

# WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

**To our Dear Westwood Family** – I hope you are well and are staying safe! We have had a very busy half term since our return in November, and inside your Buckley Bugle, we have some lovely items to share with you including pupil events and news of what's happening in the run up to Christmas. Remember our website has lots of news to share too! So keep checking regularly!



**As you know, local community transmission of Covid 19 is on the rise.** We as a school, to remain open, must do all we collectively can to reduce the risk of Covid 19. All of our Covid and Health & Safety arrangements remain in place to keep our school safe! **That includes wearing a mask on site and keeping your 2 metres distance wherever possible.** Also keep the pavements and gates clear at all times please. If you have other family members coming to school to collect, please remind them of these requests. **Covid 19 is still a threat so we all need to remain vigilant to keep our school open.** We are doing everything in our capacity to keep us all safe; we ask you to support us as you have. If your child displays any Covid 19 symptom, we request you take your child for a PCR test. **If your child has been for a P.C.R. test, we request they isolate and to see the negative results before they return.** Under 5s are not recommended for testing but we ask you to be vigilant. **Please refrain from sending your child into school if they display symptoms of Covid 19.** Please refer to the Parent's handbook for details of our safety measures and we will update you regularly. You can contact us via our Covid 19 exclusive email regarding advice, results or testing on **19C5@hwbcymru.net**. You can also **contact 119 for advice too. The Covid 19 situation is changing rapidly, so stay vigilant and please stay safe :)** 

Please keep checking your emails and staying in touch with us. If you need anything, contact the office on wwmail@hwbcymru.net or call 01244 543207.

Please stay safe our Westwood Family!

Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :)



# **Pupil Congratulations**

We are now holding our school assemblies again on Friday. Albeit in smaller groups, it has been fabulous to get together and share in the successes and celebrate with our wonderful children! It does mean that I will not be posting my assemblies on Instagram going forward. But I will be posting pics on Insta and Twitter so you can catch up on the events each Friday! Do not forget to send in any shout outs you would like to share for your child; we like to acknowledge successes outside school too! :)









## Congratulations to our House Captains and our Vice Captains! Go out and make us proud!



Well done to our wonderful learners in Foundation Phase!



#### Amazing opportunities at Westwood!



Fabulous **badminton sessions** for Year 3 & 4! We were lucky to have two taster sessions with Dan from Badminton Wales! It was so successful and the children loved it. We are looking to have a badminton club in the new year for Year 3 & 4! Watch this space!!



#### Flintshire Music Service

The Flintshire music service are looking for children to undertake additional music opportunities with their highly trained professionals. Here are two of our violinists and we also have cornet lessons too. To find out more, contact the office :)



#### Outdoor Learning @ Westwood

We love the great outdoors and we are so lucky to have superb grounds and staff who make the magic happen. Thank you too to Mrs Lamb for giving the children fabulous outdoor experiences at Westwood!











Dear Westwood Family,

As you will know all schools in Wales are preparing for the new curriculum 2022, and it important for you to be part of this preparation and transition!

So we need your ideas and support! Please read on to find out how you can collaborate on our vision, topic planning and family opportunities as part of our Westwood Family!



Have you got ideas for future learning at Westwood?

Our new spring term topic is 'Time Travellers' We would like your ideas for activities, themes and learning ideas to help your children plan for their new topic. Have a chat to your child - be as creative as you like! It would be great if it could link with our Vision and Mission for school too!

Please click on the link, which will take you to our planning padlet for the new topic. Find the red + in the right hand corner. Just pop your ideas on here! Thank you for your support! <u>https://padlet.com/jaynewilliams90/bhbmz8qcxwb3rr5c</u> 6



## P.T.F.A Christmas events

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### 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party day

 Parties/activities for each class - snacks & prizes will be donated by the P.T.F.A (no charge for children)
Children will have the opportunity to play our teddy tombola - tickets cost £1 each and everyone's a winner
Guess the name of the teddy - £1 entry, all names entered go into the hat & the winner gets to take home our 'big ted'

Every child will come home with a special present from the P.T.F.A

Raffle tickets sales close, return your tickets ready for the draw

## 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas raffle draw day

Winners will be contacted directly, Good luck!!!

#### 15<sup>th</sup> December - Santa hat day

Children can design their own Santa hat - hats can be worn during Christmas lunch

## 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022- Dragon Bag week & Gift Amnesty

This week we are asking for used clothes/shoes and bags to be donated to our Dragon Bag collection. Please drop bags off at the school gate with a member of staff.

Gift Amnesty - please donate any unwanted Christmas presents to the P.T.F.A

Many thanks for your continued support

#### Christmas @ Westwood – Updated information!

To our Dear Westwood Family,

#### Hohoho! Christmas is coming to Westwood!

As you will know, due to Covid 19, we are unable to have parents in school at this time. As a result, this has meant we are unable to hold our usual Christmas fair, Christmas performances and other festive events with parents in attendance; this is the situation across Flintshire schools.

All of our children's classes will have a Christmas play or concert to participate in. This will be recorded and sent out to parents on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We are also exploring visits to the local church.

Below are some dates for your information:



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas activity day – Ro-

wan/ Elder / Holly classes

Please wear your P.E. bottoms/joggers and Christmas top / jumper!

<u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</u> – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas activity day for classes Violet / Derwen/Beech/Pine/Magnolia/Douglas Fir & Birch. The children can wear a Christmas

jumper or top. They can wear their own P.E. joggers/ bottoms for this day too.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Father Christmas will visit Westwood.

Nursery up to Juniors – the children will receive a selection box from Father Christmas.

<u>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December</u> – Christmas Party Day. Children can wear party clothes for this day (sensible shoes and a coat)

Nursery children in the morning, with Reception to Year 6 in the afternoon. Each child will also receive a book from the P.T.F.A. as a gift.

<u>Christmas Dinner Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</u> – **Orders need to be in by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, please- see link here:** <u>https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?</u> id=Ug4 TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kzZU9rhSGx5GhLsKZOy0YR1UQk1XRjRFVVdSUIYzTk5LQzBNRUdaNDhSMC4u

If we have any other Christmas dates or details, we will send these out to you in advance.

Thank you for your support. Team Westwood :)

#### **Christmas Boxes and Teams 4 U**

From our wonderful House Captains packing the Christmas boxes from our school donations to attending the Christmas box Sunday service ...



















Our children make us proud every single day. Over 400 boxes from the community donations were loaded onto a truck as they began their Christmas journey, to give a child a present as without these gifts they would have nothing this Christmas! Thank you to you all – no matter what your part in this story – you should be proud! Diolch yn fawr iawn teulu Westwood!

















## Children in Need 2021

# What an amazing day we had! The children's donations and the House Captains cake sale raised a massive £195.28. A fab day had by all!

## Wow-well done everyone!!







Our local Community heroes at Black Lion are doing something amazing for our school. Team Black Lion are taking part in a sponsored skydive to help create and develop the forest school area. Working in partnership with Four Seasons who will carry out the work! All donations will be greatly appreciated!

Date of the skydive TBC. If you wish to donate, here is the link: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emma-nethercott-1?</u> <u>utm\_term=nV9x3BanY&fbclid=IwAR1dy4bvMxOfA625ffr-</u> KOjWXG9zEhbeXWbkU\_M44eWLEIDkSHkasxrUlIg

We want to thank Mark, Andy, Maia, Emma and all of the Team at Black Lion for this generous fundraiser, which will make a huge difference to our children at Westwood :)

## **Our Fabulous Fiona!**

We have the best parents at Westwood and we are so lucky to have their ongoing support. A huge shout out to Miss Fiona Cliffe, mum of two of our pupils, who has selflessly braved the shave to raise money for our Forest School. There's £100 in the bucket from the event at the Black Lion and they are raffling through the week too! Thank you so much for this wonderful gesture Fiona—there is a message from Fiona below.



Right friends. My little one's school NEEDS an outdoor area badly. We have been fundraising for AGES but to help out, as I do, I have completed a sponsored head shave last Sunday at the Black Lion in Buckley. I will spend the winter bald to fund the kids. I don't care if it's as little as £1 and I don't mind if you're not in a position to give that before Christmas. No explanation needed but if you CAN spare... Thank you :)

Fiona Cliffe 202020 80220922

## Welcome to our KiVa School!

KiVa is an innovative school-based antibullying program which has been developed using cutting-edge research on bullying and its mechanisms. Westwood has been a KiVa school for the last 5 years and its systems are embedded here.

KiVa is an evidence-based program to prevent bullying and to tackle the cases of bullying effectively. <u>KiVa helps our children to recognise the difference between</u> <u>conflict, unkindness and bullying.</u> We have two senior staff members who deliver the Kiva programme to our children, and our staff are trained in the philosophy of KiVa; the promotion of respect and kindness.

**Mrs Anne Mattar and Mrs Alison Hawkins** have produced a Stakeholders' presentation guide to KiVa so you too can see how the programme works, familiarise yourself with the **correct terminology** and help your child in the KiVa way. Please scan the QR code below to see the short presentation or click on the weblink below. Thank you to Mrs M and Mrs H for sharing your expertise!



http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/page/kiva/28969

### **Supporting our Westwood Family**



At Westwood, we have a long and proud history of providing support for our families. We are now asking you what type of support you would appreciate to help with your child's learning journey at Westwood or parent skills that would help you feel more confident day to day. Our aim to put together lots of parent opportunities in the new year. We would like to hear your ideas so you can help us, to help you! Please click on the forms link here, and fill in the short guestionnaire.

<u>https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?</u> <u>id=Ug4\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k7UqIABD4ChBI9gUmLtN4thUMjFMNktSMFpQUDhSNj</u> <u>JWUk9MSVICVFhIRy4u</u>

Also as a starting point, have a look at the link below for adult learning courses and activities to support families.

https://www.adultlearning.wales/en/courses/course-results? &subject=supporting-families

Thank you :)

#### Someone in your household has COVID symptoms or has tested positive for COVID



#KeepWalesSafe







· Wear your mask

Wash your hands

Keep 2 metres distance

Please do all you can to keep our school open and

our children learning!

Stay safe our Westwood Family!

