



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

Hello Parents & Carers, welcome to our October newsletter. Our newsletter will always offer you an invaluable insight into the world of cWestwood, keep you updated and support the school's website and Twitter as a way of sharing information and improving communication. Just a reminder to please check your emails and look at the class pages, as they have been updated ready for the Autumn Term. You will find all the information needed for topics, kit, P.E. days/swimming, dates and so much more! Staff regularly post information, so please check out your child's class page. You can do this on the app or at www.westwoodprimary.co.uk.

At Westwood we always have lots to look forward to as it is such a busy school, so here are some of the highlights from the last few weeks and what we have to look forward to in the run up to Christmas. We have had so many events recently and even more exciting opportunities to come!! Where do I start?

We love visitors coming to Westwood and this month we have had lots of interesting events linked to our visits in and out of school!

All the classes had an amazing workshop with Chester Zoo, who shared their expertise with the children on conservation, how plastic pollution is affecting animal life and how we can contribute to a sustainable earth. As part of commitment to recycling and sustainability, we have also been busy collecting and recycling crisp packets at Westwood. As you know crisp packets are not currently recycled by Flintshire and end up in landfill. Each empty crisp packet is worth 1p to the 'Never forget Fund' who research for treatments and equipment to save the baby Asian elephants from the deadly E.E.H.V. virus at Chester Zoo! So far we have collected 8 bin bags full!!! So keep them coming! We would welcome your crisp packets from home, as every crisp packet makes a difference. We have a collection bin in the foyer so please pop them in! We are still collecting for the Dragon Bags, so please fill up and recycle with us!

At the start of October, we held our Harvest Service at Buckley Cross. Reverend Rosemarie always gives us a warm welcome. The children in Year 1 presented a wonderful Harvest celebration, and the children sang their hearts out - especially to 'Riding tractors is Fun!' You, as always, were incredibly generous donating to the Flintshire Food bank this year. Thank you so much for your support!

Our Year 5 & 6 ladies had the opportunity to learn about period poverty from the charity 'Given to Shine', and were given sustainable products to help with feminine poverty. We are the first primary school to have this opportunity and the ladies from 'Given to Shine', supported by Nurse Jackie, were very complementary of our girls who listened intently, and were so polite too.

We have had the local Welsh assembly member, Jack Sargeant visiting us this month and he was blown away by the pupils of the Junior department as they learned about his role in the Welsh Assembly and had a 'grilling' in the Q & A session after his talks. Jack's main focus was to encourage the children to be planet kind, which fit brilliantly into their topic 'Under the Sea.'

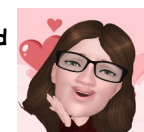
As our school is the Buckley Community School, it is so important to us to be at the heart of the community and work in true partnership! We held a community vision event, which allowed contributions into our vision from our stakeholders: parents, pupils and community members. The message of the 'heart of the community' and 'Team Westwood' is a clear theme that has come from all of our vision presentations. Thank you for your support with our new vision!

All of the pupils took to the streets and school locality to take part in our annual litter pick. We had good coverage from the Leader last month, and lots of support from our stakeholders! By the end of our efforts Buckley, yet again, was sparkling. We are very proud of the work we do as a school in the community and the children should be proud of the difference it makes to the town!

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It is important to us that the children have the opportunity to decide on what we contribute to and it is important to them that their voice is heard! The pupil voice is so strong at Westwood, with all children having the opportunity to contribute to councils, groups and within their learning. We had great feedback on this from the Parent's Evening - despite the power cut; it was a very busy and positive night! After half term, the children have chosen their new topic of study - 'Celebrations!' So please talk to your child about the topic and what they would like to learn about 'Celebrations!' It's their curriculum and you play a big part in their learning journey!

We are so looking forward to continue working with you this year; we are so proud of our school and it's thanks to you and your children, that helps us to make Westwood the greatest. Thank you Team Westwood - From Mrs W :)



Pupil News & Activities

Celebration Assembly

Our children always have so much to celebrate and we have a regular Friday assembly to share our achievements, no matter how small. We would love you to send in any achievements or extra special mentions for our weekly assembly, as sometimes we do not get to hear about all the amazing things the children do outside their Westwood day. Look out for the updates on Twitter & on the website!



Attendance with Atti

Well done to all our classes for their weekly winning class attendance. For the past few weeks, each class has been between 89% and 99.1%!! Our school target is at least 94%. Attendance and punctuality is so important!

Did you know that 9 days off school a year is approximately 50 missed lessons = 95% attendance!

Or that 18 days from school a year is approximately 100 lessons = 90% attendance!



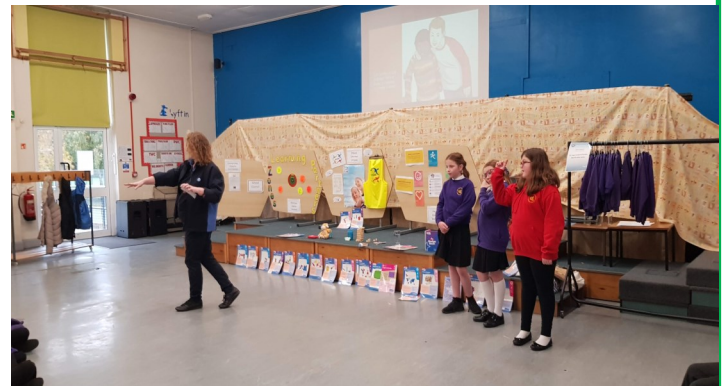
Pupil News & Activities

We love to welcome visitors to our assembly. Every half term we are visited by Canon Martin and his wonderful team, with 'Open the Book!'

The children love to learn about the bible stories in a fun and interactive way. They always get the children involved, with an important message or theme for each assembly.



Guides & Brownies



The children in Key stage 2 were visited by Di, our Guide leader during the last week of term. She shared some of the fun and exciting events that are available at the Guides.

Guides is for girls aged 10 to 14. It is held at Westwood from 6.30pm to 8pm on a Tuesday.

Aletia from Brownies has also asked if we can mention that Brownies are currently looking for girls aged 7 to 9 to join their group too. Brownies is held at Westwood from 6pm to 7.30pm on a Wednesday. Just come along to either session if you are interested.

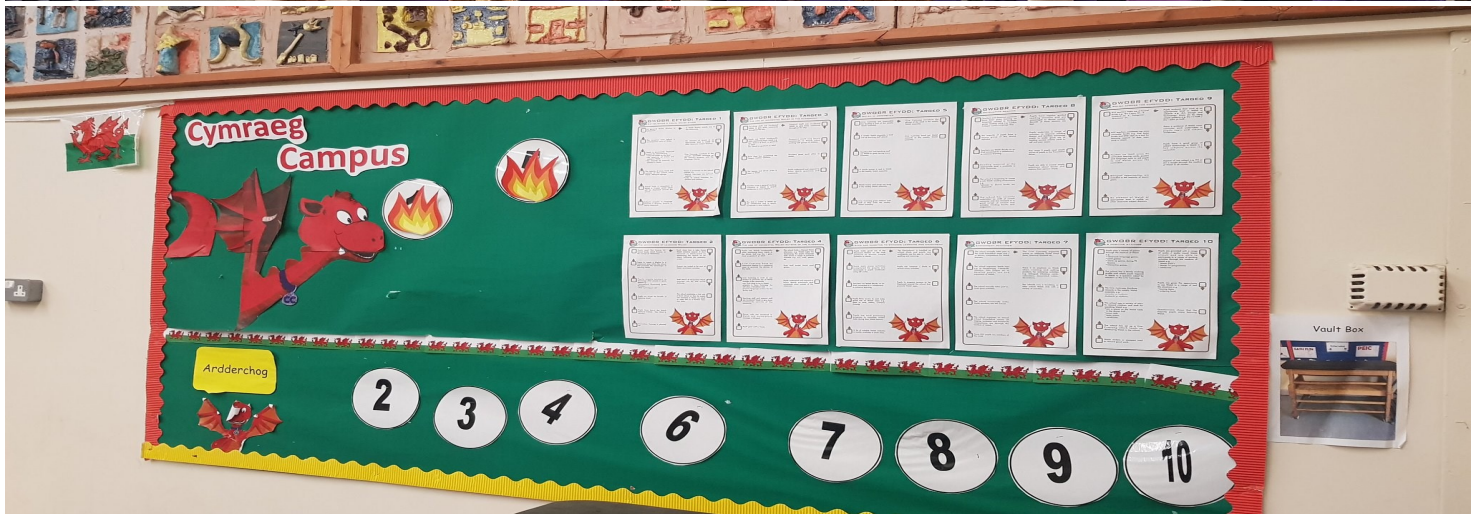
Not forgetting the boys—you can go along to your local Cubs or Scouts groups in Buckley at Bistre or St Matthews.

For younger pupils there are Rainbows for the girls—aged 5 to 7; Beavers for the boys—aged 5 to 7.

Check on the Internet for more information :)

Pupil News & Activities

Criw Cymraeg



The Criw Cymraeg have already been very busy promoting Welsh across Westwood! We are very close to achieving our Cymraeg Campus Bronze Award, so keep up with the good work - Gwaith da! They presented to the school on Friday 25th with an Cymraeg Campus update, and sung Welsh songs too!

Peidiwch a! Don't forget, a Draig Coch (Red Dragon) will be making an appearance to you soon. He only speaks Welsh, and will help you and our Westwood children to be able to use more Welsh at home. The book that comes with him is full of helpful words for you all to have a chance at reading, writing and speaking Welsh.

Amser nac! During snack time across school, the Criw Cymraeg will be helping sell fruit in classes, so all children who buy snack have the chance to learn how to do so in Welsh.

School in the Community News

We held a Nursery & Reception Open Day on Thursday 10th October, and it was great to see so many new faces! Our amazing Early Years Staff opened their classroom doors and shared their fabulous experience with our visitors. Our visitors were blown away with what we have to offer! If you know a family who are looking for excellent Nursery or Reception provision, get them to give us a call on 01244 543207 or email school at wwmail@hwbcymru.net - we will always welcome visitors to our school!



Early Entitlement @ Westwood from January 2020

Applications for funding 2019- 2020 will open from 30th September 2019 for 3 year old children in Flintshire to receive early entitlement the term after their 3rd birthday.

Do you have a child who can attend Early Entitlement? If your child is 3 years old before and including January 5th 2020, they could access 10 hours Early Entitlement in our Westwood Early Years provision from January 7th 2020. You must fill in an application form online from Monday 30th September 2019.

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Early-Entitlement-Scheme-Flintshire.aspx>

For more details, you can contact Mrs Quirk on 01244 543207 .

School in the Community News

Westwood Stay and Play Toddler Sessions



**Due to popular
demand!**

Due to the huge success and fantastic turn out of our Stay and Play sessions last year, we are now pleased to announce that we will be holding weekly Toddler Sessions for children on Wednesday mornings.



We will have a different theme each week and lots of exciting new ways to stimulate your child, having lots of fun in process!

All sessions are held in the Westwood Centre Early Years Hall on Wednesday Mornings- 9.30am to 11.00am. We hope to see you all there!

For families with pre-school aged children

Sessions are **FREE**

Open to all families in the community!

Look up Westwood Stay & Play on Facebook too!



Baby and toddler groups are an essential part of the community. They offer the opportunity for young children to have fun and mix with other children in a safe environment where a familiar adult can share and extend their early learning experiences.

For further information please contact Mrs Gemma Thomas on 01244 543207

or wwmail@hwbcymru.net

Welcome to our Westies Breakfast Club!



In our mission to provide the best wrap around care facility in Buckley, we welcome our newest pupils to our Westwood family in the all new Westies Breakfast Club!

Westies is open from 7.45am to 8.40am for our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception. The children can have a healthy breakfast, and lots of fun and stimulating activities whilst at Westies. As you can see the children love it!



If you want to come and join the fun at Westies, we will ask you to register and complete a booking form. Places are limited, so please ensure you complete the booking form with payment, if you are accessing the paid element (7.45 am—8.10am), the week before your child attends. Please note that a booking form is required for any part of the Westies provision.

Call into Breakfast club or into the main office for more details and forms you may require!

Mrs Ducker, Mrs Parry and Mrs Maguire will always guarantee a warm welcome at Westies!

**Penguins Playgroup
&
Westwood Community
Primary School**



Together we are proudly offering our community excellent wrap around child care provision and a stimulating learning environment at affordable prices

Your Nursery aged children can have full wrap around care from 7.45am to 5.30pm from Monday to Friday!

Nursery Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am until 8.40am only £2.00

***Nursery plus provision from 11.30am to 3.00pm is only £10.00**

***Nursery Afterschool club from 3.00pm to 5.30pm is only £6.00**

***You can use these facilities in conjunction with the Child Care Offer!**

After School Club

Do you need care for your child after
school?



In the Westwood Centre, we have After School Provision for children from Nursery age up to Year 6 from September.

We have spaces so if you wish to book in please call into After School Club or the School Office for a registration form.

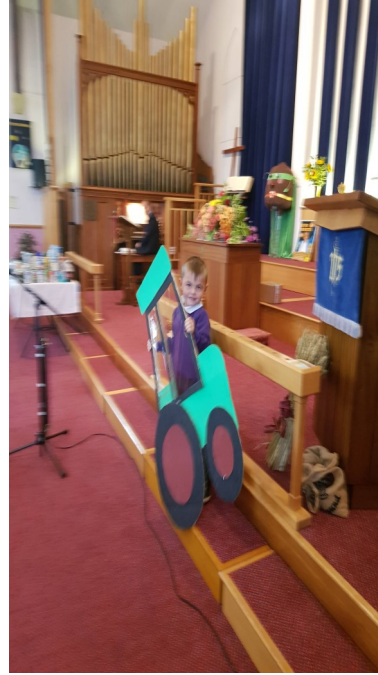
Alternatively if you need anymore information, call in or call us on 07955114184 and speak to Mrs Parry or you can contact the school office

01244 543207.

Diolch :)

Westwood Community Primary working in the Community, for the Community

Harvest Service at Buckley Cross Church



A huge thank you to all the children and staff for their amazing efforts at the Harvest service on Monday 7th October. Reverend Rosemarie made us feel most welcome at Buckley Cross and even introduced us to Super Spud!

The service was beautiful – a super presentation from Mrs Donaghy's class in Year 1 – with their interpretation of HARVEST! The singing filled the church with joy – even George Ezra made an appearance!



We would also like to say 'Thank you' to Mrs Farrer's Dad, Mr Thompson for coming along to church and playing the hymns on the church organ. At the end of the service, Mrs Farrer's class gathered round to learn all about the amazing instrument and how it works.

A Harvest triumph and thank you to all involved in making the service so special!

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Flintshire Food bank

As you will know, our Harvest contributions this year are in support of the Flintshire Food bank and to help combat hunger in our community. Flintshire Foodbank say that they don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why they provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of food banks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. It is incredibly sad that in our day and age that community members of Buckley should need to rely on Food banks and sadly it is becoming the norm of life in Britain today.

You, as always, are so generous and the foyer was filled with your donations. Our younger pupils helped the Food bank operatives gather the donations on Friday and they were gratefully transported to the Flintshire Food bank headquarters near County Hall. Obviously, they wanted a photo to show you just how generous Westwood is and we are so thankful that in times of need for many of our community, help is there.



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Annual Litter Pick

We came, we saw and we tidied up Buckley!

Well done to all of our wonderful children, staff, parents and community members who have completed their 7th annual litter pick on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th October.

It was great to have so much support for our litter pick and the children should be so proud of the wonderful feedback they received as they went about making Buckley a tidier place to live! Well done for making a difference!



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Macmillan Event



On the last day of term, we held our annual Macmillan Event. Despite the weather, you turned out in force to support this worthy charity! Thank you to all our Westwood family and the Buckley Community for making this event a huge success! The children raised £236.33 in just one hour! Such a tremendous effort and again, I know just how much the children enjoyed being part of the event and making a difference to those in need of our help!





Westwood Community Primary School Parent Teacher and Friends Association

Tabernacle Street, Buckley, CH7 2JT

01244 543207

Registered Charity No.

contact@westwoodpta.co.uk

Who are we? What do we do, How can you help?

The PTFA is a group of people who help to organise events for the school and wider community both fundraising and social. Our organisation is a registered charity which operates with 6 committee members working closely with the teachers at Westwood, never forgetting the vitally important event volunteers who put themselves forward to help out on the day of the events. Some of the events just couldn't happen without our volunteers, many hands make light work. Have you ever considered volunteering yourself? There are many ways you can get involved.

- Committee member (We currently have an vacancy for a vice treasurer)
- Event volunteers (We don't expect a commitment to every event! You would be contacted prior to an event and given the details, if you can help, Fantastic! If you can't its ok! We'll ask again next time)
- Match Funding (Lots of big banks, high street names as well as smaller companies offer match funding for charities and schools which can help boost fundraising totals. Please talk to your employer and find out if this is something they can offer)
- Prize donations (are you a business owner or work for a company willing to donate a prize towards one of our raffles? This could be a product, experience or service.
- Attend our events (come along, take part have fun!)

So why volunteer? People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons, for some it's a way to give back to the community and make a difference for their children, for others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. It is also a great way to get to know new people, make new friends and share school event experiences with your children.

If you would like to get involved in anyway, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to any of the committee members or teaching staff for more information. Alternatively you can e-mail us on contact@westwoodpta.co.uk and we will contact you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Large

P.T.F.A. Chairperson



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Dear Westwood families

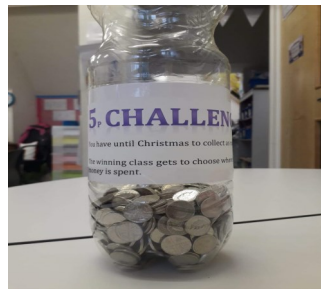
What a busy half term we've had already... we've really hit the ground running this year.

What a fantastic disco and party we had last week. Thank you to all the parents who came to help run the event, giving up your time, we are so grateful. Thanks to all the children coming along and joining in the fun... our final figure raised was £446.61.

Our Dragon bag box, located next to main school door, has also been emptied in the last few weeks, which raised another £76.50.

Our deadline for Christmas cards and crafts has been extended to **Monday 4th November** 2019 9am so get those Christmas designs finalised over the half term and bring them in when we return to school to guarantee Christmas delivery.

Have you heard of our 5p challenge...Every class has been given a 1lt empty plastic bottle which we are asking to be filled with 5p's the class who brings the most wins...winning class get to choose where the money is spent. So good luck everyone.



Don't forget our weekly your school lottery draw... for only £1 per ticket, it takes place every Saturday and someone from our school is guaranteed to win every week. With a chance to win £25,000 www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Doing your Christmas shopping why not raise funds for the school at the same time with EASYFUNDRAISING. School get a percentage of each purchase made with businesses who have signed up to it. Check out the website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/westwoodpta/>

Well that's just what's been going on... now for what's coming up...

15th November - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Westwood Community Shopping Event

6th December - 3pm to 5pm

Christmas fair

*The Westwood Parents Teachers & Friends
Association Presents....*



WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SHOPPING EVENING

| AROMATHERAPY | ARTS | BOOKS |

| CAKES | CHOCOLATES | COSMETICS | CRAFTS |

| HAIR ACCESSORIES | JEWELLERY | LICENSED BAR |

| PLANTS | SCENTS | CHRISTMAS GIFTS |

15th November

6-30pm—8:30pm

Main School Hall

Westwood Community Primary School

Tabernacle Street, Buckley, CH7 2JT

Purchase your tickets at Costa Coffee or School Reception.

£1 Entry

**Tickets purchased in advance will include 1 free entry to
win a hamper.**

We welcome you to join us at our first shopping evening fundraiser. We have brought together a large selection of local businesses to showcase their wares to you.

Shop in a warm relaxed atmosphere, enjoy a drink from the licensed bar, raffle tickets available to purchase for the chance to win wonderful prizes kindly donated from our special guests.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

A STITCH IN TIME

BEECH HOUSE CRAFTS

SHAZ'S SHABBY CHIC

THE YOU TREE DESIGNS

BOOKS

THE LITTLEST BOOKSHOP

CHARITY

CLARE'S CHARITY PROJECTS

WALES AIR AMBULANCE

DRINKS

COFFEE SHOP

LICENSED BAR

JEWELLERY &

ACCESSORIES

BUSY BOWS BOUTIQUE

JEWELLERY BOX

HOME & COSMETICS

BODYSHOP

NEAL'S YARD REMEDIES

PLANT CREATIONS

SCENTSY

TROPIC

SWEET TREATS

CAHILL'S CAKES

K&G CHOCOLATES & TRUFFLES



What's on this November!

Say Cheese!

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 11th 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/via email by Friday 8th November 2019.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 15th November! The children can support the event by wearing their spotty items, own clothes and bring in cakes / biscuits to sell at the Pupil Cabinets Welsh Shop at break time. Cakes will be 20p each in the shop and all the money raised will go to Children in Need.

Our International Day, which was scheduled for 8th November, has been moved to fit in with the children's topics. More details of the date for this event to follow :)

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is on Monday 11th November. We are supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and stationery items during school breaks. All stationery items have a suggested donation; snap bands @ £1.50, wrist bands @ £1.00, zippers and clip on poppies @ 50p. These items are available for one week only so please show your support.



Glan Llyn Residential Information Event

An information event for the Glan Llyn trip for Year 3 & 4 will take place on Thursday 14th November. Mr Powell & Miss Bennett will present what is on offer at Glan Llyn and will answer any questions you may have- come along and find out about this exciting opportunity for your child.

Culmington Manor

We are super excited that our trip is getting closer for Year 5 & 6. If your child has a place on the trip, could we just remind you that full payment is required by Friday 29th November 2019. Unfortunately, if the trip is not fully paid by this date, your child will be unable to attend.



Reminders



Morning Drop Off

Our main entrance doors open at 8.40am and the majority of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 come into the building independently. Over 200 children come through our main entrance doors and we would like this to be a calm time of the day. However, on occasions, the foyer is getting unnecessarily busy. We would like to request that the children come in through the main building doors independently please. The doors are always supervised by school staff. If your child is late as doors are closed at 8.50am, please ring the bell and let them enter. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this request.

Collections

There have also been a few earlier than usual collections of pupils before home time. Unless the reason for collections relate to appointments or important arrangements, which a written note or letter confirming this is shown, then we must stress that pupils are only to be collected at home time as it is disruptive to the day and the learning of the children. Thank you :)

Home time pick up

We always stress that at home time pick up, that you please keep your young ones close and safe. At home time parents and carers are responsible for their own children. A couple of parents have contacted me with regard to younger children who engage in 'rough play' after home time, as parents are not supervising their children adequately. I must stress that your child is your responsibility after handover at the end of the school day or after school events. We want to continue to allow pick up from the rear of the school. Please support us by keeping your children **close and safe**, ensuring a happy end to the day for all!

Parking

We would also like to thank the parents who park responsibly at the start of the day and on pick up. I have been informed that the P.C.S.O.s will be in attendance with more regularity around schools in Flintshire. So for our children's safety, please park responsibly. Thanks :)

Save the Dates this November

4/11/2019 – School Opens after Half Term

6th / 7th November – Into Film for Year 3 to 6

11/11/2019 – Individual School Photographs—see inside for details

15/11/2019—Children in Need —see inside for details

15/11/2019—P.T.F.A. Shopping Event —see inside for details

20/11/2019—N.S.P.C.C. visit school

21/11/ 2019—Don't touch, tell! visit school



Do you know someone who has a community link? Or someone that can help with grants or funding for schools? If so, please get in touch. We are currently fundraising for the Outdoor Area and Equipment as it is in desperate need of repair, refurbishment and replacement. Please contact the office on 01244 543207 or email at wwmail@hwbcymru.net Thank you for your support!

Have you signed up for school gateway?

From Monday 4th November, you should pay your dinner monies, music lessons and trips through the school gateway app.

Mrs Smith has worked hard to get our new payment system up and running, and we hope you will utilise this system effectively.

Get the app for your smart phone - If you have questions or need more information, check on the site: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk>

Goodbye to Mrs Smith

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Ceri Smith, our office administrator. In her short time at Westwood, Mrs Smith has made a huge difference to the office systems at Westwood. We are incredibly grateful to her for her hard work. Mrs Smith's last day is Wednesday 6th November. We all wish her well in her new career!

On Monday 25th November, we will have a new team in the office. Our new Administration Supervisor is Mrs Louise Wynne, supported by Administration Assistant Mrs Kelly Edwards. I know you will give our new office staff your full support and we welcome them to our Westwood family.