

WESTWOOD NEWS

Spring Term (2) 2019

A message from
Mrs Aldous, Mrs Barnes & Mr Wilkes



Dear Families,

This half term, we have revamped and relaunched our daily assemblies. Each week we now have the following themes:

Monday = Learning Behaviours
Tuesday = Religious Stories
Wednesday = Citizenship
Thursday = Singing
Friday = Celebration

Each of our teachers takes it in turns to lead the Wednesday assemblies making them a fantastic opportunity for the children to get to know adults from across the school. The assemblies are planned to allow lots of opportunities for reflection and discussion using the phrase 'Think, Pair, Share' which enables the children to be active members of the assembly. We encourage families to talk to their children about the assemblies and continue those discussions at home.

Our Year 6 children shared that they would like more responsibility around school so Mr Wilkes met with them to discuss different roles. They agreed on having Prefects to help support other children with making the right choices at playtime, lunchtime and as they move around school. The children who volunteered to be Prefects were presented with their badges during Celebration Assembly and have made a good start on their new roles.

Thank you to all parents who joined us for Parents' Evenings - it is always a great opportunity to share your child's progress with you and all the fabulous things they have achieved in class. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete a survey about school lunches - Caterlink, the company who provides our school dinners, take your feedback very seriously as well as that from the children and staff and are working hard to put in place some of the changes suggested.

Enjoy the Easter holidays and we look forward to seeing all children on
Tuesday 23rd April.

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Nursery

Nursery have had a busy term, using the new garden resources, for example the woodwork station. The children have had adult support when using hammers and saws to make different resources for the garden. We have also enjoyed our reading tube treats which have been a pirate morning and an animal afternoon. This term we have focused on numbers, by going on number hunts and recording numbers, and story telling: each week we have had a different story which has been modelled using the puppet theatre.

Reception

The children have enjoyed another fun packed half term, filled with exciting learning opportunities. Our Talk for Writing hook, saw a suitcase delivered to our school filled with money. The children had to decide where the suitcase may have come from and what to do with it. Their decision to send it to the police station was rewarded by a visit from some police officers and a chance to learn all about their job, wear the uniform and sit in a police car. The children produced some great information sentence writing from this experience. In Maths this half term, we have consolidated our learning of addition and subtraction through using objects, as well as money. We have been using our mathematical skills to measure and compare capacity and we have learned to recognise, create and align repeating patterns. Our reading tube treat this half term was a visit from the fire engines and fire fighters. The children got to learn all about how to be safe, the role of a fire fighter and even got to spray the hose. We look forward to more exciting learning opportunities in the summer term.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy half term learning about Space! The children have been really engaged with this topic and have learnt about the solar system, Neil Armstrong and have even designed and built their very own rocket. As part of our topic, the children have had weekly dance sessions with a real life dance artist! They have moved in different ways, explored dynamics and have choreographed a simple duet and group dance. We have one more reading tube to fill before we earn another treat, so keep reading at home!

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Year 2

What a successful half term we have had in year two. To begin our topic of space the children experienced a crash landing in our KSI garden where an unusual space craft crashed which allowed the children to ask some fantastic questions about where it came from and what had happened.

Following on from this, we began looking at aerial photos taken from above Lowestoft and looked at the human and physical features. We also studied the famous space explorer, Neil Armstrong. The children have produced some outstanding diary entries and fact files encapsulating their understanding of significant people from the past.

Please come and look at our KSI timeline and world map where we are adding historical events and links to countries within our learning to ensure our children have a deeper understanding of these subjects. If you have been on holiday and have a photo please bring it in to year 2 and we will add it to our world map.

Thanks for all your parental support.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 have had a fantastic half term exploring Australia. We have been learning how to be geographers, historians and scientists and used these skills to gain a better understanding of Lowestoft and how it is different to Australia. We have learnt how to interpret different types of maps such as climatic, political, physical maps and road maps. We also explored eco-systems focusing on the Great Barrier Reef. The children have really enjoyed digging deeper in to what makes up an eco-system and how our actions have an impact. We are now beginning to look at the lives of convicts who were transported to Australia in the 18th and 19th centuries and are developing key skills to help us work as historians. The children love talking about their learning so would love to answer any questions you might have.

Year 5 & 6

This half-term Year 5 and 6 continued their topic work on China, but moved on to looking at the ancient Shang dynasty, who ruled nearly 4000 years ago. We have been developing our deduction skills, asking historically valid questions and looking at how life was different for members of the civilisation depending on their social class. In Literacy, we have been focusing on discussion writing and have enjoyed debating several controversial subjects including: the banning of zoos and whether children should have mobile phones.

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. We often contact parents by text.



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

You can also follow us:

Twitter : @Westwood
School
Facebook : Westwood
Primary School



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.

PE Kit

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

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

Please ensure all items are named.

Earrings must be removed or covered with tape.



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!

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| 5th April | Last Day of Term |
| 8th-22nd April | Easter Holidays |
| 23rd April | All children return to school |
| 26th April | Year 6 Hockey Tournament at Red Oak Primary |
| 26th April | Year 5 Football Tournament at Worlingham Primary |
| 29th April | Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament at Saint Felix |
| 3rd May | Year 1 and Year 2 to the Time and Tide Museum |
| 3rd May | Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cricket Tournament at Red Oak |
| 9th May | Year 5 Rounders Tournament at East Point Academy |
| 10th May | Year 3 and 4 girls Tournament at Red Oak |
| 17th May | Year 6 Football Tournament at Red Oak |
| 22nd May | Year 6 High 5's Netball Tournament at Saint Felix |
| 24th May | Year 5 and 6 Girls High 5's Netball Tournament at Red Oak |
| 27th-31st May | May Half Term |
| 3rd June | 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*



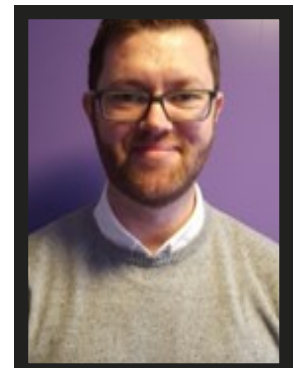
*Mr Joshua Wilkes
Assistant Headteacher*



*Mrs Dawn Williams
Parent and Pupil
Support Advisor*



*Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors*



*Mr Stephen Clarke
Safeguarding Governor*