



Newsletter October 2016

Parents Open Evening ~ Monday 17th Oct 3:30-7pm

I would like to remind you all of the essential opportunity to join us in school to meet your child's Class Teacher. Miss Hughes (Additional Needs Coordinator) is also available for discussion and advice. You do not need to make an appointment, simply come in at a time that suits you between 3:30pm and 7:00pm. This is a vital opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into the new academic year and how you can support their next steps. Notification about this event is on our school website and it was also mentioned on the newsletter last month.

Staff Car Park

I know the main pedestrian gate is far from easy to navigate during peak times, but **I must insist that you do not use the staff car park as an alternative route to avoid the gate.** In short, this area of school is not safe for pedestrians as cars come and go at all times of the day. The Governors and I are working on a future plan to improve the main pedestrian entrance.

School Website

Please make sure you log in to our school website to keep you up to date with news and events. Eventually, I want the school to go paper-less by placing all correspondence on our website. Log on to www.westwoodprimary.co.uk

Dinner Money Increase

After half term, the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.05 to **£2.10**. This is a County-led decision and is applicable to all primary schools in Flintshire. The school meals are still excellent value for money and provide children with a balanced, nutritional and varied lunch. The primary school meal menu for 2016/17 is readily available on the Flintshire Council website. You can plan ahead for the week to decide which meals to have (you don't have to have a school dinner every day if there is a day where nothing takes your fancy!). For efficiency, the staff and school cook select the most popular (and most chance of being eaten) meal for Reception children but all other year groups can make their own choices. In addition to the set menu, jacket potatoes and sandwiches can be ordered.

School Crossing Patrol (Lollipop Lady/Man)

At the moment, we are without a School Crossing Patrol on Padeswood Road outside Buckley Cross Methodist Church. If your child walks to school without an adult, it is essential to constantly remind them about the importance of road safety. Knowing how supportive our parents are, please be mindful of helping other children to cross the road safely as this is a particularly tricky area. I am uncertain as to how long it will take for the County to provide a replacement Patrol.

"Say Cheese!" School Photos Coming Soon

On Monday 14th November, the photographer will be in school taking individual pupil and sibling photos. An opportunity for family photos involving pre-school children is available from 8:30am in the school hall.

Flu Immunisations ~ Reception to Year 3 Pupils

Our brilliant School Nurse, Jaqui Lawrence, will be in school on Tuesday 18th October to give the flu vaccinations. This is a painless process that requires a quick spray up the nostril, consent forms have already been given out, please hand them in to school if you haven't done so already.

Additional Welsh Sessions

To enhance the provision of Welsh language skills, all Year 5 children will be joining a Welsh teacher, Mrs Marion Antrobus from the Urdd, between 12:30 and 1:00pm every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Following their lunch, the Year 5 children will be taken back to class for these fun, developmental sessions.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

To raise money for this excellent charity, we are holding our annual Coffee Afternoon between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. I hope you and your family members will join us in the school hall. Please bear in mind that we will not be able to let your children go home with you until the usual home-time so please time your visit accordingly.

Year 4 Art Project

All Year 4 children will be involved in an art project with artist Tara Dean. The project focus is trees and will involve sketching and printing. In preparation for this week long project in school (14th to 17th November), Tara has asked that the children look out for pieces of wood that will be used to print on. Ideally, the pieces of wood must be reasonably flat and as natural as possible (not chipboard, MDF or laminated board). Please don't bring in huge planks of wood or any up-rooted trees or branches.

Peanuts Allergies In School

In school, we have 3 children who have severe peanut allergies. In order to eliminate their exposure to peanuts, I am asking all parents to support my decision to avoid bringing any peanuts or peanut products into school. This is especially important during dinner time and in packed lunches brought from home. Children love sharing food (especially treats that are inside their lunch boxes!) and we do not want to accidentally cause an anaphylactic reaction. Thank you for your support.

Attendance Figures (School Target is 94%)

Nursery A = 93.2%	Class 5 = 95.3%
Nursery B = 88.5%	Class 6 = 93.4%
Class 1 = 94.5%	Class 7 = 91.5%
Class 2 = 94.3%	Class 8 = 93.5%
Class 3 = 93.8%	Well done Class 5! You are
Class 4 = 97.3%	in the lead.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please enquire at the office (even if your child prefers a packed lunch!). We receive additional funding for the number of FSM children on roll to help fund staffing levels and additional learning initiatives.

Diary of Events (also on our website calendar)

More events will be added or dates could change

Mon 17 th Oct	- 3:30-7pm Parents Evening (Drop-ins)
Tues 18 th Oct	- Flu Immunisations (Rec to Yr3)
Fri 21 st Oct	- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (2-4pm)
Fri 21 st Oct	- Half term
Mon 31 st Oct	- School opens
Fri 4 th Nov	- International Day
Mon 14 th Nov	- 4 day project with artist Tara Dean(Yr4)
Mon 14 th Nov	- Individual pupil photos
Fri 16 th Dec	- Christmas break
Wed 4 th Jan 2017	- Children return to school