



Newsletter

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Orchid Class had an amazing Kensuke's Kingdom experience last week.

Welcome to the final edition of the newsletter for this term, hasn't it gone quickly! I would like to begin by sharing my excitement and enthusiasm for the fact that we are now able to bring hot school meals back to Westwood School after this half term holiday.

After lengthy investigation and with the full support of the Governing Body, I believe that we have found a great solution to something that I know many of you have been asking for. We have worked closely with Mrs B's Catering of Frome to ensure that the service that will be provided is high quality, reliable and, most importantly, one which the children will enjoy. With the facilities to now sit everyone together, lunchtimes, I am sure, will be even more sociable. I'm looking forward to not having to make sandwiches again!

I would like to add a couple of reminders to my section this week, please. With the severely inclement weather of late, there have still been one or two children not wearing their coats to school. Please can I ask that everyone brings suitable clothing and footwear, as even on the playground the conditions are quite wet, so covered shoes are essential. I've needed my hat and gloves on duty too, so if you have any, it's really worth sending your child in with some.

Can I also mention the importance of being in school on time each day. When I first started, attendance improved greatly, but I have been noticing a higher level of lateness and currently **23%** of the children on

roll are below 95% attendance. Therefore, we need to work at bringing our attendance back up again, particularly in light of government guidelines.

I have been talking to the children recently about ways in which we can develop and enjoy our reading. Children from Y2-6 already have the opportunity to Read for my School:

<http://www.readformyschool.co.uk/> This is an ideal opportunity to sign up, read free new books and even write a review if they were particularly enjoyable. For the younger (and older) readers, can I also suggest Oxford Owl: <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-owl/find-a-book/library-page>.

Again, there is a very user friendly sign up procedure, but children will have access to 250 free ebooks, many of which we use in school. With the development of our school library and World Book day approaching, it would be good to encourage your children to read and enjoy books as often as possible.

For the writer in you, there is also westwoodwriters.schoolblogs.org, a blog full of prompts and opportunities to develop the children's writing skills. Just click on reply to a post and leave your piece of writing, which I will moderate and allow for the world to see. It would be lovely to see more people taking part and there are some really good examples from children already on there. I look forward to reading them!

I hope the rest of the term goes well for you and I

wish you a restful half term break. One future date for your diary is **Easter tea and cake with the Head**, which I have moved from Friday 24th February to **Friday 4th April**, the last day of term 4. I look forward to seeing you there; it is always an enjoyable afternoon.

Ian Rockey

SCHOOL MEALS

Order forms and menus will be sent out to parents next week. All orders and payment for the meals commencing the first week after half term will need to be in to the office by 9.00am on Thursday 13th February.

WALK SAFE

Before Christmas, each class had a rigorous session on road safety, run by Wiltshire Council. This certificate proves how well everyone did.



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE FIT VOUCHERS

We now have a voucher box at the entrance of the school. Please do collect these vouchers as each year we are able to purchase a lot of school equipment from Sainsbury's

POLKA DOT SCARF

A grey/blue polka dot scarf has been left in the Reception area of the school for the past few weeks. If it belongs to you, please come in and collect it.

THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF

Thank you to everyone who helped to make cakes or buy them at our cake sale on Friday. We raised an amazing £83.00 to put towards buying costumes for the 'Great Big Dance Off!'

Karen Hobson

<u>DATES FOR TERM THREE</u>	
Thurs 13 th Feb	Last day of term
Friday 14 th Feb	Teacher Training Day – no school
<u>DATES FOR TERM FOUR</u>	
Mon 24 th Feb	Back to school
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Thurs 6 th March	FoWS Meeting – The New Inn 8pm
Thurs 13 th March	School Disco
Sat 22 nd March	Quiz Night
Mon 31 st March	The Great Big Dance Off
Friday 4th April	Tea with the Head

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK



These children have had a birthday to celebrate over the past two weeks.



WESTWOOD SCARECROW TRAIL

Have a think over half term which scarecrow you would like to make, along the theme of Nursery Rhymes - there are no shortage of Nursery Rhymes to choose from!

If you'd like to get involved in making/hosting a scarecrow, we'd love to hear from you. Please talk to trail organisers: Jane Caston, Julie Cleave, Jo Hill, Elaine Caddy or Lilly Webb or email us at: westwoodscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk

For more information on making or hosting a scarecrow, please see our website: www.westwoodwithiford.org/westwood-scarecrow-trail.html

Please get in touch no later than Monday 24th March.

FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Our next event is the school DISCO on Thursday 13th March. Posters and permission slips will be out soon.

Don't forget to keep Saturday 22nd March free for our pudding themed Quiz Night. Tickets will be available after half term and for those of you without a sweet tooth, don't worry; there will be a savoury option available.

The next FoWS meeting is on Thursday 6th March at The New Inn at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Your FoWS Team

Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution

Children's Activities

8th March - 1 pm Galaxy Zoo

For children over 8. A 'hands on' astronomy workshop. A chance to use the big Faulkes telescope to locate, identify and classify the galaxies in our universe, as part of an international research project sponsored by various universities e.g. Oxford.

At BRLSI 16 Queen Square, Bath BA1 2HN. £6 per child. Advance booking essential at coolbookings@brlsi.org

15th March - 5:30 pm to 8pm 'Getting Close Up To Wetness'

For children over 8. A 'hands on' science workshop about water. At the Roman Baths in Bath. Come to torchlit fun! Free 'drop in' one hour workshop but entrance charges (or discovery card) to the museum apply.

22nd March - 1 pm 'Brainwave'

A 'hands on' workshop for children over 8.

A chance to find out more about the brain with staff and students from the Department of Pharmacy at the University of Bath.

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