



# Newsletter

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*Our very own Westwood Dance Club and Orchid Class have something to celebrate.*

A very Happy New Year to you all! I do hope that you had a wonderful and restful family Christmas and enjoyed plenty of Christmas fare.

Thank you to those of you who joined me for tea and mince pies before the end of term. Our next get together is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, same time, same place and cakes will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

With a new term underway it is always exciting to look forward and think about what we have coming up in school. Firstly I must congratulate Mrs Hobson and our brilliantly talented dancers. They have danced their way into the regional heats of the Great Big Dance Off, which will be taking place on 31<sup>st</sup> March in Swindon. Although I am not surprised, as we are so often treated to a slick performance in celebration assembly, it is lovely to know that our children will be representing us in this big event. Further details about this can be found at [www.thegreatbigdanceoff.com](http://www.thegreatbigdanceoff.com). Well done everyone!

I am also extremely excited to announce that we will be starting to catalogue our library over the next couple of weeks in order to be able to open it to both children and adults as a lending library. Thanks to another fundraising coup from our Friends of Westwood we have matched funding with Bradford on Avon board to enable us to computerise our library

and to purchase more books for our stock. I will let you know in due course when this is up and running.

As a school we always welcome people in to work with the children and I thought now would be a good time to ask whether anyone has some time that they would be able to give in order to come in and share books. Any regular time that you can offer would be greatly appreciated and would greatly benefit the children in their reading development, particularly if they are not regular readers at home. Please call in and let us know if you would be happy to support this.

As part of our curriculum development, we are now utilising technology more as a learning tool and to promote writing development. I have set up a writer's blog: [www.westwoodwriters.org](http://www.westwoodwriters.org). Each week I will be adding a new prompt and I have invited children from the whole school to challenge themselves to write in response to the first one, which is now up. I am hoping that this will engage children even more in writing and promote a real enthusiasm for English and literacy. If you have online access and a few moments, please support your children with this, as I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy it. My blog is still flourishing and I do update it regularly:

[www.westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org](http://www.westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org). Please have a look if you have a minute or two and find out what we do on a day to day basis. Leave a comment; I always

appreciate them! You will find links to other class blogs there too and more are on the way.

I am confident that this will be another successful, productive and thoroughly enjoyable term and if you haven't already, please complete your parent questionnaire as feedback is always so important to us and helps us to work with you to take the school forward.

*Ian Rocky*

<u>DATES FOR TERM THREE</u>	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	FoWS Meeting – 8pm The New Inn
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Hot School Lunch Taster Session– 3.15pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tea & Cake with the Head 3.15-4.30pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of term
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Teacher Training Day

### HOT SCHOOL DINNERS

We are very pleased to let you know that we have been in discussion with **Mrs B's Caring Catering** to provide hot school lunches for the school. Several members of staff have tasted their food at training events and can highly recommend both the taste and quality of the meals provided. Our Christmas Lunch was catered by them and proved to be very successful.

Mrs B's make their own burgers, fish cakes, etc. and source meat from local companies, placing a high emphasis on the quality of their food.

We have arranged a taster session for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15pm in the school hall. Please do come along and sample some of the meals that they would be able to offer.

### THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF

Please return permission slips as soon as possible so that Mrs Hobson can start choreography more amazing routines for The Great Big Dance Off.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Places are still available for Golf Club on a Tuesday. This club costs £2 per week and includes a weekly prize for the best improver! Hockey Club on a Friday also has spaces and is £18 per half term.

If you have yet to pay for Spring Term's Dance or Football Clubs, please do so as soon as possible.

### FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD

Following on from the success of last term's fundraising efforts, more fun events are being planned for 2014. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in The New Inn. Everyone is welcome to attend and you are free to contribute as much or as little as you are able.

Sadly, due to unavoidable circumstances, we have to move our Pudding themed Quiz Night to March. A new date will be confirmed soon.

**Your FoWS Team**

### PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

A letter and short questionnaire went out to everyone this week from our Chair of Governors, Sean Wyartt. Please take a moment to fill it in and return to the school office. Your responses are important and will help to make the school an even better place. You can find both the letter and questionnaire in the News and Events section of the website, under 'Letters Home'.

### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK



This week there were plenty of Christmas and New Year birthdays to celebrate.

## SILVER STREET DONATION

Matt Withers, of Silver Street solutions and a parent within the school, has very generously offered to donate a percentage of the commission taken from his business from new mortgages to our school.

Therefore, if you have any mortgage requirements and would like to find out more, please contact him on 01225 869900 or check out his website: [www.silverss.com](http://www.silverss.com)

## BRADFORD ON AVON CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

Please see the flyer below. A couple of parents have kindly said that they might be able to offer a lift if needed. If you require any further details about the two events, then please contact Shane Kiely, [Schoolsport2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Schoolsport2001@yahoo.co.uk)

**BOA Cluster X-Country**

**Monday 13th January**  
(Open Race)

**Monday 20th January**  
**BOA**  
**X Country**  
**Championships**

**@ St Laurence School**

**Years 3 and 4: 3.50pm**  
**Years 5 and 6: 4.00pm**

Meet behind Wiltshire Music Centre

If you have any questions e-mail Mr Kiely: [Schoolsport2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Schoolsport2001@yahoo.co.uk)

## HALF TERM EVENTS

### FREE Spring Half Term Events organised by Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution

At 16 Queen Square on Tuesday February 18th 10:30am and 11:30am

#### Family workshops

"Wicked Weapons" join Brian Godwin, weapons expert to find out more about guns, swords and armour from the BRLSI collection.

**Advance booking essential - ONLY 10 PLACES available at each workshop.**

Go to [coolbookings@brlsi.org](mailto:coolbookings@brlsi.org) and leave name and age of child.

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### FREE Spring half term hands on Science Workshops at local libraries across Mendip and B&NES for children over 7

Come and join Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution and students from the University of Bath Physics Department for an hour of fun filled 'shocks' Find out about electricity and what magnets have got to do with it.

The locations are all libraries:-

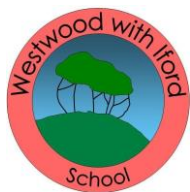
Wednesday February 19th 10:30am Keynsham and Midsomer Norton 2:30pm

Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> - Frome 11am and 1:30pm

Friday February 21st - Saltford 10:30am

Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Shepton 10:30am and Wells 1:30pm

**ADVANCE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** either at the appropriate library or at [coolbookings@brlsi.org](mailto:coolbookings@brlsi.org) **only 10 places available at each workshop**



	Date	Event	Time/Notes
<b>JANUARY</b>	06.01.14	<b>Term 3 begins</b>	
	14.01.14	FoWS Meeting	8.00pm The New Inn
	15.01.14	Hot School Lunch Taster Session	3.15pm
	24.01.14	Tea with the Head	3.30-4.30pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	11.02.14	Safer Internet Day	
	13.02.14	<b>Term 3 Ends</b>	
	14.02.14	Teacher Training Day	
	25.02.14	<b>Term 4 begins</b>	
	27.02.14	Orchid Class Assembly	9.15am
	28.02.14	Tea with the Head	3.30-4.30pm
<b>MARCH</b>	03.03.14	Parent Consultations	3.30-5pm
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	06.03.14	World Book Day - Dress as a character	
	13.03.14	Clover Class Assembly	9.15am
	20.03.14	Thistle Class Assembly	9.15am
	27.03.14	Lotus Class Assembly	9.15am
	31.03.14	Mother's Monday	All day @ school
	31.03.14	The Big Dance Off	TBC
<b>APRIL</b>	04.04.14	Easter Assembly, Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Rolling	9.15am
	04.04.14	Term 4 Ends	
	23.04.14	<b>Term 5 Begins</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	12-16.05.14	KS2 SATs Week	No holidays will be approved for this week.
	22.05.14	Sports Day	
	22.05.14	Tea with the Head	3.30-4.30pm
	23.05.14	Sports Day (if wet on 22.5.14)	
	23.05.14	Term 5 Ends	
<b>JUNE</b>	02.06.14	TD School Closed	
	03.06.14	<b>Term 6 begins</b>	
	9-13.06.14	KS1 SATs	No holidays will be approved for this week.
	17.06.14	History Day	All day @ school
	20.06.14	Father's Friday	All day @ school
	26.06.14	Clover Class Assembly	9.15am
	27.06.14	Tea with the Head	3.30-4.30pm
<b>JULY</b>	03.07.14	Thistle Class Assembly	9.15am
	14.07.14	Lotus & Orchid Performance Dress Rehearsal	2.00pm
	14.07.14	Parent Consultations	3.30-5pm
	15.07.14	Lotus & Orchid Performance	7.00pm
	16.07.14	Lotus & Orchid Performance	7.00pm
	18.07.14	Tea with the Head	3.30-4.30pm
	24.07.14	Y6 Leavers Assembly	9.15am