

April 2017

Message from Mrs Aldous

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the summer term. There are lots of activities we have got planned, including our school fete, sports days, school trips and more. Some of the dates are on the diary section of this newsletter but others will come to you directly so keep a look out in your child's bag.



Miss Bugden will be organising the school fete and she will write to you all soon for offers of help or ideas for stalls etc. Last year was so successful and all the money raised goes straight towards paying for school trips so you don't have to.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me or one of the team at any point if needed. The door is always open.

Kind regards

Mrs Aldous

The children have been very lucky to have had so many events within and outside of school over the last couple of weeks. Here are some pictures to show you.



Sharing Stories!

At Westwood, we love reading but we also really like having stories read to us. Recently, we have had quite a few visitors to our school who have shared stories with us.

John Kirk travels up and down the country bringing stories to life through drama and on Wednesday 26th April, we were lucky enough to have him visit our school.



He started the day with Reception, Year 1 & Year 2, where he shared some traditional tales.

Then he spent some time with Year 3, telling stories based on the Roman era.

After play, Year 4 enjoyed a range of Greek myths.

In the afternoon, Year 5 were treated to tales of time travel and Space exploration.



The final workshop of the day was with Year 6, where they got to grips with some of Shakespeare's work.

Each workshop was action packed and full of fun - all the children (and staff) loved his visit and we can't wait to see him again soon!

Some of our Reception children have invited their family members and people from the community to come in and share their favourite story with the class.

If you would like to come and share a story with the children, please get in touch with the School Office to arrange a time!

Years 5&6 love the opportunity to share their story writing.

If you head over to our Facebook page, you will find members of both classes reading the *suspense stories* they have written during their Literacy lessons.

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Nursery

We have been very busy in nursery learning all about 2d shapes and retelling our story 'Dear Zoo'. We have been developing our outside area with the children making dens, obstacle courses and stepping stones. We look forward to the weather improving so we can enjoy learning in these areas.

Year 2

Miss Read has joined the year 2 teaching team and she has already made some significant changes to the learning environment. The children are very enthusiastic about their new learning space and already they have been using it during maths and literacy. Year 2 have had a very exciting start to the term! The Beast visited the classroom and he made a terrible mess, he left a letter for the children explaining why he got turned into a Beast. The children will be using the story of Beauty and the Beast to create their own tales of fear. The year 2 children have been trying really hard to read at home every night we have gone from only 9 children reading to 23 children reading at home!!!

Reception

The Reception children have had another fantastic month. The children have explored their creative writing skills through talk for writing, by changing the story of ZOG by Julia Donaldson to make it their very own version. What exciting things ZOG has learned to do at dragon school!!!! In Maths, the reception children have been learning to count in 10's and exploring, estimation, repeating patterns and time, which is also our new focus for our Maths station. The children eagerly carried out an investigation about floating and sinking and made sound predictions about what may happen. The new campsite role play area, has been a huge success with children pretending to fall asleep under the stars and toast marshmallows. What Fun!!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a super start to the Summer term. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to see The First Hippo on The Moon and the children were amazing representatives of Westwood. The children have explored creating a simple algorithm to move the Bee Bot around a road that they had built. Their roads included bridges, tunnels and turns which made it even trickier! The children showed resilience as they used trial and error when entering their algorithms. We have already seen some brilliant examples of the Summer homework and we look forward to seeing much more!



Year 3 & Year 4

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to Trinity Park in Ipswich to take part in a variety of agricultural activities, watching animal shows and even looking at an air ambulance and tractors. We really enjoyed a fascinating show about carrots and how they are grown as well as sheep shearing and a tractor ride. The children all showed their Westwood manners and were very well behaved throughout the whole trip.

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Year 5

We spent an afternoon at The Marina Theatre showcasing both our clarinet and singing talents as we performed with The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and other schools from the local area. In class, we started our new Topic, The Victorians, by singing along to the musical, Oliver! The children will be leading their learning in this subject and have already thought up lots of questions they want to find the answers to. We will be linking our learning to our Literacy where we will write Instructions and an Explanation Text with a Victorian theme. We also put our detective skills to the test when we completed an archaeological dig in our classroom with a bit of help from Access Cambridge Archaeology. We will be developing these skills further in our Maths lessons, where we will be applying our learning in order to solve mysteries.

Year 6

Year 6 have been incredibly busy this month: we have had a visiting storyteller retelling Shakespeare plays to us; archaeologists from the university of Cambridge visit and we have been working hard preparing for our SATs tests next week. We soon begin our transition work with high schools which will include: rocket making at Pakefield High School, a French play at Grove with other local primary schools and assemblies with high school ambassadors. We only have half a tube left until we reach our ninth full tube so keep reading everyone!

Reading Challenge Leader Board

Year 6 = 8 tubes

Year 5 = 9 tubes

Year 4 = 6 tubes

Year 3 = 7 tubes

Year 2 = 6 tubes

Year 1 = 5 tubes

Reception = 6 tubes

Nursery = 4 tubes

Junior Road Safety

Junior Road Safety Officers will be meeting up very soon. Their focus this term is bike safety and crossing the road.

Sports News

Please note, we have spaces in our pre school sports club on a Monday and Tuesday morning for Key Stage 1 and 2. Starting at 8am—8.45am.

Keep Reading Everybody!



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

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.

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.

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| 8th May— 12th May | Year 6 SATS |
| 15th May | **Year 2 Trip** |
| 17th May | Send My Friend to School Workshop in School Years 4 & 5 |
| 17th May | Year 3 Kwik Cricket Tournament at EPA |
| 19th May | Year 6 at Pakefield High School (Water Rockets Workshop) |
| 23rd May | Year 5 & 6 to Benacre Open Day |
| 23rd May | Nursery Family Café AM- 8.45am PM- 12.30pm |

Meet the Senior Team

Mrs Aldous
Headteacher



Miss Read
Deputy Headteacher



Miss Creed
Senior Teacher



Mrs Barnes
Senior Teacher

