



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

Hello Parents & Carers, welcome to our September monthly newsletter. Our newsletter will always offer you an invaluable insight into the world of Westwood, keep you updated and support the school's website and Twitter as a way of sharing information and improving communication. 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 new Autumn Term!! We have had so many events recently and even more exciting opportunities to come!!

During the first few weeks we have been updating our data bases and contacts, so it important we have up to date addresses, mobile numbers for at least 2 contacts. Also we need to ensure all information we hold about your child is correct too. So any medical, intolerances, allergies or any well-being information that we need updates on, please let us know immediately. This is really important!

Whilst we collate a new academic year's data, we have been updating School Spider, on our app and data base on the website. We have now completed this process, so you should have had your new password and login for School Spider. If you need help, please call into the office!

We have a lot of unnamed uniform in the foyer. We have displayed it on the playground for you to identify. We will be donating the unnamed uniform to P.T.F.A. if it is not claimed by Friday 4th October. Thank you for your support with this.

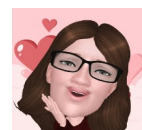
Just a reminder to look at the class pages, as they have been updated ready for the Autumn Term. You will find all the information needed for topics, kit, P.E. days/swimming, dates and so much more! Staff regularly post information, so please check out your child's class page. You can do this on the app or at www.westwoodprimary.co.uk.

As last year, we have lots to look forward to and your children are already busy organising their topic "Under the Sea!" So please talk to your child about the topic and what they would like to learn about 'Under the sea!' - It's their curriculum and you play a big part in their learning journey!

As part of commitment to recycling and sustainability, we have also began 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 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!

We are so looking forward to working with you this year; we are so proud of our school and its 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.



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 90 and 99.2% WOW!!!

Atti says " Keep up the good work!"

Class 8—99.2%



Pupil News & Activities

Congratulations



We proudly present our House Captains and Vice House captains for Llewellyn, Gelert and Kyffin! Voted by the pupils of key stage 2. The children were nominated by their classes. They will have a huge impact as role models, good friends and young leaders in school. I know they will do an ace job!



Pupil News & Activities



The Criw Cymraeg have already been very busy promoting Welsh across Westwood! We have had our first meeting and we will soon be wearing our Criw Cymraeg hoodies, so keep an eye out for us!

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.

Cymraeg yr Wythnos:

Foundation Phase - Sut wyt ti? - How are you?

Key Stage 2 - Es i i - I went to

School in the Community News

Nursery & Reception Open Day on Thursday 10th October from 9.30am — 11.00am @ Westwood Community Primary

Do you have a child or know someone who needs to register for a Nursery or Reception place? Come along to our Open Day and see our fantastic provision! Meet the staff and have all your questions answered!

Come on down and experience the very best start for you little one! Westwood has full wrap around provision. We have Westies Breakfast Club from 7.45am. We have Penguins Playgroup on site for all your childcare needs including After School Club. You can use your childcare offer provision too!

What's not to like!? We hope to see you there!



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 .

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 (exceptions are the 23rd October will be held in the main school hall!) from 9.30 to 11.

For families with pre-school aged children
Sessions are FREE

Open to all families in the community!



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 our new Westies Breakfast Club!



In our mission to provide the best wrap around care facility in Buckley, we welcome our latest additions 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 :)

COMBINED HARVEST APPEAL



COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Ready meals
Tinned rice pudding
Toothpaste
Toilet roll
Tinned/packet custard
Tinned meat
Tinned/packet potatoes
Biscuits
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned fruit

Don't forget...

*You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from
our shopping list to ensure we can
provide food to help people in crisis.



Dear Parents / Carers of Westwood,

Our Harvest Service for the children is on
Monday 7th

October at the Buckley Cross Methodist church for the pupils. This year we are asking for donations for the harvest service which will be shared with the Flintshire Food bank.

On the page opposite, you can find more information about the Flintshire Foodbank and the types of goods they ask to be donated.

We have a collection point in the foyer for the harvest donations.

Thank you for your kind donation - it all adds up to make a difference in your local area 😊

Westwood Community Primary working in the Community, for the Community

Crisp Recycling Project

As you may know in September Westwood C.P. began to collect crisp packets as part of the recycling project that will support the 'Never Forget Fund' at Chester Zoo! We are working with a Year 11 pupil at the Elfed who inspired us to do our bit, not only for the environment as crisp packets currently go into landfill or into our waterways, but to help the Baby Asian Elephants who have contracted the deadly disease EEHV.



So how does the recycling scheme work?

Terracycle will take the crisp packets. They will recycle them and donate a 1p to a charity of our choice - we are donating to the Never Forget Fund at Chester Zoo.

The Never Forget Fund is helping the research for treatments and equipment to save the baby Elephants from the deadly virus EEHV!

For every recycled crisp packet, Chester Zoo's Never Forget Fund get 1p. So far, we have collected over 600 crisp packets!

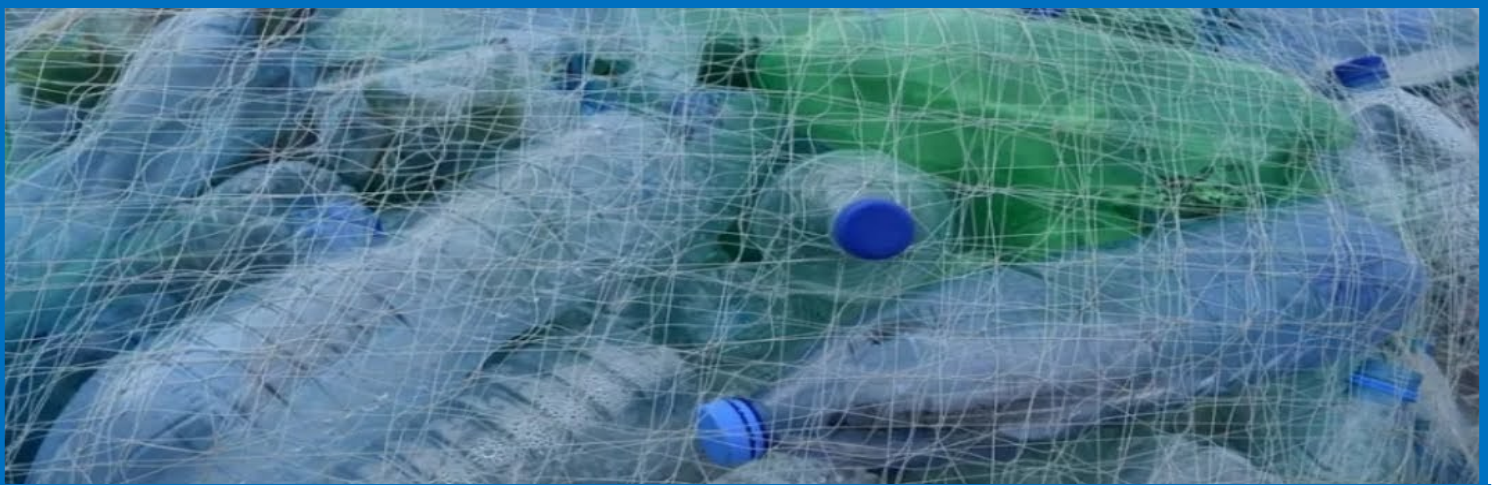
So, please keep them coming- the Elephant bin is in the foyer!

Together we can make a difference- there is no Planet B!

Buckley Plastic Reduction Forum



WWW.LESSPLASTIC.CO.UK



A short note from our Buckley Plastic Reduction Champion —Deb Sainsbury

We had the most amazing meeting of the Buckley Plastic Reduction Forum at Westwood Community Primary on the 18th September- Hayley and Vicky were there from Given To Shine showing us reusable sanitary products and nappies. Fantastic! And they aim to give every girl in Y5 and 6 ten of these pads which last 10 years...they are so passionate about what they do. Westwood Community Primary School are the first primary school in Flintshire to be part of this amazing scheme tackling sustainability and period poverty! If you like what you see and hear about Given To Shine, there's a fund raising rock night at the Tiv on Oct. 25th.

At the meeting we also looked at hosting workshops to make beeswax wraps, litter picking and the crisp packet collection scheme which is really taking off at Westwood Community Primary, and from the 23rd September the school will be a collection point for the community! We had so much to discuss plus lots of great ideas to help you become plastic free!

There was so much energy and enthusiasm - don't get left behind, our next meeting is **Nov. 20th** at 6.30pm at Westwood Community Primary-there will be free refreshments too! Also ask to join the Buckley Plastic Reduction Forum Chat on our Facebook page if you are not already a member! Be part of our plastic free revolution!



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Parent Teacher and Friends Association

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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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PTFA Events and Fundraisers

Fundraising that is run throughout the year.

- **Easy fundraising** is an online shopping cash back site. It is easy to use and best of all it doesn't cost you a penny! Register your details, search for Westwood PTA-Clwyd, look for your usual online shopping sites and make your purchase as normal, the retailer will then make a small donation to us! Easy money.
- **Your school lottery** is a weekly ethical lottery, unlike most other lotteries; your school lottery lets you support our school directly. 40% of ticket sale come back to the school.
- **Dragon Bags** is a clothes recycling scheme. The current rate of pay is 50p per kilo, we started this last term and has already been a huge success.
- **5p Bottle Challenge** New for this term, each class has been challenged to collect as many 5p's as possible, the challenge will run until Christmas. The class who raises the most money gets to choose where the money is spent.
- **PTFA Money Box** situated in the school office, if you want you can drop your spare loose change in here. A little bit of change can make a big difference! Rather than Mrs Smith sending home your little bit of dinner money change you could write on the envelope 'Please put my change in the PTFA Money box!' Every penny helps!

Events planned for this Year.

- **October disco** this year will take place afterschool on Thursday 24th October; as a result of feedback received from both parents and teachers new to this year's disco we will be introducing party games for KS1. Lots of prizes to be won!
- **November shopping event** is a first for us, it's being held in the school hall on November 15th 6.30-8.30. There will be a wide range of vendors eager to show you their products. Maybe you will be able to make a few ticks on that Christmas shopping list! Tickets purchased in advance for just £1 will include a free entry into a prize draw to win a fabulous hamper. On the night you will get the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for some super prizes, or maybe treat yourself to a glass of Prosecco from the bar? You could make a night of it! Shop, drink, Relax in the ambiance, enjoy!
- **Secret Gift Shop** will run in school towards the end of November, your children will get the opportunity to choose and purchase a gift for that special person in their life, Mum, Dad, Grandma, Auntie? But ~~shhhhh~~ it's a secret! It has to go to Santa to be wrapped! Presents will be available to collect at the Christmas Fair and beyond.
- **Design your own Christmas Card** details will be sent out shortly
- **Christmas Fair** is being held after school on the 6th December, food, drinks, cakes, stalls and not to be missed this year, Santa in his amazing winter wonderland! Tickets for Santa will be available to purchase in advance. Hope to see you there.



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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VARIETY OF
STALLHOLDERS TO SHOWCASE THEIR
CRAFTS/GOODS/BUSINESSES AT OUR SHOPPING
EVENT. WE AIM TO OFFER A GOOD SELECTION OF
STALLS FOR OUR VISITORS.**

DATE: 15th November 2019

TIME: 6:30-8:30

VENUE: Westwood Primary school hall

The event is open to the entire community. It will be advertised locally, online, via newsletters and on social media. Refreshments will be available on the night. We will be charging a small entrance fee of £1, which will include a raffle ticket.

To book your stall we kindly ask for a payment of £10 to secure your stall, as well as providing a raffle prize.

- Stalls are limited and available on a first come first served basis, with completed booking form and payment.
 - We will only have one stall from each company.
- We will provide a table, power sockets will be available but not extension leads.

**PLEASE DO BOOK AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

Should you have any questions, please email

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PTFA Committee Members

Sue Large-Chairperson
(Mum to Riley and Myla)

Stacey Alexander-Vice Chair
(Mum to Rhys and Josh)

Alison Wightman-Secretary
(Mum to Peter and Iris)

Lesley Ducker-Vice Secretary
(Teacher in Westwood)

Shell Warrington-Treasurer
(Mum to Max)

Vacancy-Vice treasurer

Our Joanne



In Memory of Joanne Griffiths

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Westwood,

As you will know, during the Summer holidays we lost one of our amazing staff members, who suddenly and tragically passed away, our Joanne.

Joanne was only 39 years old. It is a tragedy on so many levels for the people she has left behind. She was a devoted young mum of two young boys aged 11 and 6, she was a partner, a daughter, a sister and a friend. She meant so much to so many people.

Whilst Jo was part of our team, she struck up many friendships and was a good friend to many of our staff. Jo was always full of life. Always smiling - she truly had a heart of gold. She doted on her boys and even they would sometimes make an appearance at Westwood to help their mum with her role at school.

Her funeral took place last week at Bistre Church. I know that for the hundreds that attended and for those who could not, the amazing legacy that Joanne left behind was there for all to see. It was a beautiful service for a beautiful soul. I know that up to the time of the funeral many, many of our Buckley community gave such comfort to Jo's family in the saddest of times through their thoughts, prayers, words and deeds.

We will always remember Jo as the kindest of girls, who would put her boys first and would always help another if she could. She was a wonderful person and she will always be part of our Westwood family. She will never be forgotten. God bless you Jo - we will all miss you so much at Westwood.

Save the Dates

27/09/2019 — Culmington Manor Year 5 & 6 Residential deposits in please

07/10/2019 — Harvest Service for the Children

10/10/2019 - Nursery & Reception Open Day @ 9.30 am — 11am

16/10/2019 — Community Vision Event for Parents, Community & Stakeholders — 5pm—6.30pm

24/10/2019 — P.T.F.A. School Discos

25/10/2019 — Break for Half Term

4/11/2019 — School Opens after Half Term

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 My Account yet?

Flintshire County Council now has an account for residents and customers to enable them to access a number of services online.

If you would like to register your child for a school place, check when your bin will be collected or get the contact details for your local councillor on-line, the Council's new My Account is just what you need and you can do it all at a time and place that suits you best.

It's quick and easy to sign up. Go to flintshire.gov.uk/My-Account and register for My Account now!

Over the coming months, the Council will be extending the services available to Flintshire residents through My Account and it will keep you posted as new things come online.

By creating an online account, the information you provide will feed into a centralised system allowing us to process your request much quicker.

If you would like some help getting started, you can go along to one of the Council's Connect Centres and they will be able to help set you up.