

# WESTWOOD NEWS

## Summer Term (1) 2019

A message from  
Mrs Aldous, Mrs Barnes & Mr Wilkes



Dear Families,

This has been a very short half term but we have managed to squeeze in so many exciting learning opportunities and experiences for all of our children including visitors, trips, sports tournaments and family cafes. All of which have had a big impact on the children's progress and attainment this half term.

The school is looking fabulous with engaging environments and vibrant displays which both support and showcase the children's learning. If you haven't been in recently, do pop in and take a look—we are very proud of everyone's hard work. With the better weather we have been experiencing this half term, we have been taking our learning outside as often as possible and developing our outdoor areas to support this. Some of the children have taken the lead on this, for example a group of our Year 6s have developed an action plan, including costings, for planting flowers in our Key Stage 2 courtyard area.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children who have successfully completed their SATs tests this half term. They put their all into every paper and we look forward to receiving their results in July. Well done everyone!

In April, as part of The Active Learning Trust's ongoing monitoring of its schools, we had an independent audit of our Safeguarding policies and practices. We are thrilled to tell you that our safeguarding practice was described as 'excellent'. The auditor's report states, "Safeguarding is embedded in all aspects of school life. Strong leadership has created a caring, confident, solid team approach to safeguarding children and staff." The full report is available on request.

In accordance with General Data Protection Regulations, we have amended our Privacy Notice for Parents/Carers and our Privacy Notice for Pupils relating to our use of personal information. The right to withdraw consent has been included where consent is used as the lawful reason for processing personal data. Copies of these policies are available on our school website.

Enjoy the Half Term holidays and we look forward to seeing all children on  
Monday 3rd June.

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### Nursery

This term we have been focusing on retelling traditional stories. To encourage this, our Talk for Writing hook has been about The Big Bad Wolf. The children decided to take matters into their own hands and build a trap to catch him, by finding natural resources in the garden and working together to create their life size trap. The children have also created their own story maps and even innovated them by changing the characters in the story.



### Reception

The children have enjoyed another fun packed half term, filled with exciting learning opportunities. Our Dell Care connections have gone from strength to strength with the children and residents enjoying a wide variety of activities together, e.g. yoga and mindfulness, planting flowers and vegetables. At the beginning of May, the whole class were invited up to the Wellbeing Centre to join in with a May Day celebration. The children and residents made flower headbands, wands and danced around a May Pole to welcome in the summer.

Our family café this term took the theme of 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' we welcomed parents in to share our learning through interactive activities and of course cake!! In Maths this term, we have focussed on 3D shapes, doubling and halving and telling the time, the children have continued to and learn and grow together.

Our Talk for Writing hook, was delivered through a superhero cape being found hanging from a tree and other superhero objects being found throughout the week in the garden. The children shared their ideas as to why they might be at our school. The children are beginning to explore WOW words when writing now to help them display their creative ideas.

With the warmer weather coming, we have now introduced the children to the yoga hut in the garden and the children have been following instructions to conduct yoga poses and even worked together for partner yoga. We have lots of exciting things planned for after the half term break and we are looking forward to our final half term together.

### Year 1 & Year 2

KSI had a wonderful day at the "Time and Tide" Museum in Great Yarmouth this half term learning about the seaside in the past. They learnt about the mods and rockers, seaside entertainment, how swim wear has changed and spent time with a Victorian lady who time travelled from 1900 to the present day. We all learnt so much about the past and how things have changed. We finished the trip by walking to the beach and went promenading along the promenade discussing what it would have been like to do this in the Victorian times. Come and ask us about the seaside and we will look forward to sharing what we have learnt.



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### Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant start to the Summer term. We have been learning about being creative in our writing and using exciting vocabulary to engage the reader. We really enjoyed our Australia topic last term and learnt a lot about the geography and history of Australia. We learnt to interpret a range of different maps, explored famous Australian landmarks and learnt about aboriginal art. Our topic for this term is Ancient Greece and we are really excited to learn about different aspects of Ancient Greek history. We look forward to sharing this with you throughout the coming term.

### Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about Ancient Greece this term. They had a Greek food tasting session as part of this topic, which all the children really enjoyed. In Maths, we have been learning about the perimeter and area of shapes and in Literacy our current topic is Myths and Legends.

### Year 5

This half term, year 5 have been looking at measure in Maths. We have been: converting measurements; measuring accurately; and finding the perimeter and area of compound shapes. In Literacy, we have focused on the Shakespeare play 'Macbeth', using drama to create description, behaviour and dialogue of characters. This half term, we also started a new Topic - Tudors. Our hook included an invasion game against the Year 6s and allowed the children to experience what it would be like to battle against an opposing team. We will now be focusing on the Battle of Bosworth and how history remembers people, based on their position of power. All this work is working towards the children deciding on how they will leave their mark on the world.

### Year 6

A huge congratulations to all the Year 6 children who carried out their SATs last week. The children worked incredibly hard leading up to each test and approached them with a mature and determined attitude. We couldn't be prouder of them. As a celebration for all of their hard work, Year 6 enjoyed a 'Party in the woods'. They spent the afternoon playing games such as hide and seek and then completed team challenges based on using their senses. We also cooked hot dogs, toasted marshmallows and enjoyed hot chocolate.

### Important Information

Since January 2018, we have sent all means of communication through ParentMail, this includes parent evenings, trips, tournaments, general events within school, etc. If you are not registered, it means you are missing out on a lot of important information and not keeping up to date with life here at Westwood. If you are having difficulties registering or connecting, please speak to a member of staff in the office and they will try their best to assist you. If you are unable to access ParentMail at all, again, please speak to a member of staff in the office and ask them to print you off a paper copy of any upcoming correspondence they send out - this is only available upon request, otherwise we assume you're receiving everything we send out. We understand that some of you do not have internet at home to access this app but we have noticed a lot of parents/carers have still not registered and we haven't heard from you, meaning office staff are spending a lot of time ringing around chasing for things such as permission for tournaments, trips etc - we would hate for any children to miss out. Please come and speak to us if you are having any issues.

### Pupil and Parent Support Advisor.

Mrs Dawn Williams is our Pupil and Parent Support Advisor and is available to speak to parents, carers and families on a daily basis. She is very experienced and can provide advice on a range of different parent and family matters. If you need any help, advice or just a listening ear, please contact her through the school office.



### CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.



### WOODLAND SCHOOL

Please remember your child will need an old coat and a pair of wellies to wear each week for woodland school. Both items will need to be named to prevent them from getting lost.

### WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website.

The address is:  
[www.westwoodprimary.org](http://www.westwoodprimary.org)

You can also follow us:

Twitter : @Westwood School

Facebook : Westwood Primary School



### PE Kit

Please ensure your child has, in school every day, the following PE kit:

- Black shorts
- White T Shirt
- Trainers
- Sweatshirt/Jogging Bottoms (optional)

Please ensure all items are named.

Earrings must be removed or covered with tape.



### Arriving at School

The school doors are unlocked at 8.30am. From this time you may bring or send your child into their classroom. Teachers will be waiting for the children in the classroom from 8.30am where learning activities will be take place.(8.45am for Nursery and Reception children)

Please do not hesitate to come into the classroom to speak to your child's teacher at the beginning or end of the school day.

We have a breakfast club available from 8.00am every morning at a cost of £1.50 per day.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure you have labelled your child's school uniform. It is much easier to find the owners and return items quickly if they are labelled.

At times we have an extensive range of lost property which we cannot keep for more than a term.

### School Uniform

We have a strict School Uniform Policy. Please ensure your child is dressed in the following named school uniform:

#### Boys

- \* Black tailored trousers or shorts (no jogging bottoms etc.)
- \* White polo shirt
- \* Westwood Primary School Sweatshirt with logo
- \* grey,/black/navy socks
- \* Black shoes (No trainers)
- \* School Book Bag

#### Girls

- \* Black tailored dress, skirt or trousers
- \* Purple checked summer dress
- \* White polo shirt
- \* Westwood Primary School Sweatshirt
- \* Westwood Primary School Cardigan
- \* grey/black tights or white socks
- \* Black shoes (No trainers or boots)
- \* School Book Bag



- For further information about school uniform requirements please contact the school office.
- Sweatshirts/Cardigans/Book Bags/PE Bags/Water Bottles are available from the school office.
- School uniform bursaries will be given at the discretion of the Headteacher



### Diary Dates

*There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!*

27th—31st May	May Half Term
3rd June	All children return to school
10th June	Year 5: Open Afternoon at Benjamin Britten High School
12th June	Year 6: Kwik Cricket Tournament at Denes Oval
12th June	Computing Day at Carlton Colville Primary 4 x Year 4/5 children
12th June	Year 6: East Point Academy - Uniform and Meet the Tutor Evening
21st June	Year 5: Sports on the Beach
25th June	Year 6: Transition Workshop at Pakefield High School
26th June	Year 6: Rounders Tournament at Denes Oval
27th June	Year 4: Athletics Tournament at East Point Academy
2nd July	Year 6: Beccles Free School Transition Day
5th July	Morning Nursery, Afternoon Nursery and Reception: School trip to Pettits Animal Adventure Park
5th July	Running Championships at Red Oak Primary
9th July	Sports Day—Times TBC EYFS & Key Stage 1—Morning Key Stage 2—Afternoon
11th July	Summer Fete from 2.30pm
23rd July	Last day of school for all children
24th July	Summer Holidays begin!!! PD DAY—School closed to all children
2nd & 3rd September	PD DAYS—School closed to all children
4th September	All children return to school

## People who can help

In addition to your child's class teacher, who should always be your first point of call, the following people are readily available to help you with any issue, if needed.



*Mrs Rae Aldous  
Executive Headteacher*



*Mrs Lauraine Barnes  
Deputy Headteacher*



*Mr Joshua Wilkes  
Assistant Headteacher*



*Mrs Dawn Williams  
Parent and Pupil  
Support Advisor*



*Mrs Jackie Cutchey  
Chair of Governors*



*Mr Stephen Clarke  
Safeguarding Governor*