

Westwood Update

June 2020

To our Dear Westwood Family,

During this time of crisis and preparation to reopen, Westwood is also working hard to arrange important events and bring you some other news, besides Covid 19. Obviously since our closure, all of our correspondence has mainly focused around the crisis and home learning. Our 'Westwood Buckley Bugle' newsletters are normally centred around our children, the wonderful things they are involved in and our exciting school life! But as our staff are communicating, news sharing, keeping you up to date with other events and celebrating with classes, I wanted to share some whole school news and keep you updated on other aspects of school too.

Transition and Classes

Normally at this time of year, we begin our transition events and information evenings for Nursery, Reception, Year 2 to 3 and Year 6. We have lots of plans for you in hand and the teams will be sending out exciting information to you by the end of June, with regards to information for transition and the plans for September. Please keep an eye out for emails and / or information on SeeSaw. Also I would like to say thank you to Mrs Joan Williams, Mrs Brown & Miss Mattar who have been busy organising hoodies for the Year 6 leavers as gifts and having important pastoral meetings with Elfed & Argoed. The high schools should be liaising with Year 6 about Transition so please watch out for any information they may send out. Also our September 2020 classes are being finalised. We will send news out about this in the next few weeks.

Staff News

We have exciting news to share with you!

Mrs Brown will be taking up a temporary / acting Deputy Head post from September 2020. Mrs Brown has worked incredibly hard in key stage 2 since her arrival in 2014 and has been their department manager since September 2018. I am sure you will congratulate Mrs Brown on her appointment and she will be a great addition to the Senior Leadership Team.

As some of you may know, Miss Bennett in Year 3 is having a baby! Miss Bennett will be on maternity leave from September 2020 until January 2021. I am sure you will send your very best wishes to Miss Bennett and her bump! Miss Davies, one of our long term supply teachers, will be covering Miss Bennett's class until her return.

We also say goodbye to Mr Gordon in Year 2 at the end of term in July. As you know Mr Gordon came to Westwood to extend his teaching experience in the Foundation Phase. We would like to thank Mr Gordon for his hard work despite having his experience cut short! I know he has worked very hard supporting the parents and children in year 2 since we closed in March.

End of Year Reports

We will be providing you with your child's end of year report during the first week of July. This report will be reduced in content due to the fact we have been closed since March 20th. However, the staff are very proud of your children, want you to share in their successes and wish for them to have a report that reflects their efforts and achievements to that date.

Awards

Despite Covid, we will be selecting winners for our annual Tony Oates Award, 2 learners from each class; The Mike Beech Sports Award for Year 6, and the coveted 'Fred Birk's Memorial Award for Year 6 too. Please keep an eye out for more information!

Thank you for all your support as always. Stay strong! Stay positive! Stay Happy! Stay Safe!