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## Autumn Update WC 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

To our Dear Westwood Family,

We hope you are all keeping well! Well done to the children for settling back to school with such enthusiasm! We hope you are keeping yourselves very safe too!

Just a short update for you this week.

### **Health & Safety**

We know you will be aware of Positive cases locally in Flintshire and around Wales; social media and local press have highlighted this last week. We want you to be reassured we are, and will continue to mitigate against Covid-19 with our strict regimes for hygiene, cleaning and all of our school adult community socially distancing 2 meters at all times; this includes outside the school gates and around the school site. Keeping our social distance has helped us to maintain a safe drop off/collection of our children. We ask again when you have dropped off / picked up, unless you have another sibling to collect, make your way from the school site and the surrounding areas please. Thank you also for keeping to the one adult per child/ family group too. Thank you for your support with parking in the local FREE car parks. Even if you have a Blue Badge, please park considerately and away from gates, on junctions, on pavements and parallel to cars on the opposite side of the road. This is for our children's safety! Thank you to Mrs K Jones for helping school with parking outside- we really appreciate this and any help you can offer to keep the roads outside school as safe as possible. We are working with local residents to keep our school community safe and we thank you for your continued support with this, and it all makes a big difference.

### **Contact numbers**

We have a new service with School Spider that allows us to send messages to parents with Smartphones, using the contact numbers we have on our Sims data base. We will be sending out a test message at 10am on Wednesday 23rd September (today) to 'test' the system. **This message comes through the School Spider app - so please download this app to receive the message.** If you do not receive the message on your phone on the app by 12pm, please email school on [wwmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:wwmail@hwbcymru.net) so any glitches can be ironed out. It is important, as always, that we have your update to date contact telephone numbers for emergency and communication purposes. This service does not replace emails nor telephone calls and is another effective communication layer to help get messages quickly to you if necessary. Thank you 😊

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### **EPEC – Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities.**

We are still looking for our friendly and enthusiastic Westwood parents to sign up to our new, unique parenting programme EPEC and training up to become a PGL (Parent Group Leader). By training to become a PGL you will receive a level 2 accreditation in EPEC and it's FREE!! Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC) Is new to Flintshire and is a proven training course that helps children and families in the community get the very best start in life. If you would like to be a part of this amazing opportunity then please contact Mrs Thomas for an application form on [wwmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:wwmail@hwbcymru.net) please. Let's show the Buckley community that Westwood really is the best!

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Mr Powell and his partner on the birth of their baby girl, Anaiya. Welcome to our Westwood family!

Also, belated congratulations to Miss Bennett who gave birth to Autumn, a baby girl during the holidays. I know you all send your very best wishes to Miss Bennett and Mr Powell respectively!

### **Thank you**

A massive thank you to Buckley Town Football Club for their generous donation of £150 towards sports equipment for the school. Mr Tony Howard, the club's school liaison officer contacted school this week to share this great news with Mrs Brown. We are looking forward to spending this money on much needed sports equipment and hopefully, we will be able to engage in more activities in a continued partnership with the club in the near future.

If you need to contact school, please email on [wwmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:wwmail@hwbcymru.net) or call the office from Monday to Friday 8am to 3pm. We are happy to help and support when we can. Thank you for your continued support and stay safe 🤞

Mrs Williams and Team Westwood :)

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