



Newsletter

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The Jacolly Puppet Theatre performing on Thursday

What a wonderful festive season we have had so far and with just under two weeks left of this magical term, there is still so much to look forward to with amazing Christmas performances, our school Christingle service, Christmas lunches, parties and Carols around the tree.

I must begin this edition with an enormous thank you to our fantastic Friends of Westwood School who, in the last week alone, have organised two super Christmas events. Last week our Christmas Fair raised an enormous £1300. With the perfect start to the festive season, the school was adorned with everything Christmas and plenty of cheer to get us in the mood. The introduction of the Christmas Cafe certainly went down well and the variety of stalls, games and activities around the school made for a wonderful afternoon. I cannot thank you enough for supporting this event which, once again, had such a lovely community atmosphere and sense of occasion in the run up to Christmas. These funds will go towards making school an even better place to be for

every child within our school. Christmas stories at bedtime was a calm and thoroughly enjoyable occasion with so many of our children returning in their pyjamas to listen to stories and enjoy some hot chocolate and biscuits together, kindly donated by Sainsbury's. It was so lovely to share this event with them and I hope that we continue it again next year as it genuinely is one of the highlights of my year.

We have also been lucky enough to have the Jacolly Puppet theatre perform for us. Their performance of Dogworthy's Magic Christmas Show had us all enthralled and mesmerised, but full of humour and fun. I always think that this is the perfect way to begin our Christmas celebrations in school. Thank you to Jac and Holly for a magical afternoon. Also a big thank you to our FoWs for funding this lovely event.

Congratulations must go to the children in Orchid class, many of whom completed their Bikeability course last week. They now have the skills and knowledge to be able to ride safely around the community and enjoy their cycling.

So with very little time left of this term, I do hope that I will see as many of you as possible at our Carols around the Tree assembly on Thursday 20th December at 1.30pm. This will be immediately followed by Tea and Mince Pies with the Head in the meadow to round off a successful and extremely enjoyable term. I do hope that you will be able to join me for a festive chat before we all head off to celebrate with our families and have a well-earned rest over Christmas.

As always, you can catch up with our many radio shows via the website radio.westwoodwithiford.org and we will be live over the next two weeks, including a special show from Wiltshire Heights Residential Care Home next Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm.

Have a super weekend everyone.

Ian Rockey

SUNFLOWER & CLOVER CLASS PRODUCTION

MANGER MOUSE



Tickets for the Sunflower and Clover Class Nativity play 'Manger Mouse' have been available during the past two weeks.

There are still a few tickets remaining for the morning performance, so please pop by the school office if you would like any.

Both performances are on Tuesday 11th December.

DATES FOR TERM TWO

Monday 10th December
Sunflower & Clover Class Production Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 11th December
Sunflower & Clover Class School Production
9:30am and 6pm

Thursday 13th December
Clover Class Exit Point

Friday 14th December
Christmas Jumper Day for £1 donation

Monday 17th December
Christmas School Lunch

Tuesday 18th December
Christingle Service

Wednesday 19th December
Children's Christmas Class Parties

Thursday 20th December
Carols Around the Tree @ 1:30pm
followed by
Tea & Mince Pies with the Head

END OF TERM



Friday 14th December is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We always take part in this event, so it would be great to see the children in their Christmas jumpers, but we will wear them with our usual school uniform this time around. Please bring a £1 donation.



WINTERY WEATHER



With wet and colder weather forecast, we are all trying to ensure that the children stay warm when they go out to play. Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a warm outdoor coat and gloves and a hat.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX



Our Christmas Post Box will be waiting near the main entrance from Monday for all the cards your children would like to send to their school friends.

Remember to put names and classes on each envelope and our little elves will sort and deliver the cards each day.

WRAP AROUND CARE

There will be NO After School Care on Thursday 20th December. There will be Breakfast Club as normal.



CAROLS AROUND THE TREE



There will be carols around the tree during our traditional Christmas Assembly starting at 1:30pm on **Thursday 20th December.**

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the last day of term and if you are able, please stay for a festive Tea and Mince Pies with the Head.

SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS

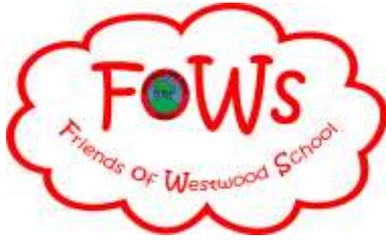
If you are available on a Monday afternoon, we would very much appreciate adult help to go with our Year 3 & 4 children when they swim at Bradford on Avon pool this term. Please call into the office or see Mr Bennett if you can help.

Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday!



Dear parents,

All of the FoWs team would like to thank you for your continued support in 2018.

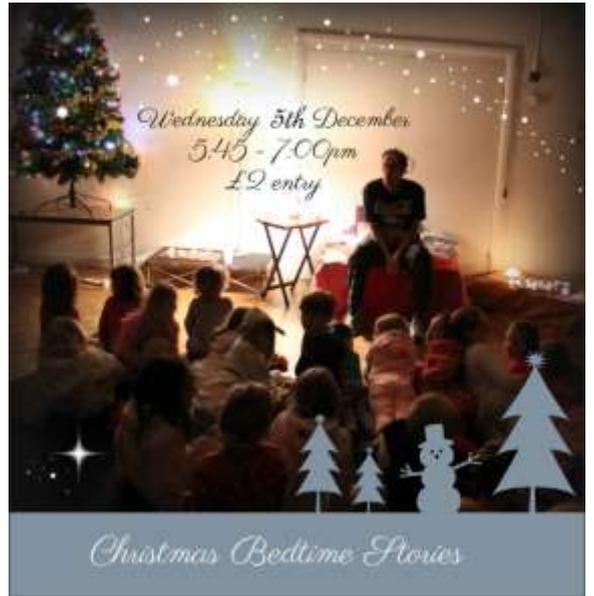
As we move ever closer to the end of the year, it seems a good time to remind you of some of our fundraising events.



We started with the Autumn Disco, always a great event, which raised **£164.23**.



Saturday, 1st December saw the school kickoff the festive season in great style with our annual Christmas Fair. Mince pies, mulled wine, stalls loaded with gifts, a raffle and plenty of fun and games saw the event break the all-time record raising over **£1,300**.



We have also just had another hugely successful bedtime stories evening.

The children dressed in onesies, with Mr Rockey as the storyteller. With the children settled with a hot chocolate or two the scene was set!

The current total is over a **£100.00** and still counting.

We have yet to calculate the amount raised from the Christmas card orders or 100 Club and of course, we are still selling Tea Towels.

With plenty planned for 2019, a movie evening, the ever popular quiz night and not forgetting the Summer Fair, I pass on our genuine thanks for your continued support in helping the FoWs team fundraise for the school.

I would like to personally pass on my thanks to the members of the committee, school and the wider community for all of their commitment, support and enthusiasm.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lee Davies
FoWs Chair

The winners for the 100 club drawn at the Christmas Fair were;

Carol Tack - monthly draw
Felicity & Steve Morfev - Christmas bonus



Meet Father Christmas

Saturdays 1, 8, 15, 22 Dec and Friday 21 Dec – timed sessions throughout the day

£10 per child - Suitable for all ages

For a truly magical Christmas treat, come to Trowbridge Town Hall in December and meet our [traditional Father Christmas](#). Father Christmas will be settling into his charming Victorian parlour decorated with garlands, bells and an enormous Christmas tree, with a large sack of delightful presents ready for all the children he meets. He'll be joined by a Victorian storyteller and his old-fashioned photographer and afterwards he has a lovely little craft activity for you to have a go at. A visit to Father Christmas costs just £10 per child and includes a traditional gift, storytelling, a Christmas card activity and a splendid sepia photograph as a memento. The experience lasts roughly 45 minutes. If you would like to book a SEN session, please get in touch.

Book now for a [truly magical and memorable Christmas experience](#). Book for Father Christmas and Land of Nod and save £2.



Children's Christmas Science Lecture (at Trowbridge Town Hall)

Wed 5 Dec 2018, 5pm

£5 - Suitable for ages 8+

What is myrrh, why was the star in the east shining so brightly and exactly how does Father Christmas visit every house in the world in just one night? These and a few other festive mysteries will be explained by Trowbridge Museum's science boffins Professor Birks and Dr. Ritson in a fun and (very) interactive lecture for children and adults. Book tickets for [yourself and your children now!](#)

We recommend this fun, interactive lecture for those 8 or over. This event will be fun for the parents too!

Victorian Children's Christmas Party (at Trowbridge Town Hall)

Sat 15 Dec 2018, 6pm

£7.50 per child (£14 for 2 children, £20 for 3 children)

Ages: 6+ (Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult)

Jelly and ice cream, party games and a very special guest – the perfect ingredients for a traditional Victorian Christmas party. We have a wonderful evening awaiting the town's children with games such as pass-the-parcel, musical chairs and delicious sandwiches, cake and trifle all topped off with a visit from Father Christmas bearing gifts for all. The party will be presented by a Master of Ceremonies with helpers dressed in period costume, so don't forget to put on your Victorian finery (or dress as a street urchin) and join in the fun!



Luxury Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Westwood Parish Rooms, Westwood, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 2AF

Saturday 8th December - 10am-12pm / 1pm-3pm / 4pm-6pm / 7pm-9pm

Sunday 9th December - 10am-12pm / 1pm-3pm / 4pm-6pm

Want to kickstart your Christmas preparations in style? Spend a cosy few hours creating a unique luxury moss-based wreath for your home. There's no previous experience required as you'll receive a full demonstration from an expert florist as well as hands-on tuition throughout the workshop. With delicious festive treats included, it's the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with friends and make something beautiful together.

Why not join us for our Saturday evening class, with the option to BYO bottle? Delicious cheese and festive snacks are included. Tickets for this special evening are £50 each.

Book now! buytickets.at/christmasworkshops

Canine Luxury Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Doghouse, Lamb Yard, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1JZ

Monday 10th December – 7pm-9pm

NEW for 2018: Join us at the Doghouse for a canine theme Luxury Christmas Wreath Making workshop! Create a wreath with additional dog themed décor for your home. Love you dog? Why not bring your furry friend for the evening? Yummy treats are included for you both.

Limited tickets available - £55 each

Book now! buytickets.at/christmasworkshops