



Newsletter



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Boswell Road Lower Westwood
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The children showing incredible imagination with our wonderful new PlayPod

Hello and welcome back to another exciting term, I do hope that you were able to have some restful time during the half term break. This is probably one of my favourite terms of the year as we have the joy of the festive season to look forward to with our fabulous Christmas performances and so much fascinating learning taking place, which has already begun in the first few days!

You will probably have heard from your children that our PlayPod is now open on the playground each lunchtime for them to use and enjoy. Funded through a lottery grant, the concept behind it is that the Wiltshire Scrapstore fills it with quality, clean and safe scrap materials that the children can use for exploratory and engaging play - den making, office work (!) with old keyboards, the possibilities are endless, truly. I managed to get out on to the playground on Tuesday and it was just so lovely to see everyone involved and loving their play. If you get the chance, there is a photo slideshow on my Head's blog head.westwoodblogs.org for you to see what we do at lunchtimes. The formal opening of our PlayPod will be next **Friday 13th November at 2.30pm** - just before the end of school - and you are invited to come along and see what is inside the mysterious blue box and have a play yourself! We would love to see you.

We are also very excited because our brand new play equipment is being installed next to the playground this week. With the money raised from our wonderful FoWs, we were able to purchase some really lovely pieces of equipment for all ages of children and I am very much looking forward to opening it up to the school as soon as possible. Thank you so much to everyone who has worked hard to raise money to make this possible for our school community.

Please don't forget that we are holding our Parent Consultations on Monday and Thursday of next week, so book your slot if you haven't done so already. Also, if you are able to come along, I will be running a parent eSafety update meeting on **Tuesday 17th November at 6.30pm** in the school hall. It will be a useful opportunity to find out how to keep your children safe online. Can I please ask that any Healthy Lunchbox questionnaires are also returned as I am formulating the next stage of our Healthy Schools Plan. Thank you.

All that remains is to wish you a very enjoyable weekend and if you are going to watch fireworks I do hope you have fun!

Ian Rockey



BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated their birthdays over the last couple of weeks.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor; your role would be as a typical parent bringing a parent's perspective to the running of the governing body and the school. We value the experience that all governors bring to the role.

To find out more about what being a governor at this school is like; you can contact Sean Wyartt, who will be very willing to answer any questions.

seanwyartt@westwoodwithiford.org

CHILDREN IN NEED

To raise money for Children in Need, we are having a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November in exchange for a £1 donation.



DATES FOR TERM TWO

MON 9TH NOVEMBER – PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3:30-7PM

THURS 12TH NOVEMBER – PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3:30 – 5PM

FRI 13TH NOVEMBER – CHILDREN IN NEED NON UNIFORM DAY

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER – SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

TUES 17TH NOVEMBER – PARENT ESAFETY MEETING - 6:30PM

SHOE BOX APPEAL



Please remember to return your Christmas Shoebox to school as soon as you can. The boxes are being collected at midday on Friday 13th November.

For information on how to fill a shoebox, see

<http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

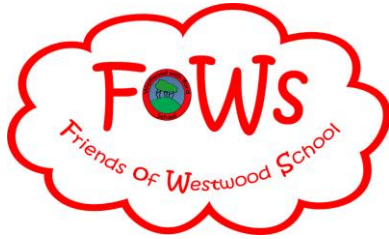
GYM CLUB

Shane Kiely is running a gymnastics club on Fridays after school. This is available to all year groups and is free of charge. The club will finish at 4:15pm.



POPPY APPEAL

We have poppies from the Royal British Legion on sale at school, and this year we have a box of additional items for their Poppy Appeal.



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD SCHOOL UPDATE

100 Club

Thanks to everyone who has re-joined and to our newcomers. The first draw of our new year will be on Friday 13th November, so good luck to you!

FoWS 70's & 80's Disco – Saturday 21st November

Don't forget to purchase tickets for our forthcoming adult disco night.



Tickets available (£5) from the school office or via a FoWS committee member in the playground.

FoWS Christmas Fair

Just a reminder for your diaries: Saturday 5th December, 2-4:30pm.

If you or your children have any ideas for stalls or games for our Fair, then please let me know.

Please support us in raising money for our school.

Ann Windo, FoWS Chair

Friends of Westwood School

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<http://fows.westwoodwithiford.org>

OUT AND ABOUT

Bradford on Avon

Christmas Light Switch On and Late Night Opening

Friday 27th November 2015

Lights Switched On at 7pm

Westbury Gardens

Shops Open until 8pm

Father Christmas in his Grotto, Music, Stalls, Rides,
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Samba Band, Thomas the
Tank Engine,
And New Lights!

POSTER COMPETITION

**Poster Competition for children - include the above
information in a poster and deliver to**

Tillions China Shop

By Saturday 7th November.

PRIZE!

**Winner will help the Switch On of the Christmas
Lights and receive a Family Ticket for Four to see
Jack and the Beanstalk at The Theatre Royal, Bath.**

There are two age groups so put your name, age and
phone number
on the back of the poster

The Winning Poster will be used for Publicity

All Posters will be displayed on Late Night Opening



Saturday 14th November – Christmas Card Workshop

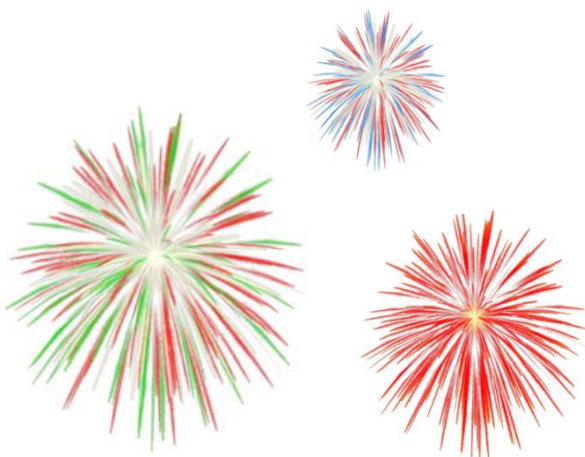
Make your own unique Christmas Cards in our printing workshop for adults. Using a simple poly-printing technique you'll make a set of 10 Christmas cards each mounted on a card blank, with a matching envelope. The workshop runs from 11am to 3pm, which includes a break for lunch – bring sandwiches or similar, tea and biscuits will be provided, and costs £10 per person. Participants must be 16 and over. Places are limited and can be booked via Ticketsource or in person in the museum as a £5 deposit is required.

Wednesday 25th Nov, 5.30pm – 8.30pm – Christmas Card Workshop

If you can't make Saturday's card workshop we'll be repeating it in the first of our new Wednesday Workshops series. It's £10 person and includes refreshments.

Saturday 5th December – Festive Felting

Join us for the first of two adults-only needle felting workshops when we'll be making charming Christmas tree decorations. The session runs from 11am to 3pm and includes a break for lunch (not provided) and costs £10 person and includes all materials and tea and biscuits. Places are limited and can be booked via Ticketsource or in person in the museum as a £5 deposit is required.



MY SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION 2016 – all welcome

All children and parents are invited to take part in the fifth annual My Science Fair Competition on Sunday 6th March 2016 at the Wiltshire Music Centre. Children age 5-11 may propose a topic to be explored, conduct an experiment and produce a completed project for the competition. The event is free and will include games, demonstrations and workshops.

See the mysciencefair.org website for further details and an entry form. Send in your entry proposal before the 13th November and then get started on your project.

6TH MARCH 2016
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CALLING ALL YOUNG SCIENTISTS!

Be part of **MY SCIENCE FAIR: A free family event showcasing YOUR music and science experiments!**

- live demonstrations • amazing music • fascinating workshops •

MUSIC, MOVEMENT AND SCIENCE PROJECT COMPETITION

- Do your research and experiment
- Make a poster explaining your findings
- Display your work on the day in the **SCIENCE FAIR** project gallery
- Receive a certificate and win prizes!

mysciencefair.org
mysciencefair@wiltshiremusic.org.uk

FREE!
Children from 5 to 11 years can enter

Apply online!
Visit the website or email us for more details

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