

January 2017

Message from Mrs Aldous

Dear families,

A belated happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome to new families who have joined us at Westwood. Once again we have a busy term with lots of additional activities for the children. There are a range of afterschool clubs running including Woodland Club, Dance Club and Badminton Club. Many of the classes have filled their reading tubes 3 times and are receiving their free school trip. Year 6 had a visit to the cinema to see Fantastic Beasts and where to find them. Look out for flyers and information on our Facebook page. There are also some useful dates on the back of this newsletter.



Looking forward to seeing you all this term.

Best wishes

Rae Aldous

PARENT GOVERNOR

A big 'Westwood' thank you must be given to Mrs Craven who is our retiring parent governor. Unfortunately family commitments have made it more difficult for her to fulfil her role. So, we have a vacancy. We are looking for a parent/carer or grandparent who can join Mrs Ball as a parent governor.

The role of parent governor is about supporting the school to improve further. This might include checking the school are providing an outstanding education for the children and asking the headteacher and other members of the school leadership what they are doing to make the school even better and then coming into school to check we are doing what we said we will do, It is also about checking the school is performing well against national expectations. In general there are 3 meetings per term which are usually from 4pm until 5pm.

we need you.



If you think you might be able to take on this role, I would love to hear from you. Please pop in to see me and we can discuss it further. The application form is not tricky to complete and I can do this with you.

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Nursery

We have had a busy month in the nursery with lots of exciting learning. A big thank you to everyone who came to our bedtime stories family cafe. Don't forget we have lots of lovely books in the nursery for you to share with your children. Please can we also have pictures of you reading with your child to add to our bedtime stories display.



Reception

We have been learning the new phonemes j, v, w, z, y and qu and have been practising these in our writing.

In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes, recognising and describing their properties. We have been recognising numerals and matching quantity to number.

In Talk for Writing we have been learning the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and can retell the story well with actions. We have used a hand saw to cut pieces of wood for the little pigs house!

Exciting news... Reception have won a breakfast for great attendance and we only have half a reading tube to fill until we get to have a trip out!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy start to the Spring term. We have been learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have been busy planning and building houses for the Three Bears as well as making a boat for Goldilocks. In maths we have been learning to use the taking away strategy to subtract. Sneaky Captain Blackbeard stole treasure from Long John Silver. The children had to work out how many pieces of treasure Blackbeard had taken by using the taking away strategy.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy few weeks of learning. We have been writing stories about a journey inspired by the story 'Where the Wild Things Are' and doubling and halving 2 digit numbers. Mrs Hurren has been so impressed with the quality of the work - super work Year 2!

We have also been about our local area, including Lowestoft in the past and wider afield.

Year 3

We have been working hard learning all about 'Aboriginal Art' designing and painting our own designs. They have enjoyed using dot's as a way of decorating their designs and finding out where the patterns originated. Please come in and see out great artwork!

Year 4

Year 4 have kicked off their new topic of India with a fantastic Bollywood dance lesson. We learnt lots about the Bollywood movie industry and the importance of dance and music. The afternoon was spent perfecting our dance moves and performing as a class in beautiful saris and waistcoats. We all had lots of fun!



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Year 5

Year 5 started the new year by reflecting on 2016 and setting ourselves personal challenges for 2017, some children want to earn their pen licence, others want to improve things like spellings or their clarinet skills and I'm pleased to say many of them are well on their way to achieving their resolution already!

Just before Christmas, we filled our 3rd reading tube and have earned a class reward. The details are top secret at the moment while we make the final arrangements but I am certain they are going to love it!

We have introduced our Book Bingo so the children can earn themselves individual prizes too!

We have been really busy in class mastering column addition and subtraction, writing balanced arguments and learning about China. We have continued our clarinet lessons.

(we can now play 5 different notes!) and have entered our artwork into a painting competition.



Year 6

Well what a busy half term it has been so far! Year 6 recently visited East Coast Cinema to watch Fantastic Beasts as their reading challenge treat. This has inspired them to write reports about their own creatures! We also recently attended an indoor athletics tournament where the children had the opportunity to compete against 25 other schools. In maths the children have been looking at negative numbers in context and in topic we have been researching European cities.



Sports News

A big well done to the Year 4 children who took part in the ALT Football Tournament at Red Oak.



Junior Road Safety

The JRSO's will be meeting up to discuss what road safety theme they want to focus on this term. Keep checking the JRSO's display board for further information!

Reading Challenge Leader Board

Year 6 = 3 tubes

Year 5 = 3 tubes

Year 4 = 3 tubes

Year 3 = 3 tubes

Year 2 = 2 tubes

Year 1 = 2 tubes

Reception = 2 tubes

Nursery = 2 tubes

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, Year 3 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.



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 in advance

2nd February	Anti-Bullying theatre production in School
3rd February	Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament—Red Oak Primary
8th February	Year 5 & 6 to EPA to watch Bussy Malone
10th February	Dance Workshop in school
13th-17th February	SCHOOL CLOSED — HALF TERM
2nd March	Reading Week—activities in school
9th March	Online Safety Day in school
13th & 14th March	Parent Interviews
15th March	Year 3 & 4 Able Maths Day—Carlton Colville Primary
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

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

We have an open door policy here at Westwood. Please feel free to talk to your class teacher before or after school. If the issue is likely to take longer than 5 minutes, they may invite you back into school or be able to have a telephone conversation with you at a later date.

For your information I have provided details of the Senior Leadership team. One of us is will always be available to speak with you if needed.



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