



Newsletter

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A beautiful poppy display by Thistle & Clover Classes for Remembrance Day

A very warm, although it isn't very warm outside (!) welcome back to this new term and the first issue of our newsletter. Although we have only been back a week, there is still much to report back on.

Can I begin by reiterating once again how proud we were of Orchid class on their residential trip to Simonsbath. The centre manager has been in touch with us and has said what a joy the children were to have for the week and I would echo that. A lot of fun was had by all, with many new and different activities tried throughout the week and, although we all came home tired, we made many happy memories that I hope will stay with the children for years to come. Of course, my thanks go to our brilliant staff for their hard work, organisation and ability to play a drum, ride a mountain bike, fire an archery arrow and wade a stream with such professionalism and humour.

In school this week, our councils have been reconvening after the half term break. I have met with our School Council, who have set Children in Need as their charity to raise funds for this year and we are already planning our first event. I have also met with our Digital Leaders who form our Digital Council, where blogging was high on the agenda and the need to keep children safe through esafety. These people will be pioneering technology and supporting their

peers throughout the school and I am very excited to be leading them in a new initiative this year. Our librarians for this year have also got together again and we are ensuring that the library is tidy and well stocked. Can I remind you that the library is open on a Tuesday and a Friday after school from 3.15pm and a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for children to change their books, listen to an audio book or even read a newspaper. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful resource.

Exciting news from this week is that we will be recording a CD in two weeks' time! Westwood School heads into the studio and the result will be a professional CD of our favourite school songs. A letter accompanying this will explain more and will also be available on the website, as usual. Also accompanying this edition of the newsletter will be the ever popular, straight-onto-the-fridge, diary dates. Updated with everything new, this will, I hope, keep you informed of everything that we will be doing this term and beyond.

You will have noticed that our blogs are receiving a vast number of views at westwoodblogs.org, the new home of Westwood with Iford School Blogs. All the links from the website have been updated and the children have been working incredibly hard, with

super results. It is a window into life at our school and allows you the opportunity to share in what we do on a day to day basis. Content is posted every day, so I would ask you to subscribe to these blogs - just enter your email on the blog page and be added to the list. No spam will come your way and you will be notified every time a new post is added. It would also be lovely if you could add comments to what you have read. More of you are doing that now, which is wonderful, but a few moments to increase the children's audience would boost their confidence and inspire them to write more.

As a school we are also on Twitter - **@wwischool**, as are Lotus class now - **@wwilotus**. Updated daily with links to blogs and interesting information, these are two accounts to follow, with other classes joining soon.

Finally, a request, please! We are always looking for extra adults to come in and read with our children. Not only does it aid their reading progression to read with an adult, but it also supports the work of the class teacher. If you have some time to spare on a regular basis, please would you approach your class teacher and let them know as your time would be much appreciated.

This term is always one that I very much enjoy in school as it is full of excitement and magic, leading up to the festive season and I look forward to the many activities that we have planned.

Ian Rockey

BIRTHDAYS



Some big and little birthdays to celebrate!

HARVEST THANKS

Mrs Cook took all the food donations to the Store House Food Bank following our successful Harvest assembly.

Westwood with Iford Primary School 2014

Thank You

For your Harvest Donation and for supporting your local Foodbank.

All of your kind donations will make a massive difference to local adults and children in the need in the Trowbridge area.

www.storehousefoodbank.co.uk

CLUBS

Please note that football club will start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm for the rest of the term.

Due to the Parent Consultations taking place next week, there will be no Art Club on Tuesday.

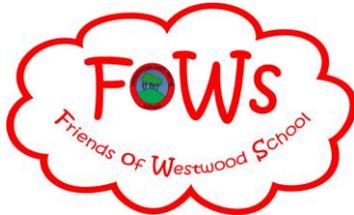
DATES FOR TERM TWO

- Mon 10th November – Parent Consultations 3:30-7pm
- Tues 11th November – Parent Consultations 3:30-5pm
- Thurs 13th November – FoWS Meeting – 8pm, The New Inn
- Friday 14th November – Children In Need Non Uniform Day
- Tues 18th November – Parent E Safety Meeting – 6:30pm
- Friday 21st November – CD Recording Day
- Tuesday 25th November – Storybox Theatre
- Monday 1st December – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TD DAY
- Wed 3rd December – Curriculum & Assessment Parents Update Meeting – 6:00-7:00pm @ school
- Saturday 6th December – Westwood School's Christmas Fair – 2:00 -4:30pm



POPPY COLLECTION

We have been given a poppy box by the Royal British Legion to help with donations for Remembrance Day. If you or your child would like a poppy, they are available from outside the school office.



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Ceilidh

Thanks to those of you who attended, helped and who donated drinks and raffle prizes. We raised £300, which is great. There was much fun and laughter and it was so lovely to see everyone enjoying dancing to the band's music, Rapscaillon. Even they and the caller really enjoyed the night too!

Children's Christmas Card Designs

Thank you for your orders. These are currently with the printers and will be delivered back to us in the latter half of November. Can't wait to see them! We are hoping this will raise £250 for school.

100 Club

Our October winner was: Marek Caddy, winning £25

Mid-term bonus draw winner was: Suzanne Hodshon, winning £50

Our annual draw cycle will now commence for another year, with an increased number of members.

If you are interested in joining, supporting the school and nursery, you still can. Details and forms are available outside the school office.

Westwood School Christmas Fair – Saturday 6th Dec – 2-4.30pm

Planning is underway for this. A letter will be sent out soon, with details of how you can help. We really need your support, to ensure it's as big a success as in previous years.

Next FoWS Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th November, at 8pm at The New Inn, Westwood.

We're always on the lookout for new members and new ideas, so if you would like to find out what it's about/get involved, please come along.

Please support us in raising money for our school.

Ann Windo & Elaine Caddy

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WESTWOOD CHURCH

St Mary's Church in Westwood are having it's annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 22nd November. There is a Dickensian theme this year and there will be a fancy dress competition for the children.



Saturday 22nd November
Westwood Social Club, 11am-3pm

Here's how you can help...

- ✿ Quality Bric-a-Brac to Kate & Dave Windo, 153A Upper Westwood
- ✿ Toys to Rebecca & Chris Edwards, 56 Lower Westwood
- ✿ Toiletries + unopened gifts + books + CDs & DVDs to Margaret & Richard Askew, 46 The Pastures
- ✿ Cakes before the day to Lesley Chalmers 866734, or Betty Hancock 866878
- ✿ Tombola items to Julie Adcock 862568
- ✿ For all enquiries please contact Julie Adcock on 862568

