



# Newsletter

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Boswell Road Lower Westwood  
Bradford on Avon BA15 2BY



*Our Remembrance display created by Wrap Around Care leader, Ben.*

Hello again and welcome back to Term 2. This term is always so magical and full of fun and festive cheer and with our Christmas Fair only weeks away I know that time will fairly race by!

In school we have, of course, been very busy with all sorts of wonderful learning taking place both in and out of the classroom, and our classes have discovered their topics for this term, with some super entry points and knowledge harvests taking place. I know they will immerse themselves in some very exciting learning over the coming weeks.

It was very special to be able to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War in a school ceremony at Westwood Church this week. Reverend Joanna invited us to hold our very own service in which we thought about the meaning behind remembrance, poppies and some children even placed some poppies, made by Jill Ross, in the church to remember the soldiers from Westwood who did not return from the war. The church really is a spectacle and the children were so beautifully behaved and respectful; it was a most fitting way to commemorate the centenary.



*The beautiful poppy display created by the community*

Also this week I have very much enjoyed being in class, listening to children read their poems and their 100 word challenges and five sentence challenges, which I have recorded and posted to my blog, [head.westwoodblogs.org](http://head.westwoodblogs.org). If you are able, please do give these a listen and comment on our children's wonderful work on their class blogs. They work so hard and giving them an audience is such a positive way to inspire them; engaging them in quality writing which is a joy to read and listen to them present.



Speaking of presenting, our broadcasters are continuing to go from strength to strength, setting the standard in education radio for primary schools across the country. Visit [radio.westwoodwithford.org](http://radio.westwoodwithford.org) for the latest shows, news, information and how you can listen to us live every Monday, Thursday and Friday. We love listener interaction, so do send us your emails and texts, please, even if we are not on air as we can always read them out next time! Amazingly, in the last month alone, we have had over 10,000 listeners to our station and education radio is having such an enormous impact on the quality of writing, speaking and listening in our school.

Finally, if you prefer to catch up with the latest from our school in audio form, you may be interested in a podcast that I record each week. **Westwood Talk** is a round up of everything that is taking place at our fabulous school and is available to listen or download from <http://radio.westwoodwithford.org/latest-talk-show.html> or from [soundcloud.com/westwoodradio](https://soundcloud.com/westwoodradio). You can get in touch by email with questions or include #westwoodtalk in your tweet to join the conversation.

Have a super weekend everyone

Ian Rockey

## WESTWOOD DANCERS



A huge well done to Erin, Sophie, Susan, Mya and Talia who represented the school brilliantly at an Able and Gifted Dance Workshop on Tuesday the 9th October. They danced superbly with confidence, energy and grace, making a real impression. The workshop was run by Swindon Dance in partnership with the West Wilts Dance Festival whose theme this year is 'Love is'.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



This year at Westwood School we are again hoping to brighten the lives of some less fortunate children by sending them a present for Christmas.

Please could you bring any Christmas Shoeboxes into school by next Tuesday so that they are ready for the volunteers to collect.

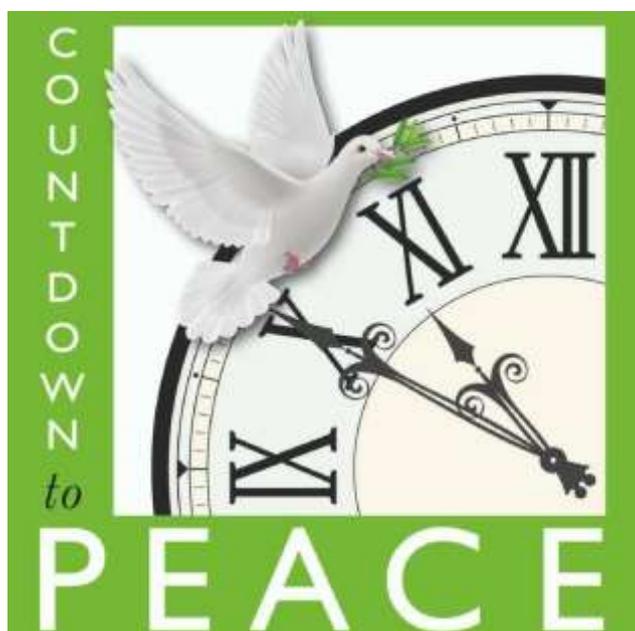
For information on how to fill a shoebox, see <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Thank you.

## BIRTHDAYS



*Happy Birthday to you all!*



Dave King, (who has taught piano at Westwood for over 15 years but is leaving us after Christmas), is also a composer and choir leader.

He has recently written a piece for choirs, piano and solo violin especially for the Armistice Centenary celebrations in Bradford this November, a setting of Siegfried Sassoon's poem 'Everyone Sang'. The violin part quotes from the well-loved Vaughan-Williams piece 'The Lark Ascending' and the whole composition is a moving celebration of Peace.

Everyone is welcome to come along at 3pm on Saturday November 10th at Holy Trinity; tickets from the Wiltshire Music Centre.'

[www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk](http://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk)

## DATES FOR TERM TWO

**Tuesday 13th November**  
**Parent Consultations 3:30-7pm**  
**Christmas Shoebox Deadline**

**Thursday 15th November**  
**Parent Consultations 3:30 - 5pm**

**Friday 16th November**  
**Children in Need - Non-school uniform for £1**

**Tuesday 20th November**  
**OPEN MORNING 9:30 am - 12pm**

**Wednesday 21st November**  
**Parent Online Safety Meeting 7-8pm**

**Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th November**  
**Year 6 Bikeability**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair Donations**

**Saturday 1st December**  
**FoWS Christmas Fair 2-4:30pm**

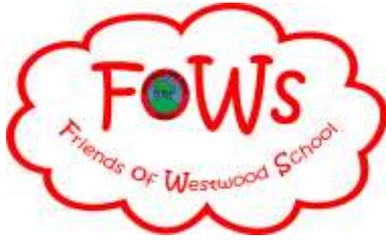


## CHILDREN IN NEED

To raise money for Children in Need, we are having a non-uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November in exchange for a £1 donation.

## WINTER PE KIT

The children still have PE outside when the weather permits. With this in mind, could you please ensure that your child has something warm to wear in their PE kit. Black or Navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirts are allowed for the winter months. Please ensure that all PE items are clearly labelled.



## Christmas Fair

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2-4:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

This year's FoWS Christmas Fair will be taking place on the above date at our school. We are hoping to build on last year's success, which raised £1,1362 and provided valuable funding for our school. As a way of collecting donations of goods for we hold a mufti day. Instead of the children paying to wear their own clothes to school, we ask for donations of goods which could be used for the tombola or stalls at the Christmas Fair.

## TOMBOLA\*

Luxury food, biscuits, preserves, pickles, interesting or alcoholic drinks, canned luxury items, unusual teas, coffee, candles, aromatherapy items, hand cream, bath or shower products, Family games, jigsaw puzzles, anything containing chocolate.

**\*All product donations need to be new, unused and within their use by date.**

## WINE OR WATER STALL

Bottles of wine – any type, any colour.

## 'THE JAR'

Children can help with this one! Please fill a jam jar of any shape or size with sweets, chocolates, toys (e.g. hair accessories, key rings, plush toys, Lego figures, party bag fillers) then wrap it in Xmas paper and label whether it is suitable for a girl, a boy or both. We will be selling the wrapped jars for £2 each.

## RAFFLE PRIZES

We would love to hear from anyone with business contacts that would donate something like a pub meal, for example, or shop vouchers.

**Please would you leave donations in the School Reception area between Monday 26th November and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

If you are able to help on the day as a stallholder, even for a short time, then please do let us know.

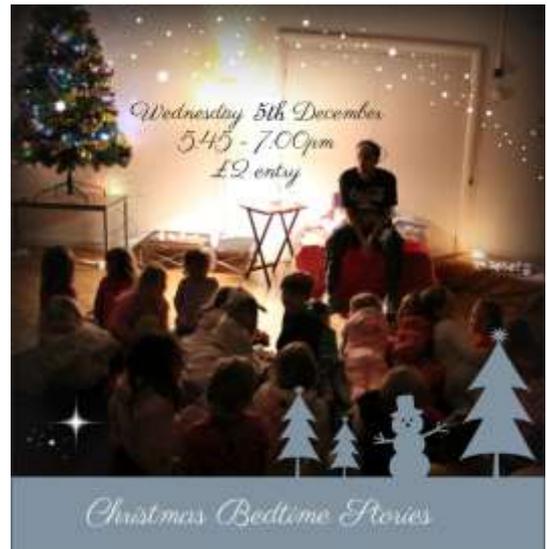
Finally, please support our school by bringing as many family and friends to the Fair as possible.

Kind Regards,

Lee Davies & FoWs team

FoWs Chair

Email: [fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org](mailto:fowschair@westwoodwithiford.org)



## Christmas Storytelling Evening

Wednesday 5th December 2018

For the 3rd year running we are pleased to announce that it will be soon be time again for Christmas Bedtime Stories.

Get cosy in your pyjamas, bring your favourite teddy and join Mr Rockey for an evening of festive storytelling by fairylight.

We will have a hot chocolate and biscuit interval again too!

School Hall - 5:45 - 7pm

Admission £2 - includes hot chocolate & biscuits

Siblings very welcome but must be accompanied by parents.

If you would like to share one of your favourite Christmas Stories please bring in your named book and give to Mr Rockey.

Thank you,  
Friends of Westwood School Team

# WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS



# FAIR



GORGEOUS  
GIFTS

Yummy Treats

Santa's Grotto

Mulled  
wine & cider

Games Galore

Festive Fun

2PM - 4.30PM

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Entry £2.50  
includes a free drink  
Kids go free!



ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**11 November 2018**  
**10.55am**

*After the service everyone is welcome to a simple lunch in the Parish Room where we will continue to reflect on the meaning of this special day.*

## MUSIC LESSONS FOR FLUTE & DESCANT RECORDER

FUN AND FRIENDLY LESSONS  
AVAILABLE IN FRESHFORD

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES  
WELCOME

CONTACT ALISON  
ALISONSELLERSFLUTE@GMAIL.COM  
07745415044  
FOR MORE INFORMATION



### **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.

Early bird tickets {available until 31<sup>st</sup> October} - £40

After this date - £45

Book now! [buytickets.at/christmasworkshops](https://buytickets.at/christmasworkshops)

### **Canine Luxury Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**

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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](https://buytickets.at/christmasworkshops)