



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

To our Dear Westwood Family – I hope you are well and enjoying the half term! We had a very busy half term and inside your Bugle, we have some lovely items to share with you including our fantastic Harvest collection and events in the run up to Christmas.

Remember our website has lots of news to share too! So keep checking regularly!

As you know, there have been relaxing of Welsh Government Covid 19 restrictions since the summer and the local community transmission was on the rise. However as a school, all of our Covid and Health & Safety arrangements remain in place to keep our school safe! That includes wearing a mask on site and keeping your 2 metres distance wherever possible. Also keep the pavements and gates clear at all times please. If you have other family members coming to school to collect, please remind them of these requests. Covid 19 is still a threat so we all need to remain vigilant to keep our school open. We are doing everything in our capacity to keep us all safe; we ask you to support us as you have. If your child displays any Covid 19 symptom, we request you take your child for a PCR test. Under 5s are not recommended for testing but we ask you to be vigilant. Please refrain from sending your child into school if they display symptoms of Covid 19. Please refer to the Parent's handbook for details of our safety measures and we will update you regularly. You can contact us via our Covid 19 exclusive email regarding advice, results or testing on 19C5@hwbcymru.net. You can also contact 119 for advice too. Please stay safe :)

Please keep checking your emails and staying in touch with us. If you need anything, contact the office on wwmail@hwbcymru.net or call 01244 543207.

Please stay safe our Westwood Family!

We will see you back at school on Monday 1st November!

Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :)



Westwood Community Primary School

Everybody within in our school community plays a part within our Westwood Family. You are our stakeholders. We have a clear vision and mission to ensure our stakeholders can actively contribute to the growth and aspirations of our school.

Our Vision and Mission was created with stakeholders and is driven by our Westwood Family daily. It is a living vision and mission. It has the new curriculum at its heart. It is forward thinking and inspirational. We want you to share in our vision and mission, to ensure you can continue to contribute, collaborate and communicate effectively in your role as a stakeholder –

You are our Westwood Family.



VISION AND VALUES OF OUR SCHOOL

Imagine a school where the efforts and achievements of all stakeholders are recognised and valued. Where its pupils and staff are happy, safe and motivated within a stimulating, nurturing and state of the art learning environment, where kindness is king! Think of a school where the whole community is unified and consistent with its development whilst keeping the children central to any decisions made.

This is Westwood Community Primary School, at the heart of the Buckley Community, with the Buckley Community at its heart.

Our Stakeholder Vision

At Westwood Community Primary School, we aim to be your school of choice by creating a nurturing, supportive and kind school community, where children are happy, valued and have a voice. Our children are encouraged by their successes, excel in their achievements and are inspired to be learners for life.

Westwood Community Primary School Mission Statement



- **At Westwood Community Primary School our mission is to nurture healthy confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.** Team Westwood will ensure the best possible education for the children in its care, championing their wellbeing, celebrating successes and nurturing efforts so that each member of the Westwood Community family has a voice, can develop as an individual and flourish as a 21st century learner.
- **At Westwood Community Primary School our mission is to develop ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.** We strive to create a safe, secure and stimulating environment that promotes and nurtures the development of growing minds; where pupils feel happy, empowered and inspired to learn effectively.
- **At Westwood Community Primary School our mission is to nurture ethical informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.** We will foster a strong sense of family, community and belonging where children develop kindness and a mutual respect for themselves, each other and the environment.
- **At Westwood Community Primary School our mission for our learners to be enterprising confident individuals who are ready to play a full part in life and work.** Everyone will be encouraged to try their best, attend regularly and achieve their full potential academically, creatively, personally, socially and emotionally. High quality and engaging learning experiences will be provided for all children and we will celebrate successes, innovation and aspiration.

Please look at our website and Vision Padlet to see how our learners have and are fulfilling our vision and mission:

<https://padlet.com/jaynewilliams90/yeyxh8oqkyzej6q>

Have you got any suggestions to make our wonderful school even better? How can contribute to our Vision and collaborate with us to support your child's learning journey? Have you got ideas for future learning or your own learning opportunities? Contact us on wwmail@hwbcymru.net with the subject VISION and have your say! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU :)

Pupil Congratulations

We are now holding our school assemblies again on Friday. Albeit in smaller groups, it has been fabulous to get together and share in the successes and celebrate with our wonderful children! It does mean that I will not be posting my assemblies on Instagram going forward. But I will be posting pics on Insta so you can catch up on the events each Friday! Do not forget to send in any shout outs you would like to share for your child; we like to acknowledge successes outside school too! :)





Newyddion Disgyblion Pupil News– Criw Cymraeg

Llongyfarchiadau i'n Cyngor Disgyblion Criw Cymraeg. Gwyddom y byddwch yn gwneud gwaith anhygoel yn hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg yn ysgol Westwood. Byddwn i gyd yn gweithio gyda chi yn ein hymgais am wobr arian Campws Cymraeg!



Congratulations to our Criw Cymraeg Pupil Council. We know you will do an amazing job promoting the Welsh language at Westwood school. We will all work with you in our quest for the silver award of Cymraeg Campus! :)



Pupil News

Climate Change Remembered

Last month we had a brilliant visit from Elin Vaughan from 'Size Of Wales' inspiring Westwood staff and Y5 and 6 pupils to reflect on Climate Change and to pledge on taking actions in advance of COP26 - the summit to bring parties together to accelerate action towards climate change goals. Children also had an excellent lesson, learning to sketch Tim Tom from the book Tim Tom and the Rainforest. Many thanks to Elin for such an informative and thought provoking day!

Read about our visit from 'Size of Wales' below. Don't forget to check out the photographs, and the videos below to hear the pledges made by children in Year 6 ahead of COP26 (Conference of the Parties) on the website.



[http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/news/
climate-change/64174](http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/news/climate-change/64174)

COP26 IS FOR YOUR FUTURE - USE YOUR VOICE & HELP CLIMATE CHANGE.

IT IS TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN TO HAVE THEIR SAY!



Submit your questions for Boris Johnson to take to COP26

World leaders will be gathering in Glasgow for COP26. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson wants to hear from young people - your questions and solutions - for the climate challenge. And, you could be asked to go to Downing Street in London later in the month, to have your say in person. So, what question would you ask the UK government about what they're doing to solve the climate crisis? Or, do you want to tell them your ideas for solutions? They are listening.

Please submit your details and the question or idea that you would like to put forward. Submissions can be sent as a video or written on the form that can be found on the link below. For the chance to be invited to Downing Street for the press conference, please submit your question or idea by video.

<https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/young-uk/climate-challenge/>

When you reach the website to submit your ideas, watch the video too 'COP26- In your hands'. You will see an image like the one below, you will just need to click on the image when you reach the website to watch it play. Enjoy and thank you!

Westwood Family Wellbeing Monthly Feature

A regular feature to our Buckley Bugle is a focus on our Westwood Family Wellbeing. Over the last year, it has become clearer to us as a school, that we are all feeling it tougher this year. Many of us are feeling isolated, anxious and scared. But we should remember it is important to keep ourselves safe and well! There are many ways to do this for a healthy body and mind.

Wellbeing Help for our Westwood Family

Please find below external support and useful information for wellbeing and mental health in the links below: this ranges from simple videos, strategies and activities, to having the opportunity to speak to someone about the help you may need. I hope you find this useful. 😊

Activate your life

Free online self-help course from Public Health Wales (PHW). Provides four videos with accompanying guidance

ACT1 – You are not your mind.

ACT2- Facing up to life.

ACT3 – Being mindful.

ACT4 - Living wisely Living well.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/activate-your-life/>

Public Health Wales: How are you doing?

This is an uncertain time for us all, but have you stopped to ask yourself how you are doing?

This is a continually updated resource offering advice on looking after yourself and loved ones. It includes a video and links to other relevant topics.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/how-are-you-doing/>

Mind

If you are living with a mental health problem, or supporting someone who is, Mind will have access to a range of information and local support

<https://www.mind.org.uk/about-us/mind-cymru/>

Young Minds

An association who want to see a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health, and all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

https://youngminds.org.uk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIor6jupD27gIVTdiyChoqngrAEAAAYASAAEgLX4vD_BwE

BBC Headroom

As the BBC explains, “We know we can’t solve all your troubles, but we can give you tools to help. Whether it is everyday tips, [sounds to relax your mind](#), [strategies to cope with parenting](#) right now or [films to get you talking](#), we are here to help you look after yourself and your loved ones.”

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/YfRzhXDKSZQxFVn3oTIXBj/your-mental-health-toolkit?xtor=SEC-1-\[GOO\]-\[120352182200\]-\[498771471000\]-S-\[mental%20health%20advice\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/YfRzhXDKSZQxFVn3oTIXBj/your-mental-health-toolkit?xtor=SEC-1-[GOO]-[120352182200]-[498771471000]-S-[mental%20health%20advice])

Don’t forget to look at our Westwood website too <http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/page/covid-19-wellbeing-resources/67453>

Whatever your situation, please get in touch - even if you just want a chat—we are here to help you.¹⁰

Take care and stay safe our Westwood family :)

Healthy Schools; Healthy Life!

To help us to have a healthy mind, a healthy body plays an important role. We would like to take the opportunity to share with our Westwood Family that we are a **Healthy School**. We have been awarded 4 phases of the Healthy Schools Award and are working towards phase 5. The award is Welsh Assembly Government accredited and the purpose of the award is to ensure that health promotion becomes an integrated part of the school curriculum, the organisation and the ethos of the school.

A healthy school is a happy school. An effective school is a healthy school. At Westwood we promote physical, mental and emotional health and well being. Also, we hope the work carried out will enable our school to improve both the quality of teaching and learning and to enhance relationships between the school, its pupils, parents, staff, governors and external agencies. In line with the new curriculum, we are also currently updating our Food and Fitness policy, within a new policy for school under a new title of 'Health and Wellbeing'. The children will have input into this important policy through the work of the pupil cabinet and their classroom voice, alongside their important P.S.E. work into the rights of the [UN Convention On The Rights Of The Child](#).

Food brought into school

At this time, we encourage our children to bring their own healthy snack; please ensure this has their name on. We also encourage **healthy food choices** to be brought in as part of pupils' packed lunches.



If you need some new ideas for a healthy lunch box, please see the links below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-02/healthy-lunchboxes-leaflet.pdf>

We would also like to remind you that **Westwood is a nut free school.**

Please be aware of this important fact when packing lunches.

Pupil's are advised to bring a named water bottle to school on a daily basis. This helps them to concentrate throughout the day. We will also provide the children water throughout the school day.

Reminders -Use of Social Media Platforms and Age Appropriate Material

We know children may have increased their usage of Social media, online gaming and access of films. Unfortunately, not all of these platforms are appropriate for their age. **The latest is Squid Game! See link here** <https://t.co/ftDJEqjUFK?amp=1>

Whilst we know that our parents are incredibly vigilant, social media changes rapidly and new platforms are popping up, making it more difficult to keep a close watch on activity. As a parent it's also important you know that all social networking platforms (or social networking apps, if on a smartphone) have age limits. Some social networks use technologies that may not be right for some ages or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child.

Click on the link below to find out more about the age limits.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

So what are the risks of using an underage social networking account?

There are many risks when your child uses an unsupervised account or makes an account on a social network site that is not age appropriate. So what are the risks of an underage social networking account?

- *Many sites include an instant message function that allows private conversations between site members.*
- *Most social networking sites have an app version available, meaning your child will have access to the social network from their smartphone or tablet. Some app versions of social networks use the location of the phone.*
- *Information shared between friends can be easily copied and may spread.*
- *It isn't easy to take back information that has been posted - and can be impossible if it's already been shared.*
- *Not everyone your child meets online will be who they say they are. Chatrooms and forums can connect people who are complete strangers and can be unmoderated.*
- *Chatrooms and forums are some of the places online groomers go to connect with children. This is sometimes done through video chat programs. They can also be places where people use a lot of inappropriate language and engage in online activities with people who may be a lot older @r not who they say they are. :(*

Top social networks for kids

If your child is eager to start tweeting, posting or sharing but they struggle to find a network that is suitable for their age, then there are a number of alternative social networks made for children that you can point them to.

These offer child-friendly features like games and contests but also give you a chance to use them as teaching tool to get them sharing safely.

Ultimately, these social networks give children a safer environment where they can share their experiences and engage with friends they know.

Here are some [age-appropriate social media apps](#) for younger kids that you may find useful. For further details about these apps, just click on links :)

6-10 Years

[Spotlite \(formerly Kudos\)](#)

[PlayKids Talk](#)

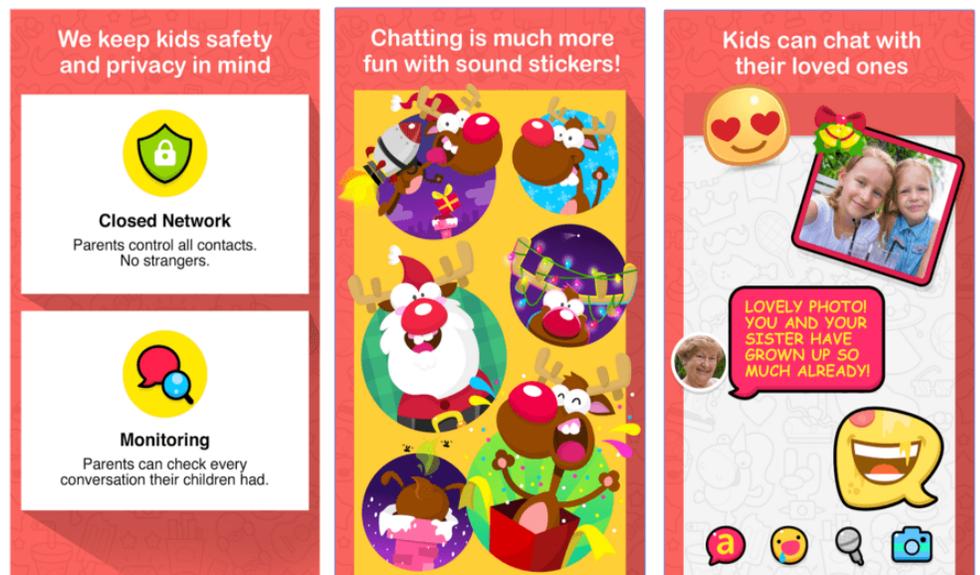
[GoBubble](#)

[Kidzworld: Chat Room & Forums](#)

[Grom Social](#)

11-13 Years

[PopJam](#)



Age Appropriate Material

It is also important to bear in mind the access your child may have or see with regards to online platforms, games, television programmes and films; again most will have age related guidance. This includes the use of YouTube.

We have had some very young learners discuss films they have watched, graphics on games they may have seen or programmes they have watched which are not suitable for children.

Please ensure if your child has older siblings or may be able to access this material themselves, that you can check your parental controls. Furthermore, it is important to keep their environment safe and ensure any content they have access to is suitable for their age.

Thank you for your support and working together with us, to keep our children safe.



Being a Parent Group

- Have you felt isolated during lockdown?
- Has your children's behaviour changed?
- Do you have a child between the ages of 2 to 11 years?

FROM PARENTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE GROUP
"PICKING UP LITTLE TIPS FROM THE GROUP. NO JUDGING. OPEN AND HONEST. CARING GROUP".
"LEARNING MORE ABOUT HELPING THE KIDS WITH THEIR FEELINGS - ITS INVALUABLE"

We may have the group for you....

Join our free virtual group run by fully trained local parents

An opportunity to meet other parents going through similar experiences

Practical support for the day to day challenges of being a parent

Share ideas with other parents

Some of the topics we cover over 8 sessions

Play

Feelings

Being a parent

Understanding children's behaviour



EPEC is an amazing opportunity and could make a real difference! Mrs Thomas is part of this wonderful initiative and will answer any questions you may have too.

CONTACT EMMA FOR MORE INFORMATION
07584 533111
FLINTSHIRE.EPEC@FLINTSHIRE.GOV.UK

Community News



Family Information Flintshire / Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd Sir y Fflint

Do you have children? Are you struggling? If you don't know where to turn, EARLY HELP HUB is here for you.

Oes gennych chi blant? Ydych chi'n cael trafferth? Os nad ydych yn gwybod ble i droi, mae HWB CYMORTH CYNAR yma i chi.

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01352 701900

EarlyHelpHub.Enquiries@flintshire.gov.uk

Single point of contact for you to ring/email for advice and support with

- Parenting
- Education
- Finances/Debt
- Housing
- Mental Health
- Family Relationships
- Health and Wellbeing in the Community



EARLY HELP HUB

FLINTSHIRE PUBLIC
SERVICES BOARD

**Oes gennych
chi blant?
Ydych chi'n
cael trafferth?**

Os nad ydych yn gwybod ble i droi, mae **HWB CYMORTH CYNAR** yma i chi



01352 701900

EarlyHelpHub.Enquiries@flintshire.gov.uk

Un pwynt cyswllt i chi ffonio/e-bost i gael cymorth a chyngor gyda

- Magu Plant
- Addysg
- Cyllid/Dyled
- Tai
- Iechyd Meddwl
- Perthynas Deuluol
- Iechyd a Lles yn y Gymuned



HWB CYMORTH CYNAR

BWRDD GWASANAETHAU
CYHOEDDUS SIR Y FFLINT

P.T.F.A. News

P.T.F.A. are on the hunt for raffle prizes. We are planning to hold a Christmas raffle this year and are hoping to source amazing raffle prizes. We are asking for any donations from local businesses/families/friends of the school. If you would like to donate, please get in touch or drop your donation off at the school office.



Diolch :)



Westwood Community Primary School

Parent Teacher Friends Association

Tabernacle Street, Buckley, CH7 2JT

Registered Charity No. 1150830

contact@westwoodPTA.co.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

30th September 2021

I hereby give notice of the AGM of the Westwood School P.T.F.A. to be held on:-

Monday 15th November @ 5pm via Zoom

Who is a member of the P.T.F.A?

All parents/carers are automatically members of the Westwood P.T.F.A. This means **you are a member already**.

All teachers are also members of the Westwood P.T.F.A. All friends of Westwood can get involved too. Think of the wider community, grandparents of children at the school, older siblings or ex-pupils, a caring neighbour can be a great source of support. All friends are welcome.

Who is a P.T.F.A. volunteer?

Anyone can volunteer to help the P.T.F.A and volunteers are needed at every event to help them be a great success.

If you'd like to volunteer for upcoming events let us know by emailing contact@westwoodpta.co.uk with your contact details.

Who runs the P.T.F.A?

The P.T.F.A. is managed and ran by a group of Parents and Teachers who form the P.T.F.A Committee. They provide a dynamic, positive role at Westwood leading events and fundraising. **The current P.T.F.A committee is:**

- **Chairperson:** Mrs Sue Large
- **Vice Chairperson:** Mrs Stacey Alexander
- **Secretary:** Mrs Alison Wightman
- **Vice Secretary:** Mrs Lesley Ducker
- **Treasurer:** Mrs Susan Slinger
- **Vice Treasurer:** Miss Sarah Jones

What does the P.T.F.A do?

The committee volunteers meet on a regular basis to plan, organise and manage fundraising events. All the money raised by the P.T.F.A. goes towards enhancing the learning experiences of all the children at Westwood.

What is an AGM?

An AGM or annual general meeting is a yearly event where the Committee members for the next years P.T.F.A. are voted for to keep the P.T.F.A. moving forward. The committee members are vital to the success of the P.T.F.A.

As a member of the P.T.F.A. it is your job to vote for the committee members and continue the success for the next year.

The current committee has provided reports which outline how the association is doing, what events have happened over the last year and where the money has been spent.

How do I become a Committee Member?

Any member (parent, teacher or friend) can apply for any of the positions on the P.T.F.A. committee. You need to nominate yourself and have someone to second this nomination. If you would like to be considered you should e-mail the school office at wwmail@hwmail.net stating your name, the position you would like to be considered for and the name of the person who would like to second your nomination (this can be a parent or teacher) please also include the telephone number or email address of your seconder. If there is more than one nomination for any one role then the attending members will each get a vote to decide. The Zoom ID and password will be sent out closer to the meeting.

As our P.T.F.A. is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, please read the Charity Commission publication '**The Essential Trustee – What you need to know**'. A copy of the booklet is available in the office or visit this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>

If you would like any further information about what is involved in being a Committee Member, please speak to Mrs Williams or see the **PTA section of the school website**.

Harvest Celebrations at Westwood

As you will know, we are unable to have whole school events at present. But that did not stop us celebrating harvest in smaller groups on Friday 22nd October!

We had three harvest celebrations! The children sang, danced, shared their prayers, poems, stories and pictures. It was lovely to see and hear this! We have missed having these events. We also met our new Buckley Cross minister, Reverend Andrew too!

Take look below at just some of the harvest joy from our wonderful children!



Harvest Collections



A huge thank you to our wonderful Westwood family for the support of the Foodbank!



Just look at all of the fabulous donations! And this was only one part of the collection!

You are incredibly generous!

This will be given to Buckley Food Bank at the community centre next week. Thank you for ensuring families in our locality do not go without!



Children in Need 2021

Friday 19th November

Yes it is back! Children in Need comes back to Westwood and your child can join in with all the fun of the day. On Friday 19th November your child can wear their own clothes or dress up (dressing up is the theme this year!) or just pop on their Pudsey spots – make sure you are warm with sensible shoes though :)

On the day, bring along a **50p** donation to support this amazing charity! Your child will be given a special Pudsey biscuit to say ‘thank you’ for supporting Children in Need too.

There will be lots of activities and our fantastic assembly for the children too. Later at home, you can carry on supporting by watching all the amazing events on the show during the evening on BBC. You can also get involved by checking out the website.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Here you can find lots of resources, activities and fundraising events that raise money for the charities that help children in the UK.

Or if you have Facebook, check out their page here: <https://www.facebook.com/bbcchildreninneed/>

Thank you :)



Reminder—Our local Community heroes at Black Lion are doing something amazing for our school. Team Black Lion are taking part in a sponsored skydive to help create and develop the forest school area. Working in partnership with Four Seasons who will carry out the work! All donations will be greatly appreciated!

Date of the skydive TBC. If you wish to donate, here is the link: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emma-nethercott-1?utm_term=nV9x3Bany&fbclid=IwAR1dy4bvMxOfA625ffr-KOjWXG9zEhbeXWbkU_M44eWLEIDkSHkasxrUIIq

We want to thank Mark, Andy, Gez, Maia, Emma and all of the Team at Black Lion for this generous fundraiser, which will make a huge difference to our children at Westwood :)

Our Chair of Governors – Mrs Gill Jones AKA Our Marathon Marvel!

As you may know, Gill Jones completed the London Marathon this month. Gill would like to say massive THANK YOU to everyone who supported her through sponsorship recently when she ran the London marathon in 6:00:47. Gill raised (with all your help) £1,015.48 plus gift aid making £1,235.60! What a fabulous achievement! I am sure you will join us in congratulating Gill!



Gill is raising money by marathon running for the Lucy Faithfull Foundation. The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is the only UK-wide child protection charity dedicated solely to preventing child sexual abuse. They work closely with frontline workers and professionals such as police officers, social workers and education staff to ensure children are as safe as they can be. They work with entire families that have been affected by sexual abuse including: young people with inappropriate sexual behaviours; adult male and female sexual abusers; victims of abuse and other family members. They also run the confidential Stop It Now! Helpline 0808 1000 900.

To donate to Gill's fundraiser see link below-

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=GillJones-LucyFaithfullFoundation&pageUrl=1>

Welcome to our KiVa School!

KiVa is an innovative school-based antibullying program which has been developed using cutting-edge research on bullying and its mechanisms. Westwood has been a KiVa school for the last 5 years and its systems are embedded here.

KiVa is an evidence-based program to prevent bullying and to tackle the cases of bullying effectively. KiVa helps our children to recognise the difference between conflict, unkindness and bullying. We have two senior staff members who deliver the Kiva programme to our children, and our staff are trained in the philosophy of KiVa; the promotion of respect and kindness.

Mrs Anne Mattar and Mrs Alison Hawkins have produced a Stakeholders' presentation guide to KiVa so you too can see how the programme works, familiarise yourself with the **correct terminology** and help your child in the KiVa way. Please scan the QR code below to see the short presentation or click on the weblink below. Thank you to Mrs M and Mrs H for sharing your expertise!



SCAN ME



Westwood Primary School

<http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/page/kiva/28969>

Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive?

I am fully vaccinated,
or under 18

I am over 18 and not
fully vaccinated

No symptoms?
No need to self-isolate but get a PCR test on day 2 and day 8

Got symptoms?
Self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test. Isolate for 10 days if positive

No symptoms?
Self-isolate immediately for 10 days and get a PCR test on day 2 and day 8

Got symptoms?
Self-isolate and get a PCR test. If positive, self-isolate for 10 days. If negative, self-isolate for 10 days and take a test on day 8

Online Parent's meetings for our Westwood Family

On Tuesday 2nd November, we are holding our Autumn Term Parent's Meetings for Reception to Year 6. These appointments will take place online via Zoom and you will have a five-minute appointment with your child's class teacher. The Parent's Meetings will give you an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher via Zoom to share your child's settling in this Autumn term, current snapshot of progress, important next steps and how we can work together in partnership in your child's learning journey. Nursery - Rowan Class will have their meetings with Mrs Ryan on Monday 1st November using Zoom.

Remember: To participate in the Parent's Meetings - you will need to download Zoom (if you haven't already):



Zoom to attend the appointment you have booked.

Please download 'Zoom' in preparation and ensure you can access Zoom so your parent's meeting experience will be successful. Do not forget to read the parent's meeting email link sent out before the break which has your protocol for the meeting.

Thank you for your support.

Team Westwood :)

Black History Month



October is Black History Month and our children having been learning all about 'Black History Month'. Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the past and today. As part of the New Curriculum for Wales, we are exploring different themes and topics to ensure our children are ethically, informed citizens and have an appreciation of the all our world around us. The Hwb has some amazing resources on Black History Month here: <https://hwb.gov.wales/search?query=black%20history%20month&strict=true>

New Curriculum for Wales 2022.

Our children are experiencing new topics and ways of learning with the implementation of the New Curriculum for Wales 2022. This is to ensure our children are ready for the challenges of the 21st century by ensuring they have 21st century skills including digital competence, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. Their voice is strong as a 21st century learner and they co-construct their curriculum under 6 areas of learning and help to decide what topics they learn too. Find out more about the new curriculum at:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/api/storage/44b74558-5d89-4a5b-bf54-32bd6dcad1c0/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-children-young-people-and-families.pdf>

What would you like your child to learn as part of their new curriculum? Email school on wwmail@hwbcymru.net—subject 'New Curriculum Topic Ideas'; your voice counts and we look forward to hearing from you! :)

"When is world kindness day?"
asked the boy



"Everyday" said the mole.

Stay safe our Westwood Family

