✓ Meeting room available for hire
- ✓ Signposting to organisations & agencies
- ✓ Form filling assistance
- ✓ Work Club
- ✓ Housing advice
- ✓ Foodbank
- ✓ Counselling

**BRADFORD ON AVON COMMUNITY AREA**

Map showing locations: Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Limpley Stoke, Winsley, Holt, Staverton, Westwood, Wingfield.

Working in partnership with: Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), Bradford on Avon Community Area Network and Bradford on Avon Town Council.

Supported by: Churches Together, Wiltshire Council

**Opening Times: Monday – Friday 10.00 – 1.00**  
See separate opening times for groups including Foodbank, Debt Advice, Work Club

The Hub continues to be open for food parcels to be collected between 10-1pm each weekday morning but we also have volunteers who are willing to deliver within the local area which had not previously happened pre-pandemic.

This dual system is continuing and the rest of the Hub is opening up next month for general support and advice, access to computers, plus debt and welfare benefit advice for Covid safe face to face meetings.

If you are donating food – thank you very much, it can be left in the entrance.

Please ring 01225 920748 or email [boacommunityhub@gmail.com](mailto:boacommunityhub@gmail.com) with any requests and they will respond as soon as they are able. Please contact them if you need extra support.

Their emergency number is 0800 840 2298.