

June 2017

Message from Mrs Aldous



Dear Families,

We are almost at the end of an extremely positive year here at Westwood. We look forward to sharing your child's report with you shortly. We would like to invite you into school after your child's sports day to look at their work and speak informally with the teacher, (please see back page for dates and times). If you would like a more formal conversation, please make an appointment.

We will be having 'Dance from around the World' themed transition days on 17th & 18th July. We would like to invite parents in on either day after school to meet the teacher and teaching assistants who will be working with your child from September.

In September, we will be welcoming a new teacher to our school; Mr Joshua Wilkes and he will be joining us for the transition days. We will also be welcoming Miss Dear back from maternity leave and would like to thank Mrs Clarke for all her hard work in Reception. Miss Pointin will continue to teach alongside the team in Early Years. In addition, we welcome Miss Goldsmith and Miss Tyler to our Teaching Assistant team.

There are lots of events still to come, so keep an eye on the calendar dates and check text messages regularly.

Thank you for your amazing support this year. As always, do not hesitate to contact myself or one of my team any time.

Best Wishes

Rae Aldous

WESTWOOD NEWS

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Nursery

In nursery we have had a busy few weeks learning all about the story 'The very hungry caterpillar'. We can now retell the story. Please have a look at our wonderful story maps. We enjoyed our visit to Ringsfield Hall last Friday carrying out lots of activities linked to the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their castle topic with parents at the recent family cafe - a huge thank you to all of the families that attended. The children recently made traps in the woods to catch mythical beasts. From their designs the children then wrote super instructions on how to make their traps! In maths the children have been focusing on written methods for each calculation. They have all made super progress. Habitats is our current topic and the children are making the most of our stunning outside area.

Reception

The reception children have been very busy again this month. They have enjoyed retelling the story of 'The very hungry caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

The children have enjoyed watching the life cycle of a caterpillar and making a habitat suitable for our butterfly farm. We have painted beautiful pasta butterflies to celebrate our butterflies emerging from their cocoon.

Reception children were exceptionally well behaved on their school trip to Ringsfield where they enjoyed exploring the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' through nature. The children also made clay bugs to bring home.

The reception children have been very busy practising for sports day and have enjoyed working in a team and cheering on their friends.

Year 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed creating watercolour masterpieces inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe and Da Vinci. The children learnt a range of techniques including sketching, outlining and different paint strokes. As well as this the children have enjoyed playing rounders and have progressed from using a tennis racket to a real rounders bat! Super visible progress, well done Year 1. We have also recently won the attendance award three times so will be receiving a delicious breakfast very soon. Keep up the good work and keep reading at home.



Year 3

Year 3 went on a fantastic trip to Sizewell where they took part in lots of science based activities. They learnt about electricity and friction as well as how energy is produced at the power plant. It was great to see the children so engaged and showing their best Westwood manners. In addition, we were lucky enough to visit Norwich Theatre where we watched a brilliant production of Fantastic Mr Fox. It was a great day which included lots of laughter and smiles.



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Year 4

Over the past 6 weeks, the Year 4 children have received specialist cricket coaching. Each week our coach Peggy has taught many different catching, fielding and batting techniques and how to apply these to a game. Year 4 had mastered many of these skills and were feeling secretly confident so they challenged Year 5 to a cricket match. It was a hard fought battle but in the end Year 4 come out as the winners! It was an excellent demonstration of their learning and once again, fantastic sportsmanship shown from both sides.



Year 5 & Year 6

On Tuesday 23rd May, Years 5 & 6 spent the day at Benacre Farm & Estate. In total, we took part in 10 activities as well as watching a Farm Machinery Display. During the morning, we were at the coastal site, where we dissected owl pellets to find and identify the animals they had eaten. We also learned about some of the creatures in our seas and how to train a dog. After a picnic lunch, we spent the afternoon at Wood Farm Barn where we listened to a talk about birds of prey, went on a bug hunt and learned how sugar is made. All of the children behaved beautifully and made the most of every opportunity throughout the day - it has even sparked an interest in nature and the great outdoors for some!



Reading Challenge Leader Board

Year 6; 10 tubes

Year 5; 11 tubes

Year 4; 8 tubes

Year 3; 9 tubes

Year 2; 8 tubes

Year 1; 5 tubes

Reception; 8 tubes

Nursery; 6 tubes

Junior Road Safety

The JRSO's recently visited Endeavour House in Ipswich and received a silver award for Road Safety this year!!

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.



WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website.

The address is:

www.westwoodprimary.org

You can also follow us:

Twitter : @Westwood School

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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.

SCHOOL PLACES

We have places available in Year 2 and have a waiting list for children for our Nursery who are not quite old enough at present. Please spread the word to friends, family and neighbours.

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.



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.



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.

30th June	PD Day for staff—School CLOSED for all children
6th July	School reports to go out
6th July	Year 5 to 'Sports on the Beach'
7th July	School Summer Fete from 2pm
11th July	KS2 Spelling Bee — parents invited (TBC)
12th July	Reception, Years 1 & 2 Sports Day = 9.15am parents invited Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day = 1pm parents invited
13th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9am parents invited
13th July	Disco in School
14th July- 21st July	Year 6; East Point Academy Transitions
14th July	Morning Nursery; Sports Day at 10.30am parents invited
17th July- 21st July	Year 6; Pakefield High School Transitions
17th July- 18th July	Dance Workshop in School (whole school transitions)
19th July	Year 5 to Benjamin Britten High school to watch a Wizard of Oz performance in the afternoon
21st July	Last Day of Term!! :)