



Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new term. I do hope that you were able to have a restful festive season and enjoy the celebrations after what was a very exciting and thoroughly enjoyable lead up to Christmas in school with many memories made.

This term is particularly short and we have a lot to pack in! As always, though, the children have some excellent topics lined up and with this week's entry points already having engaged them in some fascinating learning, I can see that this is going to be another great term. Do keep up to date with what is going on in school through our blogs - they are constantly being updated and provide an excellent window into our world, giving you an insight into the teaching and learning that takes place on a daily basis. We would love to see some of your comments, if you can - it gives the children a wonderful audience for their learning and is a lovely way for us to interact with you in school. As always, there are links from the school website to all class blogs and my Head's blog as well, which I will endeavour to keep updated.

Don't forget we also have a very active school Twitter account @wwschool which we use regularly and I would like to try and use this as an extra line of communication, so please follow us if you are a Twitter user.

With the New Year and a new term it brings an opportunity to revisit some of our routines and procedures. As I have mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the sandpit on the school field has become a popular place for children to play before and after school. At this time of year it does accumulate a large amount of water and ice and I have seen a number of children get very cold and wet from using it. Until the weather improves and we can use it again properly, can I please ask that your children do not use the sandpit to play in so that we can avoid any potential accidents. Similarly, I have noticed a number of children climbing trees and I would ask that you ensure they avoid this as a before

and after school activity as I am concerned that someone could have an accident. Please remember that parents are responsible for supervising their children at all times before and after school. Thank you.

This term we will continue with our ParentPay email to you in the weeks that there isn't a newsletter as part of our ongoing commitment to keeping you up to date with all that is happening at school. Hopefully everyone will be able to join in as much as possible and be fully prepared.

Can I also mention that our Radio audience is growing?! Every Friday afternoon at 2.30pm Westwood Radio broadcasts online at radio.westwoodwithiford.org with a show planned and delivered by our amazing children. If you are able, please join in and listen to them as they are so good. You can text the show on **078600 17404** or email radio@westwoodwithiford.org with your shout outs and song choices. Using a computer or even a smartphone, you can listen along to our weekly broadcasts by clicking play on the player. Don't worry if it shows another show in the box - that's our online station loop! If it's 2.30pm on a Friday afternoon, we will be there live!

All that remains is for me to wish you all the very best for a happy and healthy 2017 and a fantastic start to this new term in school.

Ian Rockey



WINTERY WEATHER



With colder weather forecast, we are all trying to ensure that the children stay warm when they go out to play. Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a warm outdoor coat and gloves and a hat.

ADULT READERS

We are very fortunate to have a number of volunteers who kindly give their time to read with children during school time and we are always thrilled with any support parents can give. If you are able to regularly dedicate some time to reading with children in school, please see your child's class teacher.

SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS

If you are available on a Monday afternoon, we would very much appreciate adult help to go with Lotus class when they swim at Bradford on Avon pool this term. Please call into the office or see Mr Bennett if you can help please, thank you.

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 with your child's name.

Thank you

MDSA VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a post as a member of our lunchtime staff for one or two lunchtimes a week from 12.00pm to 1.40pm. Days can be flexible and if you are interested please see Helen Evans in the school office as soon as possible.

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to these children who celebrated their birthdays recently!

DATES FOR TERM THREE

Thursday 19th January
Story Day

Thursday 26th January
Maths Day

Thursday 26th January
School Disco 5-7.30pm

Tuesday 31st January
Thistle/Clover outing to Lydiard Park – am

Thursday 2nd February
School 'Walk Safe' Training

Tuesday 7th February
Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February
End of Term 3
Tea with the Head

Monday 20th February
Term 4 Begins

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL CHILDCARE SURVEY

Wiltshire Council are gathering information to compile a Childcare Sufficiency report to assess the overall supply and demand of childcare in Wiltshire. A big part of this is to find out the demand for childcare from Wiltshire's parents and therefore they have launched a Parent Childcare Survey. To provide your feedback on the sufficiency of childcare options you can access this anonymous survey at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-survey>.

100 CLUB WINNERS

An update to the latest winners of our FoWs 100 club is as follows:

Christmas bonus draw winner (£100): M Caddy
December monthly draw winner (£31): S Vickers

Congratulations to you both!

SAVE OUR SHOP



Saturday 11th February, 11am - 3pm
Westwood Social Club - FREE ENTRY

Come along and quiz the "Steering Group"
Share your suggestions and concerns
Enjoy refreshments and a table-top sale

Book a table (in advance) for £5...
Sell your unwanted crafts, gifts, toys, books
and anything else you don't need anymore !!!!!

For more info contact Judy Shaw on
01225 864949 / judshaw@gmail.com

Friends of Westwood (FoWS)

Facebook Page & Group

FoWS have set up a Facebook Page to help with communication and promotion of events such as the Christmas & Summer Fairs and the Scarecrow Trail.

If you are a Facebook user we would love it if you could please visit and 'Like' our page.



Please encourage friends and family who are also Facebook users to do the same.

Since recent changes to Facebook's administration we have found that people receive more notifications if they are actually a member of a Facebook Group therefore we have also set up a FoWS Facebook Community Group Page.

Simply visit our Facebook Page & Group by typing the following in to your browser:

www.facebook.com/friendsofwestwoodschool

Westwood Curry & Quiz Night



Westwood Curry and Quiz Night



WHEN ?

Saturday 21st January
7pm

HOW MUCH ?

£12.50 per person
(includes food)
Teams up to 6 people

WHERE ?

Westwood Social Club
Lower Westwood
Bradford-on-Avon
BA15 2AP

WHY ?

Raising money for the
Westwood Parish Rooms

RESERVE YOUR TEAM NOW
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WESTWOOD VILLAGE SHOP, SOCIAL CLUB AND THE NEW INN
Or email westwoodparishrooms@gmail.com or phone 07976168652

There will be a Curry and Quiz Night on Saturday 21 January 2017 at Westwood Social Club. Tickets available at the village shop, Social Club and the pub. The price is £12.50 per person and includes food. Teams of up to 6 people are permitted. All proceeds are in aid of the Parish Rooms.