



Final Newsletter of the Year 2017

Summer Time Best Wishes

It's certainly been an action packed year to say the very least! The time has flown by and we are on the verge of another long summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parents and Carers for the support given over the year and for the contributions that have helped us to make progress with your child. I would like to acknowledge and praise the staff team at Westwood for making sure our school is ready for action and for inspiring our young learners over the year - often going above and beyond the call of duty! The Westwood staff are head and shoulders above the rest!! I would also like to thank our committed Governors for supporting the forward direction of our school as we progress through the challenges ahead. Finally, I would like to thank all pupils throughout the school for being unique, engaging, enquiring, fun and inspiring throughout another year. We have all worked very hard and as a result, Westwood is one year stronger and one giant step better than ever. We all need to recharge our batteries over summer so we are ready to dedicate more time to our next phases of progress. Have a fantastic summer break!

Good Luck

All the very best of luck to Miss Rhian Hughes who has been seconded by the Flintshire Inclusion Service for 2 terms to support schools across the county with behaviour management strategies and techniques. We will certainly miss Miss Hughes for this time but we are very proud that her skills have been recognised at this level and will be used by lots of other schools. Westwood is definitely on the map as a school with best practice as we are currently sharing our expertise and many strengths across the county in other schools.

All the very best to Miss Watterson who is getting married this summer! Congratulations and happy times!! Miss Watterson will be returning to Westwood in September on a part time basis with our Nursery Class. Her new name will be Mrs Ryan.

Term Dates

The last day for pupils is Thursday 20th July.
School is open for pupils on Tuesday 5th September.
Friday 27th October = Half term
Monday 6th November = School opens
Friday 22nd December = Christmas hols
Tuesday 9th January 2018 = School opens
(Term Dates are on our website)

Left Belongings

All items of clothing left in school after 3:30pm on Thursday 20th July will be either reused, recycled, donated to charity or disposed of. This includes lunch boxes, uniform, coats, bags and toys. Please provide a couple of plastic bags for your child to carry all end of year belongings home. We will let children take their school books home at some point this week. However, as evidence of pupil progress, we have to keep the books of about 6 children in every year group. These books will be returned later on through the school journey.

Year 6 Leavers (Wednesday 19th July 6pm)

Year 6, your primary school journey is almost at an end! A sad, yet happy time! Westwood has prepared you for the challenges ahead at high school, the rest is up to you! You can all hold your head up high, be confident and fill the future with more success and achievement. Whatever you decide to do, be the best you can be, aim high and think big.

Traditionally, I work with all Year 6 pupils for the whole day on Wednesday to piece together their Leaver's Service. It's a little crazy, but we've managed to do it each year. The Year 6 leavers will present the service to their parents/ family members (no tickets needed) at 6pm on Wednesday 19th July in the school hall. Each child will be presented with their 2017 Year Book as a gift from school (each worth £8-so look after them) and their Leaver's Hoodie (if one has been ordered).

Future Newsletters

The days of paper newsletters are coming to an end as the switch to paper-less communication moves closer. I will produce one last paper-based newsletter in September and from then on, all newsletters will be on our school website before the end of the 3rd week of every month. You will receive an email notification in future to let you know when my monthly newsletter is ready. If you have not registered your email address with us, you will lose out on valuable communication so do not hesitate to give your email address in to the school office as soon as possible.

PTA and Parental Contributions

Thank you to the PTA and all associated helpers for your support during our events this year. Lots of money has been raised during the fun, engaging and unifying events. Funding has contributed greatly to the provision for our pupils. One example is a £5 school trip contribution for every child.

Mr N's Summer "To Do" List!

Just to keep you on your toes, I am giving you a list of activities to try and complete over the summer break. See how many you and your child can experience! Cross them off as you go. Be safe!!

1. Join the Buckley Library Summer Challenge.
2. Build a sandcastle.
3. Ride on a roller coaster.
4. Catch a crab (and hold it!)
5. Walk to the top of Moel Famau.
6. Build a den.
7. Surf or body board.
8. Have a picnic.
9. Visit a castle.
10. Ride on a train.
11. Visit an art gallery.
12. Eat a jam and cheese sandwich.
13. Bake a cake.
14. Grow vegetables or herbs.
15. Have a water fight with friends.
16. Create some chalk pavement art.
17. Have your face painted.
18. Visit a museum.
19. Go to a city.
20. Play badminton or tennis.
21. Swim in the sea
22. Run through a garden sprinkler.
23. Feed a horse, cow or goat.
24. Build a castle or vehicle out of cardboard boxes.
25. Go camping.
26. Make your own ice lollies.
27. Write a holiday diary.
28. Play crazy golf.
29. Make up a dance routine with friends- perform it!
30. Fly a kite. (not next to overhead cables!)
31. Pick some blackberries (check with an adult)
32. Walk on the city walls in Chester with an ice cream

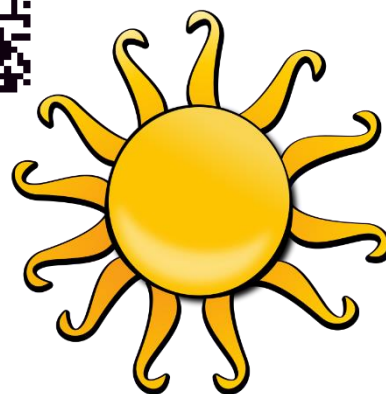
Post Card Mission

Over the summer period, I hope you are able to visit many exciting locations in other counties, in the UK, Wales or local venues. I am very interested in knowing what adventures you've had over summer so please send or save me a post card. Please make sure your post cards have a picture of the place (country, city, attraction, venue) you have visited including the name of the location if possible. Make sure you tell me about your experience on the back of the post card before posting it to school or saving it for when you see me in September. If you are posting it, please send it to me at school; *Mr Nicholson, Westwood CP School, Tabernacle Street, Buckley, Flintshire, CH7 2JT*. I hope to make a "Summer Adventures" display in September. Let's see how many different places we can visit internationally, nationally and locally.

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**Have a great summer from
everybody at Westwood
CP School!**