



Hello, to our wonderful Westwood Family,

I hope you are well, enjoyed your half term and are staying very safe!

Huge well done to our amazing children on their return last week and a big welcome to our new Westwood family members too! They all look happy to be back!

I would just like to start with the thank you's before the reminders and the updates!

Thank you for supporting our request to wear a face covering / mask on the school site. I understand that we have members of our Westwood Family who are unable to do this or are exempt, and I am happy to support you. We have special Welsh Government lanyards if you would like to use these on site and they can be utilised in other parts of the community too. If you would like a lanyard, please contact the office. We appreciate that keeping 2 meters apart and being on time for your drop offs and pick-ups helps us keep everyone safe in our school community, and you are all doing an amazing job!! We must keep going though, to ensure we keep our Westwood family safe and our school open!

A reminder about Online learning resources and home support with reading


If your child is poorly or unable to come into school for whatever reason, we can support you with work. If your child is able to complete work from home, they can do so.

If your child is in Juniors, your child can access Study ladder, Read Theory, My Maths. Spellings for all year groups will be also available on the class pages. You also can read with your child 4 times a week. **It is important that regular spelling and reading practice is maintained at home for all children to support us with our recovery curriculum.**

If your child is in Foundation phase, you will have access to a learning grid on your child's class page and Seesaw. Your class spellings for Year 1 & 2 will also be on the class pages. Your child can read their reading books 3 times for the week too. **It is important that regular spelling and reading practice is maintained at home for all children to support us with our recovery curriculum .**

There are lots of further resources on Hwb for Blended Learning, if your child has their password. New nursery and pupils new to school may need help with passwords for the online platforms. Please contact the office who can forward your request for password help to the class teachers.

Thank you too to all the of our parents / carers who supported the 'Dragon Bag' day last Tuesday!! We had a fantastic response.



Our 'French Language day' last Friday was a triumph!! The children had the best time and were engaged in so many rich experiences last week and you deserve a huge well done or 'Tres bien!!' for your support with the activities and blended learning at home. Please look out on Seesaw, Instagram, Twitter and the website for photos and videos from the day!! This week the children begin to learn French with short language lessons and fun activities.

This week we have two important events.

Remembrance Day on the 11th November

This will be a little different this year but will still be remembered and special in a number of ways. This morning I represented our school at the cenotaph on Wednesday and placed a wreath on behalf of our Westwood Family. Each class observed a two-minute silence at 11 o'clock. <http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/news/westwood-remembers/57724>

Each class will also be making their own Remembrance Garden using wooden Remembrance crosses, kindly supplied by Mrs Mowlem. The crosses have all been individually designed, displayed and be organised safely within our bubbles. Normal fund raising by the Poppy appeal hasn't been able to take place in school due to Covid 19. However, 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 in to windows. www.rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal Thank you, Mrs Mowlem, for allowing this to have such a wonderful opportunity to remember our heroes and thank you for your support too.

Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day.

One of our children's favourite days! There will be lots of fun activities in school for the children to take part in. We will also be taking part in lots of wellbeing activities, which is BBC Children in Needs focus this year! Check out the link and see how you can get involved too! <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> Our School Cook, Mrs Dunn will be safely preparing Pudsey Bear biscuits for the children to purchase for 20p on the day at break time. These biscuits will be suitable for children with intolerances so nobody will be left out. The children can wear own clothes this day too – no special spotty clothes nor extra expense are required!

Christmas!!

Yes, I have said it!! We are starting our Christmas preparations safely and wanted to let you know about some of our plans so far!

Christmas CD

We are delighted to tell you that we do have a very exciting opportunity to record our own professional audio CD in time for Christmas! You will have received a letter and email about this. Every child in school has the opportunity to be involved from Nursery up to Year 6. A professional recording company will spend the day at school on **Monday, November 16th** and children will be recording a variety of songs, all with a Christmas theme. The children also have the chance to enter an Art competition in school, with the winning entries contributing towards the design of the CD cover. We hope that you will all buy a copy of the CD as it will not only be a perfect keepsake but also the perfect present for someone special at Christmas. The CD will cost £9.00, this includes professional recording and production of the CD along with licencing charges. Please return your form by **20th November** with your payment via School comms or cheque as this will enable the correct number of CDs to be ordered. Diolch!

Christmas Calendars

We will be producing a School Calendar ready for Christmas ordering! Our very popular calendars will be available to order from Monday 7th December, priced £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00. Details on how you can order and pay for your calendars will be sent your way soon.

P.T.F.A. and Christmas

Our amazing P.T.F.A have already begun to prepare for the Christmas fun with their fabulous fundraising raffle and the team have secured fantastic prizes so far. Tickets are on sale from next week and your child will bring home 10 raffle tickets for you to sell to friends and family, and then you return the stubs to school with the money collected in an envelope. More details will follow in a letter. The P.T.F.A. are also asking for donations for the Christmas raffle in the form of Toiletries, Bottles, Chocolates or Biscuits etc. If you can help with any of these items or other prizes, please give these to Mrs Wightman on the gate in the morning. Thank you for your support!

There will be more exciting events planned with details to follow in the coming weeks.

Take care all and we will see you on the gate!! Mrs Williams & Team Westwood 😊