

To our Dear Westwood Family,

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

We close today - Friday 23rd October till Monday 2nd November. We have one week off. When we return, the start and end times of the day will remain in place. We thank you for all of your support this term – keeping our Westwood family safe!

P.T.F.A. New Committee

Thank you to all the Parents, Staff and Friends who joined us on Zoom this week for the P.T.F.A. A.G.M.

Our P.T.F.A. new committee, as nominated, are as follows:

Chairperson – Mrs. Sue Large
Vice Chairperson: Mrs. Stacey Alexander
Secretary: Mrs. Alison Wightman
Vice Secretary: Mrs. Lesley Ducker
Treasurer: Mrs. Susan Slinger
Vice Treasurer: Mrs. Sarah Jones

Congratulations to you all! We are looking forward to working with you again this year! Remember as parents, carers and friends, you are all part of the P.T.F.A. Please contact school on wwmail@hwbcymru.net to get involved with our P.T.F.A. or look at their page on the website too!

Daffi Day – Tuesday 3rd November

Our P.T.F.A. sent out a letter 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 learning activity to complete over the half term. They should bring this in ready for the French language day to share in their class. They can also dress up in Red, White and Blue for that day too!

Poppy Appeal 2020

Due to restrictions this year we will not be able to purchase Poppy Appeal merchandise nor fund raise at school. Mrs Alison Mowlem, one of our parents and British Legion Community manager, has provided each pupil at Westwood a Wooden remembrance crosses so our children can create their own 'Garden of Remembrance.' This can be organised safely within our bubbles after the half term. Parents should they wish to make a donation could do so via the RBL website, where they will also find a downloadable poppy which can be printed and put into windows. www.rbl.org.uk/poppypeal
Thank you, Mrs Mowlem, for allowing this to have such a wonderful opportunity to remember our heroes.

Health and Safety at Westwood – Very Important Reminder

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. Flintshire have asked us to share the key messages over lockdown. See attached posters.

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 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 or you can email school. **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.

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. Also please keep your children close and safe, around the school site.

Tony Oates Awards

It was our hope that we would be able to arrange the awards before half term. Unfortunately, as restrictions are still in place, we will look to arrange these awards next half term. We really want the children who were nominated for the awards to receive them soon. We will let you know how we will do this when we return.

Outdoor Area Improvements

As you know, 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. We are still looking at further improvements in the Outdoor area and need help with this.

Nursery

A massive thank you to our shout out for help for the Nursery! We will begin clearing the site over the half term. If you know anyone who could help us with funding or equipment for the Nursery area, we would be incredibly grateful.

Mrs Ryan is looking to develop the Nursery area with the following equipment; if you can donate or help with the following, it would be so much appreciated:

- Cable Reels – large and small
- Tyres – large and small
- Wooden crates
- Wooden pallets
- Stones, pebbles and gravel
- Bark
- Logs

Reception

Mrs. Hatton and Mrs. Fresa would like another shout out for Loose Parts especially for the following and if you have anything you can donate to school, we would be very grateful. **Thank you to those parents who have helped us so far!**

- 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

Any donations for the Nursery and Reception Outdoor Areas, we can isolate the items brought in. Thank you for your continued support, always.

Look out next week for the Buckley Bugle Monthly Newsletter – Enjoy Half term as best you can!

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