

Message from Mrs Aldous

We have had a fantastic month at Westwood with so much amazing learning going on. every half term the Active Learning Trust inspects the school and this month the feedback was very strong. Comments from the inspection included:



"The adults are highly skilled to enable children to make rapid progress."

"The learning environments and displays support learning."



"Children behave exceptionally well and demonstrate good attitudes to learning"

It was noted that although we receive excellent support from our parents and we have lots of events for parents to attend, we need to improve parent voice. For this reason we will be launching our Parent Forum. This will focus on how we can improve the school further. We will also be aiming to launch a new Parent Association Group to help fundraise and run events in school etc. Dates to follow in January.

There are lots of dates and events around the Christmas time so please keep an eye on our Facebook page and look out for details by text and by leaflets.



Kind Regards

Mrs Aldous

Tokens mean free school trips!!

Reading at Home

Please, please, please listen to or encourage your child to read at home!

Children who read at home regularly make better progress in reading and writing at school.

Well done to all pupils who have been reading everyday and getting lots of cubes to put in their class reading tubes, they are filling up just nicely.

The top 7 readers from each class in KS2 have already had a funded school trip for all their regular reading. They visited the Marina Theatre to watch a performance of 'The Children's Bookshow' by Michael Rosen. The children and staff had a fantastic time.

Please don't forget when your child reads at home, record it in their reading records as this means they will be given a cube. Remember anything counts as a read from a book, magazine, song lyrics, a transcript etc.

Happy reading everybody!



WESTWOOD NEWS

November 2016

Nursery

It has been a busy couple of weeks in nursery, the children have experienced lots of new learning opportunities. The morning children thoroughly enjoyed our train ride to Beccles and our family cafe. The afternoon children had great fun exploring in the woods. Don't forget we have lots of new books in nursery for you to share at home with your child. Please remember to ask a member of nursery if you have any questions.



Reception

We have been busy exploring and talking about how things have changed in Autumn. We had a great time in the woods exploring and looking at change and then using the autumnal objects we found to create our own 'leaf art'. We have been busy comparing height and ordering items by their height from the shortest to the tallest. We have also been learning to measure height with things like hands and bricks.



Year 1

As part of our 'Belonging' topic we visited St. Marks church in Oulton Broad to begin learning about Christianity. We had a great visit and learnt about Christian festivals, different parts of the church and the special clothes that a Vicar wears. As well as this we had lots of opportunities to ask questions to further our own learning.

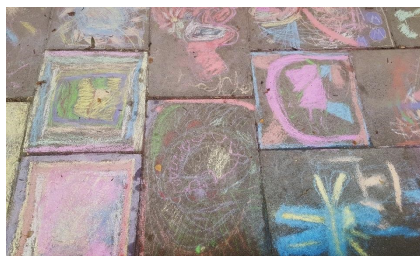


Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy few weeks and have been working incredibly hard! This includes learning about the story of Cinderella. We can now use powerful adjectives to describe the characters, using commas in a list and use speech punctuation. We have recently used the storyline of Cinderella to write our own transformation stories. This included mapping our new ideas and using different sentence openers to make our writing more interesting.

Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying their topic work all about Hinduism. This month we have learnt about what they believe in and how they celebrate their festivals. We have been looking at the Hindu festival 'G Diwali' and have made some fantastic Rangoli patterns outside our class room door!



Year 4

During this half term, our Art work has been based on textiles and learning different printing techniques. We have had lots of fun practising monoprinting and creating patterns. We have also investigated dip dye and seeing the effect of what knotting, folding and tying has on the fabric. Come and see our unique designs displayed in the year 3 & 4 cloakroom.



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Year 5

To finish our Topic on My Body, Year 5 FaceTimed Dr Ben Garrod and his biology students at the University of Bristol to ask some very tricky questions about evolution. We found out things like why we walk on two legs not four and why we aren't covered in fur. We are looking forward to meeting Ben in person in the near future.



Year 6

In Year 6 we recently visited our local high school as part of our on going transition work. We produced a high quality piece in the art department and got a flavour of what lessons may be like next year! We have been working hard in literacy and recently wrote a discussion text about keeping animals in captivity. In the last few weeks we have started our RE topic and have been discussing similarities between our own faith and Islam. We can't wait to start rehearsals for the Christmas play!

School Council

We have now created a Pupil Development Plan using our peers views. We have 6 targets which we will aim to achieve by the end of the year.

Our 'Spotacular' day raised a fantastic £182 for Children In Need. Thank you for all of your donations!

We are now very busy organising the Christmas Fayre, we hope you will support us by donating prizes for our raffle and tombola.



Sports News

Well done to the mixed year 3 and 4 team who took part in a Tennis Tournament at St Felix School on Friday 4th November, they showed great sportsmanship and resilience. Also a big well done, to the Year 3 team who took part in a Football Tournament at Red Oak Primary on Friday 25th November, yet again they showed their best efforts and worked fantastic as a team.



Junior Road Safety

The Road Safety Officers have been very busy this term. Road safety week was between the 21st and 25th November in which they organised free reflectors for every child in the school. There was also a colouring competition on Thursday 24th November, the winner will receive a road safety prize. Our focus for this term is "be safe be seen", the reflectors are to help promote this.



Reading Challenge Leader Board

Year 6 = 2 tubes

Year 5 = 2 tubes

Year 4 = 1 tube

Year 3 = 1 tube

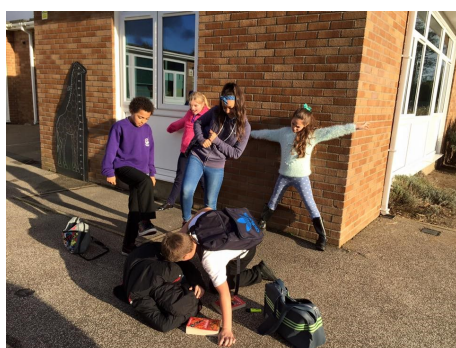
Year 2 = 1 tube

Year 1 = 1 tube

Reception = 1 tube

Nursery = 1 tube

November Learning



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 as possible.

1st December	Reception Family Café at 9am
1st December	Year 1 and 2 Family Café at 2pm
7th December	Christmas Fayre 2.30pm
8th December	Year 5 Badminton Tournament at Pakefield High School
8th December	Year 4 & 5 singing Christmas Carols at local care home
13th December	Nursery AM, Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Marina Theatre — Beauty and the Beast
14th December	9.15am Morning Nursery and Reception Christmas Concert
15th December	2pm Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Concert 6pm Years 4,5 and 6 Christmas Concert
16th December	9am Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Concert 2pm Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Concert
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day
19th December	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Disco in school
20th December	LAST DAY OF TERM

