



June Newsletter 2018

SOCIAL MEDIA

Imagine how you would feel if school mentioned *your* name in a negative comment posted it on the internet for all to see.

In school, on a regular basis our staff members encounter situations involving children that need to be dealt with sensitively and confidentially using our best professional knowledge and skills. At times, our methods or conclusions may differ from those of some parents but this should not trigger a public post on social media.

At times we even disagree with how parents deal with their children or respond to a given situation. The difference is, we do not feel the need to post this on social media, on our website or on Twitter. We only focus on the positives. Praise in public - Criticise in private. In line with our Parents Code of Conduct (available on our website) defamatory or libellous comments about the school or individual staff are totally unacceptable.

It is unacceptable to mention the Westwood name in a negative comment in the public domain just because you disagree with a decision or outcome. Do not include the names of individual staff members on public social media pages or posts as this can be reported or even pursued legally.

Westwood is a fantastic school with such a great deal of positive qualities. The staff within work tirelessly to ensure we offer the best possible opportunities for every pupil. Of course, not all parents are going to agree with every decision made in school; the difference is, the mentality to trust us and capacity to support our decisions.

Above all this negativity, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the vast majority of parents who accept decisions made by the school, positively support our cause and always conduct themselves in a truly acceptable and respectful way. You really do make a difference to our day, contribute to the positive reputation of our school and make our jobs so worthwhile.

Farewell Mrs Griffiths

We are sad to say farewell to our fantastic secretary Mrs Griffiths at the end of this academic year. Mrs Griffiths has been front of house for 6 years and has contributed so much to our school in many ways. She has managed elements of our school budget to ensure we comply with all financial regulations, remained afloat as well as ensuring we get the best possible value for money

on school trips and other ventures. Mrs Griffiths' administrative knowledge is exemplary and we are all grateful for her commitment and contributions to our school over the years. She really has been an asset to Westwood and I hope you all join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Year 6 Leavers

I have only received 18 out of 33 toddler photos so far. Please email a toddler photo (1.5yrs to 3yrs old preferably) so I can complete my "Then and Now" image slideshow for the Leaver's Service (Wednesday 18th July 5:30pm). If you do not provide a picture before Friday 6th July, your child will not be included in the slideshow. I will not have the time to chase up individual children. If I get 100% of the Yr6 toddler photos on time, I have promised to include a toddler picture of myself as part of the slideshow! Also, I need the reply slip back so that I know for certain if your child is to be included in the Leaver's Service on Wednesday 18th July and the number of guests to accommodate.

Estyn Inspection

As you know we had a full Estyn inspection in the week before half term. All schools currently have a full inspection every six years and they are very important for measuring and judging the quality of provision, progress and standards in all areas of school. As the official Estyn report is not published until 24th July 2018, I am unable to tell you the actual judgements of the inspection or exactly how well we did. I do know that Westwood came out very well indeed and we certainly have a great deal to be proud of. The inspectors were very happy when they left.

Welcome back Mrs Ducker and Mr Powell

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Ducker and Mr Powell are well enough to begin their phased transition back to full time duty following their operations. We have missed them both very much and we will have to remind them to take it easy whilst they get back to full strength. I would like to share my appreciation with Miss Connah and Mrs Biddle for their continuous support throughout this period of absence.

Last Call for Oliver Tickets!

Please be sure to purchase your allocation of 2 tickets per family for the Oliver production (School Hall shows) so that we can begin releasing them to the reserved list. You can purchase as many tickets as you want for the Hawkesbury Theatre showings.

Dates for your diary

Sun 1 st July	Circus Event (tickets available from the office)
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Tues 3 rd July	KS2 Oliver Production at Hawkesbury Little Theatre (6:30pm)
Wed 4 th July	KS2 Oliver Production at Hawkesbury Little Theatre (1:30pm)
Thurs 5 th July	Transition Day (Yr 6 at Elfed all day. New Classes all morning)
Fri 6 th July	Transition Day (Yr 6 at Elfed all day. New Classes all morning)
Mon 9 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting (3:15pm to 4:15pm)
Tues 10 th July	School closed (Buckley Jubilee)
Wed 11 th July	End of Year Pupil Reports go out to parents
Thurs 12 th July	KS2 Oliver Production in school (6:30pm)
Fri 13 th July	KS2 Oliver Production in school (1:30pm)
Mon 16 th July	FPh Sports Day (afternoon 1:00pm entry - 1 st race 1:20/1:30ish)
Tues 17 th July	KS2 Sports Day (afternoon 1:00pm entry - 1 st race 1:20/1:30ish)
Tues 17 th July	Optional parents evening following End of Year Reports (3:30-5:00pm)
Wed 18 th July	Yr 6 Leaver's Service 5:30pm
Wed 5 th September	School opens for children