

February 2017

Message from Mrs Aldous

Dear families,



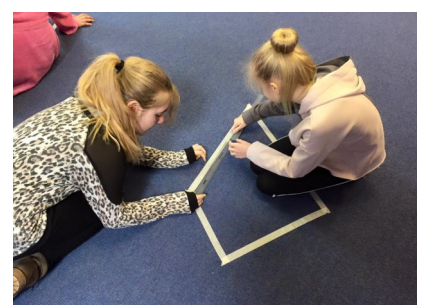
I hope you have all had a restful half term. We look forward to another 6 weeks of busy learning here at Westwood. Once again there is lots happening, from Family Cafes to World Book Day to Bedtime Stories and reward trips for reading at home. We will also be having an Easter Egg Raffle in the last week.

I am delighted to inform you that we have successfully appointed a new Parent Governor; **Mrs Iona Ellyatt** has kindly agreed to represent the parents. Information about our new governor will be available shortly on the Governors section of the school website. There is also details about the other governors and information about what the governor role is and what they do.

Parent Interviews will also take place this term and I look forward to seeing you all. Your children love you to come and find out how well they are doing and we love sharing how fabulous they are with you.

YEAR 6 HALF TERM SCHOOL

Well done to our Year 6 children who attended our Half Term School (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning). It was lovely to see so many of you excited and keen to learn. Well done to Miss Creed and Mrs Goodyear who gave up their half term break to ensure the children not only extended their learning but did so in a fun and exciting way. The pictures below show some of the learning that took place. School will be open for Year 6 children over the Easter break for both Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We look forward to seeing you all.



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Nursery

The children have had a busy few weeks learning all about the story we're going on a bear hunt and exploring both inside and outside.

We are looking forward to our library trip sharing books with each other and parents.

The children have been reading so much at home we are very proud of you we will be enjoying our treat for reading with a visit to Africa Alive.

Keep it up nursery!!



Reception

The children in Reception have had a wonderful time exploring our new role play area; our pirate ship. The children have enjoyed being pirates, making pirate hats, writing a message in a bottle, weighing treasure and creating maps and adding tea stains for effect.

The children are also enjoying different adults coming into our class and reading stories to them each week.

We are thrilled to announce we have filled our third reading tube and so we are off to the Marina Theatre to watch 'Ben and Holly Live' tour at the end of March.



Year 1

Year 1 had a special visit from two furry friends. Hawk and Bowie visited to conclude their learning about the Arctic. We got to ask lots of questions as well as watch a clip of the huskies racing. We learnt how to say left and right in husky speak and even got to hold big clumps of their fur. Cuddles and strokes were a must... what lucky dogs to be greeted by such well-behaved and caring year 1 children. Thank you for visiting Hawk and Bowie, we had a fabulous afternoon.



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed reading The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch and decided to help Mrs Grinling make a disgusting sandwich to stop the seagulls eating Mr Grinling's lunch. Our sandwiches were really disgusting! We then wrote instructions for how to make a disgusting sandwich. We have also started out new topic unit of Electricity. We were Resilient Robins when making a circuit with a bulb and buzzer.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning how to calculate money in our maths lessons and we will be moving onto fractions soon.

We have organised a reading challenge trip for the whole class as they have now filled their third tube with all their fantastic reading within and outside of school... details to be revealed soon!

Our topic for this half term is 'seeing and hearing'.

Year 4

Year 4 have kicked off their new topic of Solids, Liquids and Gases with a science experiment to investigate whether gas actually weighs anything. We used fizzy drinks to understand whether they weighed more when they were fizzy (and full of gas) or flat (and all the gas had gone). This helped us to realise that gas does weigh something after all.



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Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed a fun filled afternoon at The Fortune Cookie Chinese Restaurant as their reward for filling their reading challenge tube 3 times! They all sampled some new dishes and had a go at using chopsticks. Now that they have filled their 6th tube, it is time to start planning their next trip! In class, we have been learning the method for long multiplication and long division as well as studying stories including suspense. We have also started planning investigations to answer the many questions we have about Space.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy month! We had 23 students attend half term SATs buster sessions once again proving the children's dedication to their studies and enthusiasm for learning.

Area, perimeter and algebra have been our maths focus this term and the children have flourished!

Most recently the children have been researching Sir Isaac Newton and exploring his three laws of motion.

The students have also visited EPA to watch Bugsy Malone and attend a transmission workshop. We look forward to working with our other high schools in upcoming months.

Reading Challenge Leader Board

Year 6 = 6 tubes

Year 5 = 6 tubes

Year 4 = 3 tubes

Year 3 = 3 tubes

Year 2 = 3 tubes

Year 1 = 3 tubes

Reception = 3 tubes

Nursery = 3 tubes

Sports News

We have 2 big tournaments coming up. Some Year 5 children will be participating in a 7 a side Football match at Pakefield High School on the 2nd March and some Year 3 children will be participating in a Skittleball match at East Point Academy on the 8th March. We wish both teams the best of luck, I'm sure they will all do brilliantly.

Go Team Westwood!

Junior Road Safety

Road Safety has opened up a competition for the whole school to create a 'Superhero' to promote road safety.

Winner to be announced soon!



School Council

Red Nose Day is on Friday 24th March. We will be holding a cake sale in school at the end of the day and all children can wear red to school. Red noses will be available to buy from Monday 6th March at a cost of £1 from the school office.



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 Year 4 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

3rd March	Dance Workshop in school
7th March	Morning Nursery to Lowestoft Library
9th March	Online Safety Day in school
13th & 14th March	Parent Interviews
15th March	Year 3 & 4 Able Maths Day—Carlton Colville Primary
16th March	Year 3 to East Coast Cinema to watch Moana Reading Challenge Trip
23rd March	Reception to Marina Theatre to watch Ben & Holly Reading Challenge Trip
30th March	Easter Egg Raffle
30th March	Morning Nursery—Family Café—8.45am Afternoon Nursery—Family Café—12.30pm
31st March	LAST DAY OF TERM