

To our Dear Westwood Family,

We hope you are well and keeping safe. I have a few messages and reminders for you. 😊

Parent Governor Appointments

Our nominations for our Parent Governors closed last Friday 9th October. I am very pleased to announce our two Parent Governors are Mrs. Alison Wightman, who is an existing parent governor of our school and Mrs. Adie Drury, a new parent governor for Westwood. I am delighted we have two very enthusiastic and passionate parents on our Governing body, who share our vision and commitment to Westwood. Congratulations to you both; we are looking forward to working with you over for the next four years.

P.T.F.A . A.G.M. – Monday 19th October 2020

You have all been invited to take part in the P.T.F.A. A.G.M. on Zoom next Monday @ 5pm. Please make every effort to attend and support the A.G.M. The details are below:

Alison Wightman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PTFA AGM

Time: Oct 19, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78565306661?pwd=eWtpTWZXdVgwUjhsSVJFVXQ1YoMrQTog>

Meeting ID: 785 6530 6661

Passcode: 1e5vvR

Pupil Progress Reports – Tuesday 20th October 2020

This year we are presenting to you a short-written summary report of your child's progress since their return in September, along with Seesaw visuals of the work they have been engaged with. Should you wish to discuss any points on your child's report, there is an opportunity to email school, and your child's class teacher will contact you accordingly during the first week back after half term. As you will appreciate, keeping Covid safe is our number one priority and we are disappointed that our normal parents open evenings cannot take place. We know you will appreciate this update on progress and how you can support your child at home. We thank you for your support.

Autumn film and own clothes day – Friday 23rd October 2020 - £1 per pupil

Normally during the last week of the half term, our PTFA organises an event for the children. This year as you know, whole school gatherings are not able to happen and whole school fundraising will look a little different this year. However, we are hoping to still let the children have a bit of fun on the last day of half term with an own clothes day and fun autumn film afternoon. For your child's £1, the PTFA will provide a drink and sweets for the afternoon film fun with their friends. A letter from the P.T.F.A will follow.

Daffi Day – Tuesday 3rd November

Our P.T.F.A. sent out a letter last week detailing Daffi Day for Dragon bags. To get involved simply fill a plastic bag – carriers or bin bags are suitable, with clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts. All items must be in good reusable condition (so please nothing ripped or stained). The collection will be taking place on the 3rd November 2020. Please bring your bags to the main gate either drop off and collection time, where your bag will be collected by a member of staff and brought into school ready for collection from Dragon Bags. Thanks for your support 😊

French Language Day – Friday 6th November 2020

On Friday 6th November, the children will be having some French fun for the launch of French language at Westwood. As part of the new curriculum, we introduced last year's foundation phase and as a club some French language fun to our pupils. This year we are rolling French language activities out to the whole school, as we are a Pilot school for Modern Foreign Languages in Wales! So, over the half term your child will bring home a French based activity to complete over the half term. They should bring this in on French language day to share in their class. They can also dress up in Red, White and Blue for that day too! More details will follow next week!

Health and Safety at Westwood

Health and safety are paramount at Westwood and I would like to acknowledge the support we have had for our Risk Assessment and procedures to date. We still need to continue to maintain our strict health & safety priorities.

In light of increased cases in Flintshire of Covid 19, **we are requesting that all adults / parents / carers who come onto the school grounds to wear a face covering please, phasing in this next week to full compliance, where possible, by Monday 2nd November.** We have been incredibly safe at school and our school community has been amazing observing our new structure, social distancing and safety measures. We know that you will support this measure as it another layer of health & safety. We want to be able to keep our community safe and our school open. If you wish to discuss this with me, I am always on the gate. **We know that you will support these common place measures and we thank you in advance.**

We would like also to remind adults who are collecting children to ensure only one adult per family enters the site, keeping the entrances / exits clear and strict social distancing please at all times. Please also be prompt and as close to your time as possible dropping off your child & collecting your child and leaving the site swiftly. This it ensures our staggered times are effective, safe and well managed for all of our Westwood Family.

Furthermore, can I remind all of our parents and carers that we cannot allow toys of any kind into school. Over the last week it has been noticed that toys including bikes, scooters have been brought in. Please keep your child's toys at home. Thank you.

Finally, a huge thank you for the massive improvement in the parking outside school on Tabernacle Street. We appreciate this so much, as it ensures our children can be safe outside their own school. Please can we ensure this is also happening at the Padeswood Entrance (Breakfast Club and Reception Entrance) as some children are running across the road from cars to this entrance.

Outdoor Area Improvements

At Westwood we are in the process of developing our Outdoor play and learning experiences for the children. We are hoping to soon create a new Forest school area, community garden and outdoor classroom. Next term our children will be able to engage with the 'Playful Futures' project too! We were lucky pre Covid to secure grants for these projects.

However, there is still much work to be done. Our Nursery Play equipment was earmarked for funding by a local business to be replaced. Unfortunately, the local company funding fell through and the little ones have no suitable large play area equipment in their outdoor area. We have popped a shout out on Buckley Residents for anyone local to remove the existing play equipment so we can then begin to fund raise or look to other funding sources to replace it for the children, as grants are very few now. If you know anyone who could help us, we would be incredibly grateful. Outdoor learning is paramount to our youngest family members, and we need your help.

Please email on wwmail@hwbcymru.net or call 01244 543207. Thank you

Outdoor Area - Continued

Mrs. Hatton and Mrs. Fresa would like a shout out for Loose Parts especially for the following and if you have anything you can donate to school, we would be very grateful.

- pebbles
- artificial grass (cut off pieces)
- shells
- metal jugs
- metal sieves
- small wheels and tyres
- decking boards
- picture frames
- wooden bowl
- wooden curtain rings
- drain pipes
- buttons
- metal buckets
- bangles
- pipes and tubing
- saucepans
- kitchen utensils
- woven or cork placemats
- wooden picture frames
- anything from wood we could probably use

If you are having a toy sort out, they need:

- construction vehicles
- wooden trees
- tea set
- saucepans
- kitchen utensils

We can isolate any items brought in.

Thank you for your continued support, always.

Take care and stay safe our Westwood family – Mrs. Williams & Team Westwood 😊