



# The Red Squirrel



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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a short, but busy term. We have English Week next week, with World Book Day on Thursday. See below for information on some of our plans.

## Thinking Day

It is lovely to see all our Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies and Cubs in their respective uniforms for World Thinking Day today. Thinking Day, is celebrated annually on 22nd February each year by all Guides and Scouts around the world and is a day when they think about their fellow guides and scouts, all the countries of the world, the meaning of Scouting and Guiding, and its global impact.

## Farewell

After 21 wonderful years of service and teaching here at Westbury-on-Trym CE Academy, Mrs Thomas will be taking a well-earned retirement at the end of this school year. There will be an opportunity to celebrate Mrs Thomas' time here and a chance to say 'au revoir' later in the year. We wish Mrs Thomas every happiness and hope that her last few terms with us are enjoyable and memorable. Governors are in the process of planning the recruitment for her replacement and we will keep you updated as necessary.

## English week

We are looking forward to a week of

interesting activities next week.

**Share a Story:** The theme for World Book Day this year is "Share a Story" and we are extending this throughout English Week. On **Monday 26th February**, we would look to invite you to come into your child's classroom between **8:45am-9am** to share a story together. This might be your favourite story or a new story from the classroom.

**Twilight Tales:** On **Tuesday 27th February 2018**, between 5pm-6pm, we are holding a storytelling event for the children from Reception-Year 3 as part of our English Week celebrations. Come and enjoy magical stories brought to life by the staff. Wear your pyjamas, bring a teddy and enjoy some delicious hot chocolate! Tickets will be priced at 50p per child. Younger, supervised siblings are welcome to join us too. **Tickets are available from the main office before and after school.** We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

**World Book Day: Thursday 1st March** is World Book Day, where the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. For World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we have invited the children to dress up as their favourite book character. As in previous years, parents and carers are invited to come and admire the outfits during our whole school parade from **9 a.m - 9.10 a.m.** Please wait in the playground where there will be a viewing area. In the event of very wet

weather, the parade will take place in the hall (a decision will be made by 8.30 a.m at the latest on the day).

Please only take a photo of your child, and no other children please, for personal use. We will take more general ones.

We would be extremely grateful if you could make a voluntary donation of £1 per child which will be spent on buying some dictionaries for the school.

## Road Safety Meeting

Following concerns from parents/carers regarding road safety since the absence of the crossing patrol on the corner of Shipley Road and Channells Hill, I will be holding a meeting in school on **Thursday 8th March for parents/carers from 8.50-9.15am.** You are all welcome to join me to discuss how we move forward with the problem.

## Reminder

As you know the health and safety of our children is paramount. With this in mind, may I remind you that if you are watching after school sports on the field, all younger children must stay within your sight. Please do not allow them to wander to the KS1 playground, or into the bushes and trees. The MUGA is out of bounds from 3.30pm. Thank you for your continued support.

## Gardening Club

Are you a keen gardener? Do you have

green fingers? For many years, we have run a very successful gardening club. Sadly our volunteers are no longer able to help with the running of this club. If you would be interested in taking on this very worthwhile cause, then please contact Clare Warbis on 07717 570017 or via email [warbisc@westburyontrym.academy](mailto:warbisc@westburyontrym.academy)

## Scarlet fever

We have recently had some reports in school of Scarlet fever. This is an infection that causes a blotchy, pink-red rash and is most common in young children, but can affect people of any age. It isn't usually serious and can be treated with antibiotics from your GP.

As Scarlet Fever is highly contagious, please check with your GP before returning to school.

For further information visit the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

## Parents Evenings

You should have received booking information via email for the upcoming parents evenings. If you have not received any information, please contact the school office. Thank you.

## French Club

**French club meets every Tuesday lunchtime.** The focus of our clubs is on the spoken language and emphasis is placed on helping to build the children's confidence asking questions, learning vocab to make useful sentences for everyday situations such as: making friends, going on holiday, at the cafe, at school, at the market, at the zoo. I like to offer children the chance to come and try

the first one so that parents don't have to commit first to a whole term. If they don't like it, then there is nothing to pay. If they do, then an invoice will be sent to them which includes the first session. The cost per lesson is £5.25. Children become members (£9.95 for membership) and receive a downloadable CD and also have free membership to our online interactive website called Babelzone which has games, songs, stories and soundbites in French and Spanish. It's a fantastic resource which children enjoy doing at home with parents. If you would like your child to come along to try a session or to book them in for Terms 5 and 6, please email me [admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com) (with WOT in the subject line). **A bientôt. Anna-Kate**

## PTA news



## Great Westbury Bake off

Following on from the success of last year's Bake off, we are delighted to announce dates for this year. Who will win the much coveted Golden Whisk?! Each of the dates is for a particular group of years, and if it is not 'your year group', you do not need to bake! More details to follow nearer the time.

**Friday 9th March** - Years 5, 6 and Teachers

**Friday 20th April** - Years 3 & 4

**Friday 4th May** - KS1

## Dates for your diary

Spring Disco - Friday 18th May

## Dates for your diary

### Term 4

26th Feb—2nd March

27th Feb 5-6pm

1st March

5th March 1.30-2.30pm

5th March 2.45pm & 5pm

12th March

13th March 3.30-6pm

15th March 5-7pm

22nd March 2.45pm & 5pm

English Week

Twilight Tales

World Book Day

Pre school group

Y2 SATs meeting (info to follow)

STEM Week

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Y6 SATs meeting (info to follow)

**Term 6** Mon 4th Jun to Tues 24th Jul 18

## Remaining INSET dates 2018

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul and Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Jul 2018

## Term dates 2018/19

**Term 1** Monday 3 September 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018

**Term 2** Monday 5 November 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018

**Term 3** Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019

**Term 4** Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 5 April 2019

**Term 5** Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019

**Term 6** Monday 3 June 2019 to Tuesday 23 July 2019

INSET days : To be confirmed.

## Term dates 2018

**Term 4** Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd Mar 18

**Term 5** Mon 9th Apr to Fri 25th May 18(Mon 7th May-BH)

Ceilidh

Westbury Welcome, a local group that is sponsoring a Syrian refugee family to come and live in Westbury-on-Trym, is holding a Ceilidh in the school hall on **Friday 9th March from 7.30pm**. There will be a local live band, cash bar and raffle, all raising money for this important cause. So, if you fancy a dose of then please come along and support us. Darren Jones, our local MP will also be popping in.

Tickets are £5 and can be bought by emailing Lucy at [Lucy.malt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Lucy.malt@yahoo.co.uk) If you'd like more information on the group then find us on Facebook by searching Westbury Welcome.

Window Wonderland

Window Wonderland is coming to our BS9 community for the first time. To cheer up the winter blues, all around BS9 participants will be decorating their windows for us to enjoy. Westbury-on-Trym Academy has entered two displays; one in the window of Ocean Estate Agents in the village and the other in the window of Grounded café, next to the Orpheus cinema. Please see the map below, so you can follow the route. It's FREE to join in, simply sign up and create a window display. The display is completely up to you, anything goes... so long as it's child friendly! Some streets have shared ideas around a theme – such as sea, flight, books etc. which is great.

For more information on how to take part as a household, business, artist or volunteer, please register here or email [BS9windowwonderland@gmail.com](mailto:BS9windowwonderland@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram.

\*\*\* FUNDRAISER \*\*\* for Aid Bex Community

**QUIZ NIGHT** 

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Gather a team, bring a bottle & dazzle us with your collective brainpower!

★ 7PM for 7.30PM START ★

**SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 2018**

at THE COMMUNITY CHURCH, WESTBURY CENTRE  
ALBERT PLACE, OFF EASTFIELD ROAD, WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BS9 4AD

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BYO booze! plus: raffle & auction

★ **ADVANCE TICKETS £5** ★

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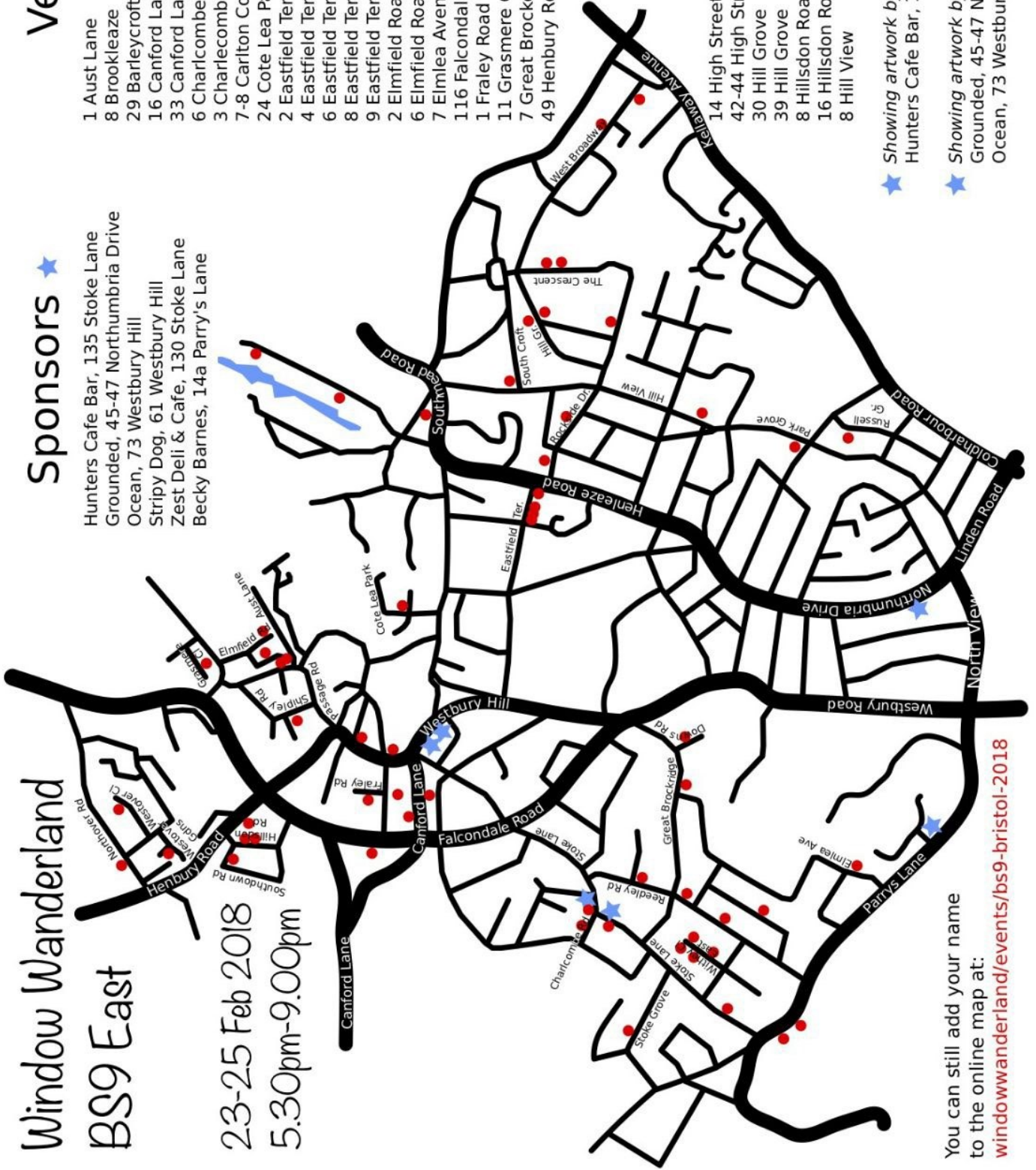
\*\*\*\*\* for more info visit [www.aidbexcommunity.co.uk](http://www.aidbexcommunity.co.uk) \*\*\*\*\*

Maximum 8 people per team



# Window Wanderland BS9 East

23-25 Feb 2018  
5.30pm-9.00pm



## Sponsors ★

Hunters Cafe Bar, 135 Stoke Lane  
Grounded, 45-47 Northumbria Drive  
Ocean, 73 Westbury Hill  
Stripy Dog, 61 Westbury Hill  
Zest Deli & Cafe, 130 Stoke Lane  
Becky Barnes, 14a Parry's Lane

## Venues ●

- 1 Aust Lane
- 8 Brookleaze
- 29 Barleycroft
- 16 Canford Lane
- 33 Canford Lane
- 6 Charlcombe Court
- 3 Charlcombe Road
- 7-8 Carlton Court
- 24 Cote Lea Park
- 2 Eastfield Terrace
- 4 Eastfield Terrace
- 6 Eastfield Terrace
- 8 Eastfield Terrace
- 9 Eastfield Terrace
- 2 Elmfield Road
- 6 Elmfield Road
- 7 Elmlea Avenue
- 116 Falcondale Road
- 1 Fraley Road
- 11 Grasmere Close
- 7 Great Brockeridge
- 49 Henbury Road
- 14 High Street
- 42-44 High Street
- 30 Hill Grove
- 39 Hill Grove
- 8 Hillisdon Road
- 16 Hillisdon Road
- 8 Hill View
- 132 Stoke Lane
- 201 Stoke Lane
- 23 Sylvan Way
- 15 The Crescent
- 92 The Crescent
- 110 The Crescent
- 3 West Broadway
- 28 West Broadway
- 23 Westover Close
- 1 Westover Gardens
- 6 Withey Close East
- 12 Withey Close East
- 19 Withey Close East
- 22 Withey Close East
- 23 Withey Close East

★ Showing artwork by Elmlea Infant school pupils:  
Hunters Cafe Bar, 135 Stoke Lane

★ Showing artwork by WoT Academy school pupils:  
Grounded, 45-47 Northumbria Drive  
Ocean, 73 Westbury Hill

You can still add your name  
to the online map at:  
[windowwanderland/events/bs9-bristol-2018](http://windowwanderland/events/bs9-bristol-2018)