

## Westwood's Buckley Bugle Special November 2018 Update

Welcome back - we hope you have had a relaxed and happy half term! This update has been produced to give you more information about the up and coming events mentioned in last term's Buckley Bugle's October newsletter. Please check your emails too! Enjoy the read and if you have any questions, please contact us.

### Early Entitlement

Do you have a child who will be 3 years old between 1st September 2018 and 12th April 2019 or know someone who does? If so, your child can have a free place in our fantastic Early Entitlement group located in our Early Years Department (Nursery and Reception Classes). For children whose 3rd birthday falls before 7th January 2018, funding will be provided for 2 terms (Spring and Summer). For children whose 3rd birthday falls between 8<sup>th</sup> January and 12th April, funding will be provided for the Summer Term. Early Entitlement sessions run for 4 days per week (Monday to Thursday) between 9am and 11:30am. For more information, please arrange to speak with Mrs Quirk as soon as possible. Please tell friends and family members about this excellent, developmental opportunity and the amazing opportunity to be part of our Westwood family.

### Stay & Play - Family Fun sessions

In addition to our excellent opportunity for early Entitlement provision, Mrs Quirk and Miss Pickering are also holding two "Stay and Play Family Fun" sessions for parents and their children who are aged between two and three years old. These special events will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am to 11am in the Westwood Early Years Hall. This is a community event, so again, please spread the word!

### Chatterbox Sessions

Yes, its Mrs Quirk & Miss Pickering again! These wonderful ladies just never stop providing excellent opportunities at Westwood and this week are starting their Chatterbox sessions for Nursery & Reception parents. These fun and informative sessions will take place from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November @ 1.30pm for the next six weeks! The sessions provide the informal opportunity for you to learn with your child, have an insight into how your child learns through play, rhymes, songs and important routines. These sessions will be held in the Nursery class in the Early Years setting within the Westwood Centre. We really hope you can make it! Thankyou Mrs Q and Miss P!

International Day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - Please read your October newsletter!

### Remembrance Weekend

As you know the Royal British Legion held a community event at Costa Coffee in Buckley Precinct last month. Mrs Alison Mowlem (one of our mums) organised a superb remembrance artistic tribute to the fallen of Buckley with 114 tiles to be designed with the names of our local heroes. Our children, pupils in Year 1 to Year 6, completed the Remembrance tile project before half term. What an amazing tribute to the fallen heroes of Buckley! The tiles will be laid at the Remembrance service at St Matthew's Church on Sunday 11th November after the Buckley parade. The Buckley parade meets at 9.30am in the main car park by the precinct, near the Aldi, to collect the tiles and get organised. The parade leaves at 10am to march to St Matthew's Church for 10.30. If your child wishes to take part in the parade and lay a tile, pupils should arrive in the main car park near Aldi by 9.30am and be supported by a family member. Following the service, the laying of the wreaths and the tiles, the Buckley Historical Society will be hosting light refreshments in the Community Centre at Jubilee Court and all are welcome.

### Say Cheese! Individual Photo Shoot

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 12th November to take individual and family photos. If you want a photo with children of pre-school/high school age, please arrive at the main door reception at 8: 25am. We will arrange school-age sibling photos at a convenient time within the school day. If you do not wish to have your child's photograph taken, please notify the school office in writing by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### Goodbye to Mrs Ryan and Hello Mrs McCormack

As you may know Mrs Ryan, our Nursery teacher, is expecting her second child and will be leaving Westwood temporarily to begin her maternity leave on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Whilst she is away, we will welcome Mrs Natalie McCormack, an experienced Early Years teacher to Westwood and she will take sole charge of the nursery Class from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Ryan and Mrs McCormack having already been working together before half term and will continue to liaise so the handover for our Nursery children is as smooth as possible. I am sure you will continue to work positively with Mrs McCormack as she settles into her new role with us and you will wish Mrs Ryan good luck on her maternity leave; we will see Mrs Ryan return in July 2019.

### Mrs Donaghy's Open Parent's Evening for Class 3

We are pleased to have Mrs Donaghy back and so we now have a date for her rescheduled Parent's Evening for Class 3. The Open Parent's Evening will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. No appointment is necessary - we hope to see parents and carers attend to share progress so far and share your child's work.

### Early Arrivals

It has been noticed that a number of children are arriving on the school site extremely early and are not entering Breakfast Club. From as early as 8:00am, some children are wandering around the outside of the building or sitting in the porch waiting for friends to arrive. This is not appropriate. All children arriving on the school site before 8:30am will be expected to use our free Breakfast Club provision.

### Christmas 2018

We are in the process of finalising the dates of our Christmas performances and festive events. As soon as they are available they will be put onto on the Calendar on the school website and within Newsletter updates.

### Trips & Residentials

#### Nant BH 2019 ~ Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 for Year 5 and 6

It's back! Once again, an essential experience for Year 5 and 6 children has been arranged. The cost of the trip will be approximately £195 to cover 3 days, 2 nights' accommodation, food, transport, outdoor equipment, a range of adventurous activities and fully qualified instruction.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to subsidise the total cost of the trip due to budget constraints, but we will be offering a slight remission for families in receipt of Universal Credit -Income Support element / free school meals. Further details will follow in a letter this week. To give you more information about this adventure, we will be holding an information session for interested parents and children on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 3:15pm in Class 9. If your child went last year and is keen to return, you do not need to attend this session unless you want to be reminded about the trip.

#### Glan Llyn 2019 - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February for Year 3 and 4

Mr Powell and Miss Bennett have arranged an overnight trip to Glan Llyn, Bala. As well as experiencing outdoor and adventurous activities, the children will also be enhancing their Welsh language skills in a fun and active way. The total cost of the trip is £85 covering all food, transport, accommodation, safety equipment and fully qualified instruction. Unfortunately, we will not be able to subsidise the total cost of the trip due to budget constraints, but we will be offering a slight remission for families in receipt of Universal Credit - Income Support element / free school meals. Further details will follow in a letter this week. To give you more information about this adventure, we will be holding an information session for interested parents and children on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3:15pm in Class 6. If your child went last year and is keen to return, you do not need to attend this session unless you want to be reminded about the trip.

#### Into Film Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

All key stage 2 pupils and staff will visit the cinema in Broughton as part of the Into Film Festival on the morning of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This fantastic opportunity has been organised by Mrs Brown, who sent out a letter with more details yesterday.

#### Dangerpoint Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Our Year 1 & 2 pupils will be visiting the Dangerpoint Centre on the North Wales coast for the day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This fantastic visit to Dangerpoint Centre links into their practical science topic of Electricity. We were very fortunate to receive a bursary from the centre to subsidise the trip, and transport to and from the venue. The trip will cost just £4 - amazing value! Further details will follow in a letter this week from Mrs Harrison.

#### And last but by no means least - A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

After one half term that was fun packed, eventful and full of activities, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their amazing dedication, enthusiasm and hard work. Every time we hold an event or provide an opportunity at Westwood, they always step up, and go over and above expectation. They are truly an amazing group of people and we are so lucky to have such staff who are willing to do so much for our school and give the children the best of opportunities - THANK YOU TEAM

WESTWOOD - YOU ARE OUTSTANDING! MRS W ☺