



WESTWOOD NEWS



October 2017

A message from:
Miss Read & Mrs Aldous



Dear Families,

Firstly, we wanted to say thank you on behalf of all the staff for your continued support. It's been great to see so many of you at parents evening and other class events. Our Teachers really enjoyed having the opportunity to share your child's progress with you.

The children have benefitted from some fantastic learning opportunities during this half term. They have been taking part in Enquiry Based learning projects that involve them leading and researching an enquiry linked to our local area. The children have been taking part in field trips that include visits to the local library, smokehouse, the broads and many more. The children have demonstrated real resilience and they have successfully discovered lots of interesting answers to their enquiry questions.

It's been lovely to see the children thrive in our Woodland School and apply their team work skills in all aspects of learning. Unfortunately the weather is turning and please could I take this opportunity to remind you to ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies for Woodland School, every week.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Harvest festival at St. Mark's Church, Oulton Broad. Once again we were lucky with the weather walking to and from the church and we thank parents who assisted.

The singing was some of the best that we have had at Westwood and it was great to see our wonderful children standing bravely and proudly at the front of the church singing and dancing their hearts out.

Well done to our Year 6 children who compared the Festival and to those children who read such beautiful poems.

Thanks again for your donations and thank you to St. Mark's for hosting us.



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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; 1/2 tube

Reception; 1/2 tube

Year 1; 1 tube

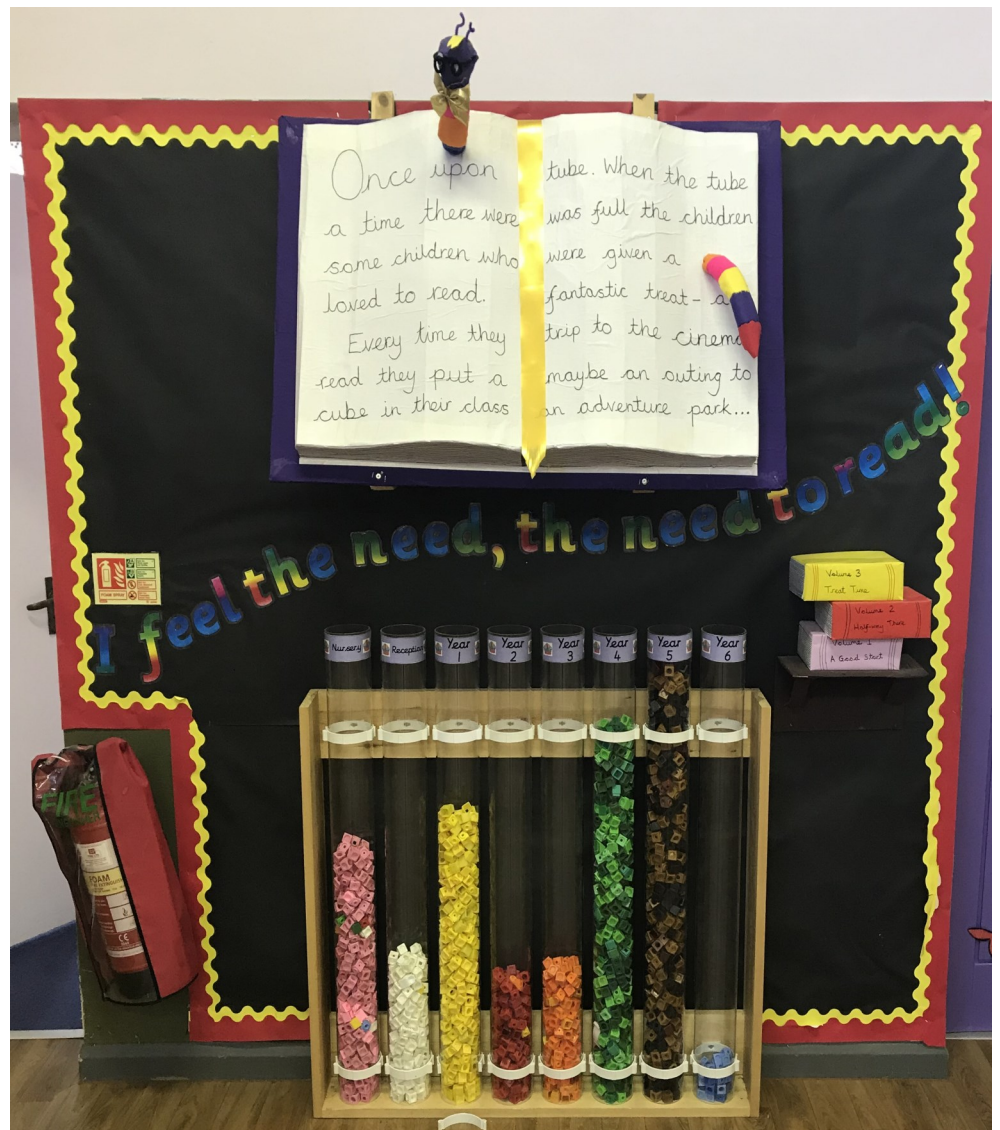
Year 2; 1 tube

Year 3; 1 tube

Year 4; 2 tubes

Year 5; 2 tubes

Year 6; 2 tubes





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Nursery

We have had a very busy half term in nursery exploring and making new friends. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our forest schools sessions in the woods carrying out different activities and getting messy! A huge thank you to all the families who came to our first morning family cafe, the children loved sharing their learning with you. We are so proud of all the reading at home the children have been doing, we will soon have our tube full.



Reception

Reception have been focusing on numbers over the last few weeks, we have been looking for numbers in the environment and ordering numerals. Florence recognised and ordered numbers 0-100!! We have been developing our fine motor skills in our new finger gym area and also innovated our story of the little red hen to become the big white polar bear.



Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 had a fabulous afternoon at the UEA. The children worked with the PE degree students to complete a multi-sports skills session. The activities focused on balance, agility, co-ordination, speed and team work. As well as this the children are loving their enquiry, Real Superheroes! Ask your child/children what they have learnt so far. Hope you all had a wonderful half term.



Year 3

This half term Year 3 have had some new and exciting learning opportunities in class. Over the last few weeks we have started challenge based learning. For our first English challenge all the colouring pencils went on strike. The children used their knowledge of persuasive writing to write letters persuading the pencils to come back to work. For our Maths challenge the children helped the Lego police crack a code to discover where the Lego was hidden in the school. The children have really enjoyed these challenges and are excited to see what challenges will appear in class this half term.

Year 4

Year 4 have started learning the Cello. Our music teacher, Mr Slatter, has been visiting us every Monday morning and will be continuing for the rest of the year. So far, we have learnt how to look after our cellos properly and the correct positioning to sit and play. We have explored keeping a steady beat by playing lots of games and singing songs. We have begun learning to play using a technique known as pizzicato which involves plucking the strings rather than using a bow. We are even beginning to read music!



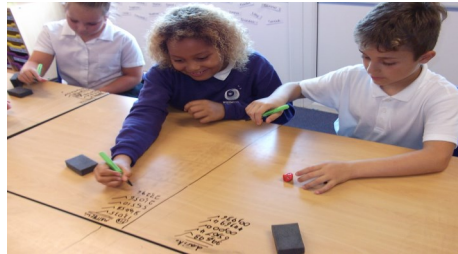
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Year 5

Year 5 have had a very successful start to the school year. In Literacy, we have been learning how to be persuasive so expect some well written Christmas present wish lists this year! In Maths, we have revised all elements of place value and are ready to move on to the four calculation operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In PE, we are becoming pretty impressive rugby players with lots of children taking risks each lesson as they learn to tackle safely. We are developing our listening and team work skills in Woodland School as we really want to prove to Miss Andrews that we can be safe enough to light fires in the woods in a few weeks time. In Enquiry, we have been very busy in our groups organising trips to help us answer our enquiry questions and are looking forward to sharing our learning with our families later this term.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy half term; our enquiry based learning has focused on Lowestoft and the children have organised many trips and visits to local places to find out more information for their given projects. The children have visited a local care home, interviewed museum curators, visited the local fire and rescue service, written to the coastguard and have even been in touch with university professors to find out answers to their questions. We have begun our transition work with the local high schools and the children thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Ormiston Denes where they learnt about light and the colour spectrum.

Sports News

A big well done to all the Year 2 boys who took part in the Football Tournament at Red Oak Primary on Friday 13th October and secured 3rd place. They showed fantastic sportsmanship! A mixed team from Year 6 played their hearts out in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Lowestoft Rugby Club on Thursday 19th October. They managed to secure 3rd place. Go Team Westwood!!

Junior Road

Safety

The JRSO'S have been selected and will be meeting up on Tuesday 31st October with Ann who will be giving them their road safety packs.

School Council

School council have now met and spoke about what they like and what they would like to improve at Westwood. We will be talking more about this to our classes to narrow our focuses for the year. We are busy arranging fundraising events for this half term and will soon be starting to think about our Christmas Fayre.

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.

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



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!

2nd November	10 X year 5 children going on a Lighthouse Tour
3rd November	10 X year 5 children going to The Smokehouse
3rd November	Year 1 & Year 2 Family Café 9.15am-10.15am
7th November	10 X year 5 children going to Southwold Lighthouse
8th November	Year 4 & Year 5 to the Marina Theatre to watch The children's Bookshow
9th November	Bedtime Stories
13th November	Dental Workshop in school for Year 3 & Year 4
14th November	Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
15th November	Year 4 Uni Hoc Tournament at EPA
17th November	Anti-Bullying Production in school for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
17th November	Year 6 to Crucial Crew
17th November	Year 4 Hockey Tournament at Red Oak
20th November	2 X year 5 children & 2 X Year 6 children to Carlton Colville Primary for an Able Maths Day
20th November	Dental Workshop in school for Morning Nursery & Reception
28th November	Year 5 and 6 to EPA for a Parliamentary session
30th November	Boccia Tournament at the Ashley School (Year TBC)

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*



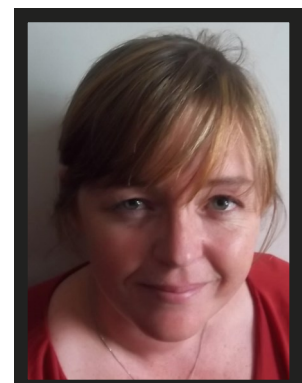
*Miss Kerry Read
Head of School*



*Mrs Dawn Williams
Parent and Pupil Support Adviser*



*Mrs Lauraine Barnes
Assistant Headteacher*



*Miss Louise Creed
Senior Teacher
&
Upper School Lead*