



March 2017

Message from Mrs Aldous

Dear Families,



OFSTED HAVE RATED WESTWOOD GOOD AND OUTSTANDING!

I am delighted to inform you that after our Ofsted Inspection on 21st and 22nd February, Westwood Primary has been graded Good with Outstanding Early Years provision. We are so pleased that our journey to be the best primary school in Lowestoft is being achieved.

Ofsted have 5 main areas that they look at in detail. These are Effectiveness of Leadership and Management, Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare, Outcomes for Children and Early Years Provision. All areas were judged to be a very strong good. In fact, we were extremely close to achieving outstanding in three categories. The Early Years provision successfully maintained the Outstanding judgement it earned at the last inspection in 2015. Fantastic!

The Ofsted Report is attached to this newsletter. Please take time to read it carefully as we are all so proud to have achieved this fantastic report. Highlights include:

“ A warm, safe and positive climate nurtures pupils' personal and academic development well.” (PTO)



"Parents are fulsome in their praise of the school; and how it is helping their children to achieve well."



"The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher have created this positive culture of learning. Their excellent leadership has enabled the school to improve significantly over the last few years."

"Teaching is good across the school."

"Teaching assistants are used highly effectively in lessons.....They provide exceptionally good support."

"Children in the early years make excellent progress and achieve a good level of development....because the provision is tailored exceptionally well to their needs."



Thank you so much for your continued support of the school. Ofsted Inspectors were thoroughly delighted with the support parents give the school. We have seen so many of you at family cafes, parent interview and the bedtime stories event. There is even more to come during the summer term as we will be holding our summer fayre and sports events.

I wish all of you a very happy and relaxing Easter break and we will see you all on Tuesday 18th April.

Best Wishes
Rae Aldous

Bed Time Stories & Remarkable Reading!

During March, we held our first Westwood Reading Week and there was an awful lot going on!

On World Book Day, we came dressed as our favourite character from a story. In each classroom, book related activities were taking place including making bookmarks, playing games linked to books, writing stories and designing new book covers.

Our Bedtime Stories event saw the hall packed full of families enjoying a mug of hot chocolate before we all headed off to the classrooms to hear the teachers read a story.

We held a Readathon throughout the week which raised a fantastic £523. This money will go to a charity that provides books for children in UK hospitals to enjoy. We will receive a percentage of this amount in new books for our school library!

Our Reading Challenge tubes filled up extra quickly as each read at home received 2 cubes. As a result, lots of class rewards were earned including theatre & cinema visits, drama workshops, meals out and even a trip to the zoo!

A big thank you to all families for your support throughout the week and for your generous donations to the Readathon.

Keep reading!

World Book Day & Bedtime Stories



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Nursery

The nursery children have had a very busy couple of weeks. We enjoyed a visit to Africa Alive as our reward for filling 3 reading challenge tubes.

The morning children enjoyed a visit to the Lowestoft library, where we enjoyed sharing books, playing instruments and singing songs.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Family Cafés.



Reception

The reception children have had a wonderful spring term. They have enjoyed exploring the story of Zog through our Talk For Writing Sessions. In Maths we have explored addition, subtraction and using money. This term we have had a large focus on developing our physical skills both gross and fine, by climbing trees, using our obstacle course, cutting jelly with scissors and hammering golf tees into melons.

We had a fabulous time visiting Marina Theatre to watch Ben and Hollys Little Kingdom live tour, as our reading challenge reward. Our Easter Family Café was a huge success, thank you to everybody they came along and took part.

Year 1

Wow. Year 1 have had such a busy half term! We have been police detectives investigating who had broken into our classroom. We have built amazing castles and role played delicious picnics. As well as venturing to Candy Land to work on our story writing. Most recently we conducted our very own science experiment creating rain clouds. Remember to check the Facebook page regularly to see all the amazing things we do.



Year 2

Year 2 have had fun learning in our topic sessions this half term. We have investigated magnetic and non-magnetic materials, found suitable materials for a car ramp and measured the distance travelled. We also filled three reading tubes earning us the reward of a trip to the cinema to see Beauty and the Beast. Keep reading Year 2!



Year 3

Year 3 have been reading so much at home, they were lucky enough to visit the local cinema to watch "Moana" last week. The children really enjoyed the experience and agreed this was a fantastic reward for all of the reading they have done. Alongside their reading at school we have been using short films and images as a tool for improving their reading and understanding skills. Please check out "The Literacy Shed" and "Pobble" with your children online and let them show you what they have been doing!



Year 4

"As a reward for the reading challenge, Year 4 visited an Indian restaurant for a special buffet lunch. We were able to try korma, chicken balti, pilau rice and naan bread. Lots of children came away enjoying foods they had never eaten before! It was a fantastic way to end our learning about India."



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Year 5

Year 5 had a drama filled afternoon at The Seagull Theatre as our second Reading Tube Challenge Reward! We had great fun working in teams and using our bodies to represent a range of different objects as well as warming up our voices with some fun exercises and games.

In class, we have mastered the 4 calculation operations, written our own spooky suspense stories, created 3D models of the solar system and designed restaurants after being inspired by our trip to The Fortune Cookie.



Year 6

Year 6 class have been researching Isaac Newton's laws of motion as part of their science topic. They have also been finding out how he was resilient, reflective and resourceful in his work which led him to become a world famous scientist! In literacy the students have been looking at persuasive techniques and producing persuasive arguments about topics they are passionate about. The trip to BT as part of British science week blew the children's minds! It was inspiring to meet real life scientists, programmers and inventors. Easter SATS club runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday both weeks of the holidays 9:30am- 12:30pm.

Reading Challenge Leader Board

Year 6 = 8 tubes

Year 5 = 7 tubes

Year 4 = 5 tubes

Year 3 = 8 tubes

Year 2 = 4 tubes

Year 1 = 3 tubes

Reception = 3 tubes

Nursery = 3 tubes

Sports News

A huge well done to all the Year 3, 4 and 5 children who have taken part in a football tournament this month.

Everybody showed fantastic teamwork. They did Westwood Primary very proud!



Junior Road Safety

JRSO Superhero competition winners will be announced this week in assembly. Also the JRSO award will be held on 23rd June to find out whether we will receive a bronze, silver or gold award!



School Council

We managed to raise an incredible £200 for Red Nose Day. Thank you to you all for your kind donations and to everybody who made cake donations for our cake sale. It was lovely to see so many children supporting 'RND' by wearing red clothes, red accessories and their red noses!



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.



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.



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 Bottoms (optional)

Please ensure all items are named.



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 in advance

19th April	Year 5 to Marina Theatre—Clarinet Performance
20th April	Year 3 & 4 to Trinity Park
26th April	Storytelling in School
27th April	Year 1 to Marina Theatre (Reading Reward)
3rd May	Dance Workshop in School
8th May— 12th May	Year 6 SATS
23rd May	60 children to Benacre Open Day

Meet the Senior Team

Mrs Aldous
Headteacher



Miss Read
Deputy Headteacher



Miss Creed
Senior Teacher



Mrs Barnes
Senior Teacher

