

# WESTWOOD NEWS

November 2017

## A message from; Mrs Aldous & Miss Read

Dear Families,



What a busy month we have had at Westwood with the highlight being the chance to share with you all the wonderful learning that takes place in Woodland School. Thank you to all families who braved the cold weather and came along to the open sessions. We are really proud of the Outdoor Learning curriculum we have developed with our Lead Practitioner Lindsey Andrews. Each lesson is carefully planned to link with the National Curriculum and is tailored to the children's needs both as a class and individually. Keep an eye on our Facebook page as we regularly post photos and videos of the learning taking place.

The Reading Tubes are filling up quickly thanks to all the reading you are doing at home. This means lots of classes are busy choosing their rewards. Last year, we saw children going to the theatre, cinema, for a meal and even to the zoo! Please remember that if your child hasn't contributed to filling their class tube, they will not be able to take part in the reward so keep reading and earning those cubes!

We have been really impressed by the home learning that has been taking place across the school and love sharing it on our Proud Cloud and Facebook page. Do remember that if you take photos or are unable to print the work at home, you can email it to the School Office at [admin@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:admin@westwoodprimary.org) putting your child's name and class in the Subject Line and we will make sure it gets to their class teacher. In Key Stage 2, there is a homework club on a Wednesday lunchtime run by the teaching team so if your child is unable to do the work at home or needs a bit of help they can come along and do it there.

## Parents Evening

A big thank you to all parents/carers that attended our parents evening in October. It was a fantastic opportunity to inform you of your child's progress and to clear up any concerns you may have had. Please remember, we have an open door policy, so if you need to speak to a member of staff, please come in at the start or the end of the day. Many of you completed one of our parents evening questionnaires, we really value your feedback as it allows us to see what we can improve on as a school but also pin points what we do well. Some of your comments included... "My daughter loves coming to school and is always happy. Parents evening reflected what a brilliant school Westwood is and how my daughter's learning is coming on so well", "My child has made excellent progress and is extremely happy", "All teachers are really supportive", "Keep up the fantastic work Westwood, well done". A massive 89% of parents/carers who completed a questionnaire said their child is happy at Westwood and that their child is making good progress at school, we are overwhelmed by this!! As always, we thank you for your continued support.

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## Reading at Home

Well done to all of the children that have been reading at home!

Please continue to support your child to read at home. Our data shows that children who read regularly at home make good progress in all aspects of their learning.

Every time your child reads at home and it is recorded in their reading record, they receive a cube in the tube.

Remember, cubes mean free school trips, so keep on reading everybody!!!

## Reading Challenge Tubes

Nursery; 1 tube

Reception; 1 tube

Year 1; 2 tubes

Year 2; 2 tubes

Year 3; 2 tubes

Year 4; 3 tubes

Year 5; 2 1/2 tubes

Year 6; 3 tubes





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## Nursery

We have had a very busy few weeks in the nursery. The children have enjoyed lots of new learning experiences including our trip on the train which was our reward for filling our first reading tube. A huge thank you to all the parents for attending our two recent family cafes. We hope you are enjoying carrying out the activities in our new packs with your children at home. Please remember, if you have got any questions come in and see us.



## Reception

We visited our local fire station following the children's interests. When we were there we were able to learn more about the role of a fire fighter, explore the fire engines and rescue boats and also have a go with their hoses! This has all lead to some brilliant narratives in our deconstructed role play area. We have been enjoying our 'fire sessions' at Woodland School, making hot chocolates and toasting marshmallows and learning how to stay safe around a fire.



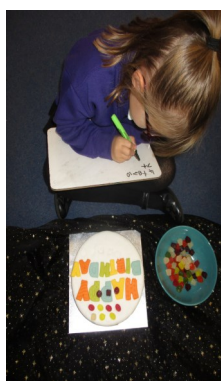
## Year 2

This term the children have been working extremely hard and have now filled 2 full tubes and I am currently looking into an exciting class trip for the new year. Our enquiry based learning projects are progressing well and they are beginning to pull all of their information together to present to other children at the school. We have been very lucky to have some very exciting visitors including a local nurse who shared some great real life experiences and equipment with the children. I just hope our next enquiry project is so successful. It was great to see how many parents came to our woodland school family café and KSI café which I felt showcased the fantastic learning that is taking place. Please don't hesitate to speak to me about our new way of learning in KSI, I am available for questions. Thanks for your continued support!



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a very important birthday to celebrate...Seth Sloth turned 6! The children were all very excited and spent the day celebrating in lots of different ways. They made birthday cards and wrote special messages in the writing area as well as making their own hats, banners and decorations at the creative station. The children were Seth's cake decorators using their knowledge of number bonds to ten to decorate the birthday cake. In the role play house we made jam sandwiches following a simple recipe and then cut them into halves and quarters. Everyone enjoyed this special day and loved eating the delicious cake.



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### Year 3

As you will know, Year 3 have been participating in Woodland school every Monday afternoon. This month they have had some fantastic learning opportunities down in the woods. The children have enjoyed learning how to safely light fires, make webs of life to learn about how all of nature is linked, watch the changes in the seasons and learn how important it is for us to look after our environment. It has been fantastic to see the children grow in confidence, develop their problem solving skills, use their mathematical skills to measure and build dens and to grow in their ability to communicate and collaborate as part of a team. It was fantastic to have parents join us for a session and share marshmallows and hot chocolate round the fire. We are excited to find out what we will be doing next term.

### Year 4

This month, Year 4 had a special visit from the dental nurse. We took part in an oral health workshop learning how to look after our teeth. We began by looking at different types of teeth and how sugary snacks can cause cavities. We all had great fun chewing a blue dye tablet and spotting the plaque that had grown on our teeth. We learnt how this was bad for our teeth and how to brush them correctly.



### Year 5

On Wednesday 22nd November lots of parents came along to the woodland school session as well as some special visitors from Fritton Owl Sanctuary. Year 5 had the opportunity to do a variety of different activities in the woodland area as well as holding and stroking an owl, if they were feeling brave enough! Lots of children and parents enjoyed a hot chocolate made over the fire.



### Year 6

What an exciting half term it has been! The children have been producing super work and making great strides of progress. In literacy the children have written graphic novels and discussion texts while in maths the children have secured all 4 written methods. The children are top of the leader board in their Times Table Rock star arena- they are a speedy bunch now! Woodland school is a resounding success and we loved welcoming our families to our session last week. The children have been demonstrating their ability to collaboratively and use problem solving strategies. We look forward to seeing friends and family again for the Christmas carol concert.



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## Junior Road Safety

The JRSO's have been busy this month meeting up during their own lunch breaks. They have designed a flyer which you should have all received. The flyer includes some top tips for being safe, now the dark night's are here. We are also running a Competition to design a poster to help people cross by the mushrooms outside the school. The competition closes on Friday 1st December so please hand your entries in before this date. There are some really great prizes to be won for the best

## School Council

We have held our first school council fundraising event of the year for Children in Need. We raised just under £300 for our 'spotacular' day with spotty non-uniform and a cake sale. Thank you for your donations! We are now busy organising the upcoming Christmas Fayre, we really hope to see you there!



## Sports News

Well done to the Year 4 children who took part in a Uni-Hoc tournament at East Point Academy on Wednesday 15th November and a Hockey tournament at Red Oak Primary School on Friday 17th November. They all played their hearts out, we are super proud of them.



GO TEAM WESTWOOD!!!

## Family Woodland School

A huge thank you to all the families that joined us for Family Woodland Week. It was lovely to see so many of you and the children really enjoyed showing you the what they have been learning in our outside area. The hot chocolate went down a treat!!!



### 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 being 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.



### 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!*

5th December	Christmas Performance Tickets Available
6th December	Year 1 trip to the Gorleston Pavillion to watch Cinderella
8th December	Christmas Fayre from 2pm
11th December	Morning Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance @ 9am
12th December	Christmas Dinner and Disco
13th December	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Performance @ 9am Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance @ 2pm & 6pm
13th December	Reception going to the Marina Theatre to watch Aladdin
14th December	Christmas Jumper Day (for a food/toiletry donation to Food Bank)
14th December	Nursery Christmas Party
14th December	Year 5 to Benjamin Britten High School to watch their Christmas Show
15th December	Last Day of Term
3rd January	All Children Back in School
12th January	Year 4 Football Tournament at Red Oak Primary
17th January	Year 6 Indoor Athletics Tournament at Waterlane Leisure Centre
24th January	Year 2 and Year 3 Able Writers Day at Carlton Colville Primary

## People who can help

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



*Mrs Rae Aldous  
Executive Headteacher*



*Mrs Jackie Cutchey  
Chair of Governors*



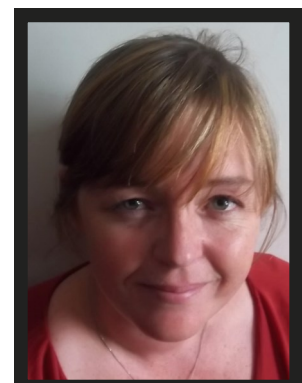
*Miss Kerry Read  
Head of School*



*Mrs Dawn Williams  
Parent and Pupil Support Adviser*



*Mrs Lauraine Barnes  
Assistant Headteacher*



*Miss Louise Creed  
Senior Teacher  
&  
Upper School Lead*