



Newsletter

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Boswell Road Lower Westwood
Bradford on Avon BA15 2BY

Westwood Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November, 2 - 4.30pm
Westwood with Iford School



With colder mornings and chillier playtimes, it is noticeably creeping towards another cold winter. With this in mind, can I please ask that **ALL** children now bring to school a warm coat, which is named and that they wear shoes which are sensible for the conditions. I do feel for some of them sometimes, when I am on duty, as they are shivering! We will, of course, ensure that all children wear the coats that they bring in.

We will also be setting up a lost property area for parents to come and reclaim their children's clothes. This is in response to a number of requests from you and will hopefully see school uniform returned to the rightful owners. Can I please suggest that all clothing is named, as this makes it so much easier to identify and keeps our lost property box lower!

There is much good learning taking place within school, with even more to look forward to in the near future as the festive season approaches. Lotus class have already showcased their learning from this term with a wonderful assembly and more class assemblies are planned soon. Please check the website calendar for the dates of your child's class assembly. Also, please don't forget the FoWs Christmas Fair, which is taking place on Saturday 30th November 2-4.30pm. It

is sure to be a wonderful occasion and a lot of fun. As always a lot of hard work has gone into making it a huge success and I am very much looking forward to seeing you all there.

You will notice from yesterday's correspondence that we have arranged an Esafety evening for next Thursday 28th November 7-8pm and I have rearranged the Big Write evening from 26th November, as it was originally on the calendar, to Thursday 5th December, again 7-8pm. I felt that two meetings in the same week may be more difficult to attend when considering childcare, so I hope that this will make it easier for families. The Esafety evening is particularly important and I would urge a parent/carer from all families to try to attend if possible.

Have a lovely weekend and if you are feeling creative, try the 5 sentence challenge – www.fivesc.net (for younger writers) or 100 word challenge – www.100wc.net (for older writers). These are simple websites with literary challenges for primary children to develop their creative writing skills.

Have fun!

Ian Rockey

DATES FOR TERM TWO

Thurs 11 th Nov	Orchid Class Assembly 9.15am
Thurs 11 th Nov	Storybox Theatre Performance
Thursday 11 th Nov	ESafety Parents session 7-8pm
Friday 29 th Nov	Pyjama Mufti Day
Saturday 30 th Nov	FoWs Christmas Market 2-4.30pm
Wed 4 th Dec	Christingle Service, Church, 10am
Thursday 5 th Dec	Big Write Parent session 7-8pm



CLOVER SPACE DANCE

Those who attended the celebration assembly this morning were treated to a wonderful space dance, as choreographed by Mrs Hobson, including a rocket launch and the first landing on the moon. There is a link to the footage of this auspicious event on our website.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A hot Christmas lunch will be available this year on Wednesday 18th December. The cost will be £3.80 per child and will include a Christmas cracker! More information will be available in due course.

BIRTHDAY OF THE WEEK



Last week there were a lot of birthdays to celebrate.



This week, Calum had everyone sing just for him!

GYMNASTICS CLUB

Shane Keily, who has been teaching PE this year, is running a free of charge gymnastics club for the next three weeks. This is open to Years 1-6 and will take place on a Thursday after school and finish at 4.15pm.

If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office for a permission slip.

PYJAMA MUFTI DAY

Friday 29th November is pyjama mufti day! Please bring in donations for the Christmas Fair in return for wearing your pyjamas to school. If the weather looks a little chilly, feel free to wear a dressing gown.

Information on what kinds of things to bring in are outlined in the FoWS update on the next page.



Thank you so much to those of you who have signed up to the Giving Machine recently. Please do use it when you do your online shopping as it does help to raise funds for our school.

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk



FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD UPDATE



With the Christmas Fair just around the corner, please support us with donations for the following stalls:

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, DVDs, anything containing chocolate – endless possibilities! *Please can we ask that all product donations are new, unused and within their use by date*

PRE-LOVED BOOKS & TOYS

Good quality Second hand books or toys in sellable condition

THE JAR

We need each child's help to make it work! Please fill a jam jar of any shape or size with all things kids desire such as sweets, chocolates, toys (e.g. hair accessories, key rings, plush toys, lego mini figures, party bag fillers) then wrap it and return to School Office. We will be selling the wrapped jars for £1 each. (Please try and label if its suitable for boy / girl / both.)

REFRESHMENTS

Mince pies, whole cakes, and cupcakes or seasonal biscuits for children.

RAFFLE PRIZES

We would love to hear from anyone with contacts for a pub meal, or please donate a seasonal product towards a hamper prize.

Any donations would be gratefully received, don't feel you have to stick to the list ideas. Please leave in School Office from Monday 25th November to Friday 29th.

If you would like to help on a stall at the market then please let us know. If not please support the School by bringing as many family and friends as possible. Many thanks in advance of your support.

100 CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the 100 Club this year. If you have yet to do so, it's not too late! Just bring in a cheque to the school office.

To allow for everyone to get their payment in, the draws for November and December and not forgetting the Christmas Bonus draw, will be announced at the Christmas Fair.



LIBRARY GRANT SUCCESS

FoWs are delighted to report that they have been given a grant of £2000 by the Bradford on Avon Area Board towards the cost of updating and enhancing the school library. FoWs (with the full support of the school) proposed to the Area Board that with specialist library hardware and software, the school would be able to run a local community children's lending library, which can be used by all local children (not just those at the school). The idea was described by the Area Board members as "exciting, imaginative and novel" and they have given their enthusiastic support. They have even asked FoWs to update them on progress, with a view to publicising the idea amongst other local schools.

FoWs and the school can now move ahead with the restocking of the library with new books, and at the same time start to implement the new lending library systems. This will take several months, but it is hoped that the project will be completed by April/May 2014 and we will update you as it progresses.

FoWs are extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed to this scheme, including the original Friends of Westwood Group which was set up by local resident Gill Ross, the Area Board, the School, and of course all the parents, carers and families who have supported the FoWs fundraising drive over the last year and more. Thank you."