



# WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

**To our Dear Westwood Family** – I hope you are well and are staying safe! We have had a very busy January and inside your Buckley Bugle, we have some lovely items to share with you including pupil events and news of what's happening at our wonderful school. **Remember our website has lots of news to share and dates of events too! So keep checking regularly!**



## Covid 19

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 symptoms, we request you take your child for a PCR test. **If your child has been for a P.C.R. test, we request they isolate and to see the negative results before they return.** 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](mailto:19C5@hwbcymru.net) . You can **also contact 119 for advice too. The Covid 19 situation is changing rapidly, so stay vigilant and please stay safe :) See the back page for the latest guidance!**

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

Please stay safe our Westwood Family!

Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :)



# Pupil Congratulations

We are now holding our school assemblies again online on Friday. It does mean that I will be posting my assemblies on Instagram going forward. 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! :) Here is just a small selection of our Celebration and Seren y Wythnos Certificates!





## Amazing opportunities at Westwood!



Badminton Club is back with Year 3 & 4! We are so lucky that our children love to embrace new opportunities! They are super fast learners and the progress has been amazing to date! Thank you to Mr Steele for helping with Badminton club! The children are having lots of fun.



## Flintshire Music Service

The Flintshire music service are looking for children to undertake additional music opportunities with their highly trained professionals. Here are two of our violinists and we also have cornet lessons too. To find out more, contact the office :)



## Outdoor Learning @ Westwood

We love the great outdoors and we are so lucky to have superb grounds and staff who make the magic happen. Thank you too to Mrs Lamb for giving the children fabulous outdoor experiences at Westwood! Here are our lucky Year 6 pupils learning how to cook healthy food outdoors! :)



## Attendance @ Westwood

At Westwood we want to encourage our children to attend regularly as we all know that they have the best opportunities for learning and make progress!

As you know we are always striving to improve attendance at Westwood. So Mrs Thomas has sent out a message last week to all parents to encourage good attendance at school, so we hope you will all support this.



**Dear Westwood Family,**

**We feel it is also important to award children who continually have very good attendance.**

**So from next week I will be introducing "In to Win" attendance lottery. Every Friday I will be checking the registers to see which children have attended every day that week. They will then be entered into a draw and I will choose a winner at random, from Key stage 2 and Key Stage One and Early Years. Certificates will be given on a Friday afternoon.**

**We will also have a end of term prize draw, for each full week they have been in school they will get an entry into the lottery. So the more days they are in, the more chance they have to win. We have 3 weeks left of this half term, if your child is in every day of those 3 weeks, they will get 3 entries into the attendance lottery. There will be certificates and prizes for the winners! They will get a shoutout in assembly and an email home to share the news with parents.**

**Looking forward to seeing you all in next week,**

**Mrs Thomas**

**Family Engagement & Parent Partnership officer**

Every week we check our classes attendance and award Atti the Attendance Bear to the class with best attendance that week. For the last three weeks, Dosbarth Violet have won the attendance table with 98 %, 96% and 100% attendance respectively! This is absolutely amazing and as you can see the children in Violet class are delighted with their achievements. Congratulations Year 1 – you are going to take some beating!



## Our Wonderful Westwood Family!

We love to hear about your child's achievements outside school— so what a wonderful message we received from one of our Mum's in Year 6.

Mrs Ramsey wrote, “ At Artistic Skating's Christmas Show, Emily was awarded skater of the year, she really loves skating and is doing fantastic, she really wants to bring it in to show you!”

Well done Emily in Birch Class—what an amazing achievement— thank you for sharing and we cannot wait to see your wonderful trophy!!



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SKATER OF THE YEAR 2021  
EMILY 🥰🥰



## The latest news from our Holly and Elder Classes



We have made some changes to the classroom areas to encourage even more independent learning. We have opened these new spaces for the children to use.

In the first photograph you can see the new Home Corner and Construction Area. In the second photograph you can see our new Reading Area. The children love it!

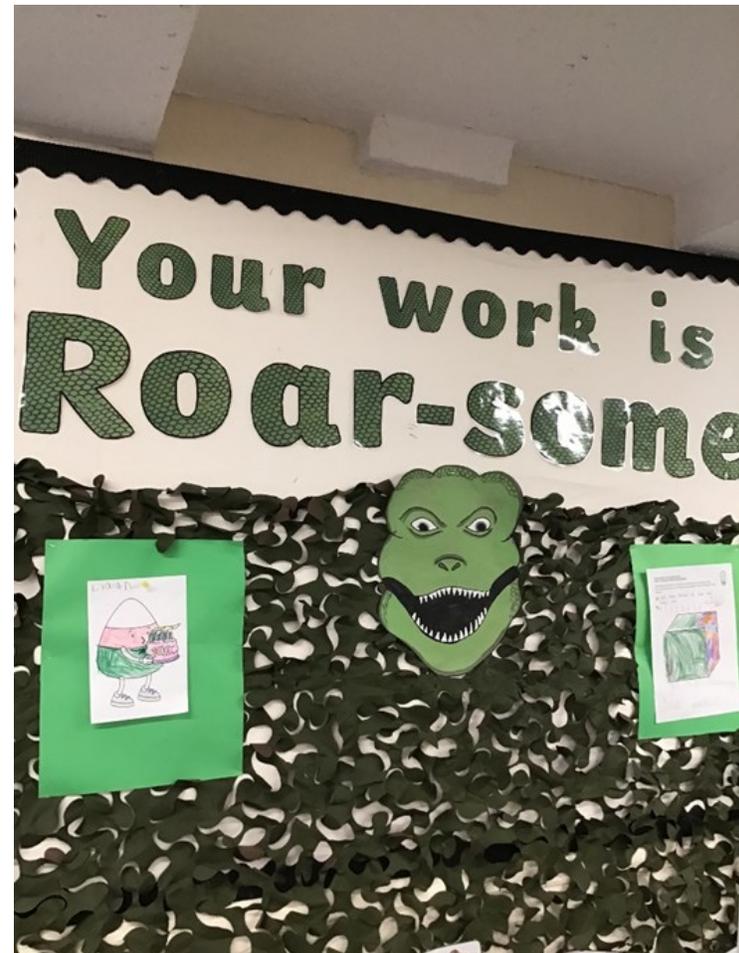




Here is just one of our new I-pad stations — the children like to investigate and research their new topic —

Time Travellers!

We have a new approach to our Golden Time the children have made suggestions of what they would like to do in Golden Time. They have two options to vote for on a Monday and we work for that during the week. They can't wait!



We have a lovely display to celebrate a special piece of work complete independently within the Areas of Learning.

## Pupil Councils

**Our pupils councils are proactive and play an integral role at life in Westwood.** We have four committees / councils that are not only the voice of our learners but are advocates of the Four Purposes of the New Curriculum and passionate as 21st century learners.

As part of their action plans, they engage in many curriculum projects, extra-curricular and play activities, organise charity events and are all superb ambassadors for our school, within Westwood and out in the Buckley community.

Currently our teams are working on the following:

**House Captains:** Kiva Ambassadors and the rights of the child. Organising play opportunities for the children with small lunch time clubs, inside school and in the outdoors. #healthy confident individuals

**Criw Cymraeg:** Bilingualism and Urdd Competitions, and the upcoming Eisteddfod. #ambitious, capable learners

**Eco Committee:** Environmental issues and current affairs, within school, locally, nationally and globally. #ethical, informed citizens

**School Council:** School Shop and Board Game Library. #enterprising, creative contributors

Thank you to all of our wonderful children for making Westwood a better place to be!

# Pupil Contributions and Pupil Councils





Dear Westwood Family,

As part of our launch for Maths and Numeracy in the New Curriculum for Wales we are holding a week of fantastic events and opportunities linked to having fun with Maths and Numeracy. To kick start the maths week, we are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 4 February 2022.

## Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents about tomorrow

On average, a child contacts Childline every **25 seconds**

### Making maths meaningful

Our Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.



- We are taking on Buddy's Key Challenge in our classes to help raise awareness for the NSPCC. We are working to solve exciting maths puzzles in our classes, against the clock with Buddy, the *Speak out. Stay safe* mascot.
- We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. Do not worry if you haven't got anything with a number on it - you can wear something green - just like the NSPCC mascot- Buddy!

We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> too- just 20p buys a break time cake, helps the children with their money skills and they have a tasty treat too!

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the support today will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Donaghy, Mrs Williams and Team Westwood





### What has happened to our playground walls?

A very exciting delivery of Welsh signs for games at Lunchtime and breaks have appeared on our walls! The Year 3 & 4 children were very excited to see the signs and now have lots of playtime fun. Diolch yn fawr iawn to Miss Zoe Jones, our Bilingualism coordinator, for arranging these through a Welsh grant for play! There are more exciting events on the horizon for Welsh so watch this space!



# Westwood P.T.F.A January update

Dear Westwood families,

Firstly, we would like to start off by saying a massive thank you for your continued support we have had an amazing first term up to Christmas with lots of events planned for the coming terms.

Our Christmas raffle was definitely bigger and better this year than ever before. We had over 30 raffle prizes and raised a massive profit of **£1,100.00**, alongside our very popular Teddy tombola and guess the name of 'Big Ted'. This is really all down to our wonderful families for going above and beyond to sell our raffle tickets, not the mention those families who also donated prizes. We really do want to say a massive **thank you**, we couldn't have raised such a large amount without your help. We hope that the money raised is going to go towards some more exciting new projects in school and for all our children to enjoy.



We have already supported the school this academic year by once again supplying colouring pens and pencils to each class, not forgetting Breakfast club. We have also donated some boardgames for Mrs Matthews to use alongside her role of additional needs coordinator – watch this space for her master plan.

We would love to hear about any ideas you may have. Our P.T.F.A is always looking for new faces to get involved. If you feel you could spare sometime to support our school no matter how small we would love to hear from you. Feel free to speak to any member of the P.T.F.A or contact us on our email address

[contact@westwoodpta.co.uk](mailto:contact@westwoodpta.co.uk)

## Upcoming events

We've met with Mrs Williams recently and have set up some amazing events for the upcoming term.

**Disco Day** – this will take place before the end of this half term. We have to keep to the strict COVID restrictions that are still currently in place in school. We know how much the children love a disco and feel that it's time we can do this in a safe way. More details will follow with how this is going to work.

**Dragon bag drop off week** – Starting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, please support us by having a clear out during half term and then bring your bagged up used unwanted clothes/shoes/handbags/hats off at school and we will collect them all together and weigh them. It's a great way to clear space and support your school.

**Mother's Day raffle** – we will be holding a raffle on the run up to Mother's Day, prizes will include lots of Mum focused treats.

**Smarties challenge** – due to the massive success of last year's challenge we are going to run it again over the Easter holidays. Your child will come home with a tube of smarties and all we ask is that during the holidays for every task they complete round the house, in the garden, helping the family you support them by filling their tube with change – big or small it doesn't matter.

**Easter shop** – We are hoping to be able to offer items for sale to the children during the last week of term before Easter, last year we sold out of our hand knitted chicks. Watch this space to what we are going to be offering this year.

So as you can see we are very busy getting all these wonderful activities up and running for your children to enjoy. We hope that you will support our events. Best Wishes from your P.T.F.A.



Our local Community heroes at Black Lion have been actively fundraising for our amazing school to help create and develop the Forest School area throughout the Autumn term. After the Christmas break, we were handed over £300 for the development of our Forest School from the Black Lion. An amazing gesture!



We want to thank Mark, Andy, 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 :)

## The Fabulous Fiona!

We have the best parents at Westwood and we are so lucky to have their ongoing support. A huge shout out to Miss Fiona Cliffe, mum of two of our former pupils, who has selflessly braved the shave to raise money for our Forest School. £100 plus further donations have been raised by this fantastic gesture! Every penny helped towards the final total! Thanks Fiona, we are so grateful!



## Community news

### What's happening at the Buckley Cross Methodist Church and Buckley Cross Community Centre?



### Buckley Cross Methodist Church Rev Andrew warmly invites you!

Tuesday 1st March 2022

**Pancake Party from 3pm –Bring along the children straight after school for  
pancakes and fun activities!**

Mothing Sunday 27th March 2022

**Come along to a very special service @ the church from 9.30am till 10am**

**More events to follow so watch this space!!**

## Buckley Cross Community Centre

The Buckley Cross Community Centre are opening their Friday coffee morning from 9am to 11.30am (instead of 9:30) every Friday hoping that some of the parents after the school drop off, may fancy a coffee and toast before they begin their day.

As an incentive they are offering the first cup of tea or coffee free for the foreseeable future! What's not to like!! Please support this wonderful community coffee morning!



## 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!



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Westwood Primary School

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



EMPOWERING  
PARENTS  
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# Being a Parent Group

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER  
PARENTS  
"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"

- Would you like new ideas on how to support your child?
- Are you a parent and have a child between the ages of 2 to 11 years?

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

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF GROUPS AVAILABLE  
RUNNING ON DIFFERENT DAYS  
FROM  
31ST JAN - 1ST APRIL  
(WITH A BREAK FOR FEB HALF TERM)  
MORNINGS, AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS  
VIA ZOOM

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

## Parental Engagement and Support Opportunities at Westwood



At Westwood, we have a long and successful history of providing support for our families and we are collating an exciting range of training and pupil/parent experiences for in the New Year.

We are now asking you what type of support or training you would appreciate to help with your child's learning journey at Westwood. How can you contribute and collaborate with us to support your child's learning journey? Would you like new skills? Have your say! We would like to hear your ideas to help build our new parent and pupil programmes!  
Please answer using the link below - Thank you.  
Team Westwood :)

<https://forms.office.com/r/wWebth4t9p>

So far this month we have provided for parents:

- \* Supporting your child's maths in Year 3 & 4
- \* Supporting your child's maths in Year 5 & 6
- \* Wellies in the Woods—Nursery & Reception
- \* Come & Cook—Year 1 & 2

We often get asked “How can we help our child with reading and maths?”



Courses in February

**Help your child with maths** Tuesdays and Thursdays | 2 x 1 hour sessions

**Help your child with reading** Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4 x 1 hour sessions

#### Course Overview

These courses will help dads, mums, grandparents and carers help children with their reading and number skills. You will learn lots of handy hints to take away and have fun practising with your child.

#### The courses include:

- Fun with letters and words
- What, when and where to read?
- What are phonics and how to practise them?
- Fun with shapes
- Rhymes, games and songs
- How does my child learn maths at school?

#### What Do I Need?

You will need an iPad or a laptop as this is an online course. You will also require Internet access.

Click here for available dates and to sign up:

<https://www.adultlearning.wales/en/courses/course-results?&subject=supporting-families>

Daytime & Evening Courses available!

info@adultlearning.wales | 03300 580845 | [adultlearning.wales](https://www.adultlearning.wales)

The National Community College

Rydym yn annog a chroeso i gyswiliadau a galwadau ffôn yn Gymraeg a buidfen yn ymateb i'ch dewis iaith  
We encourage and welcome correspondence and phone calls in Welsh and will respond to your language choice



Westwood's Stay & Play is making a comeback!!!

And we are so excited to share this wonderful news with you all!

Our first session is on Thursday 17th February from 1.30pm until 3pm in the Westwood Nursery!

Watch this space for more details! Keep an eye on your emails to book in!

# Congratulations to Mrs Thomas!

We are so lucky to have highly skilled teachers and professionals who work tirelessly for our children and families!

Huge congratulations to Mrs Gemma Thomas, Our Family Engagement & Parent Partnership Officer who has completed two accredited courses so she can keep on supporting our Westwood Family.



Friends Resilience for Children and Adult resilience are two programmes within the Friends for life curriculum. **FRIENDS** for Life is a social skills and **resilience** curriculum, that has been recognised by the World Health Organisation as an effective tool set to prevent anxiety for children. It is proven to reduce anxiety and provide participants with strategies to rise to life's challenges, and bounce back from setbacks and adversity.

Many of our children are benefitting from the programmes in school—Friends Resilience and Fun Friends! Thank you Mrs T for always championing our children and families!

Find out more about Friends Resilience here:

<https://friendsresilience.org/>



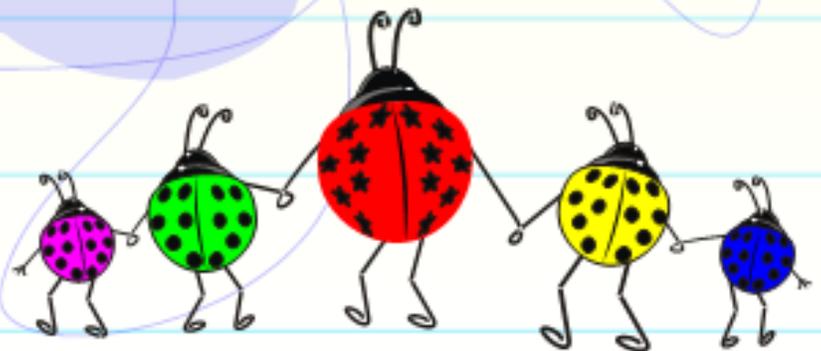


# Westwood's "In to Win"



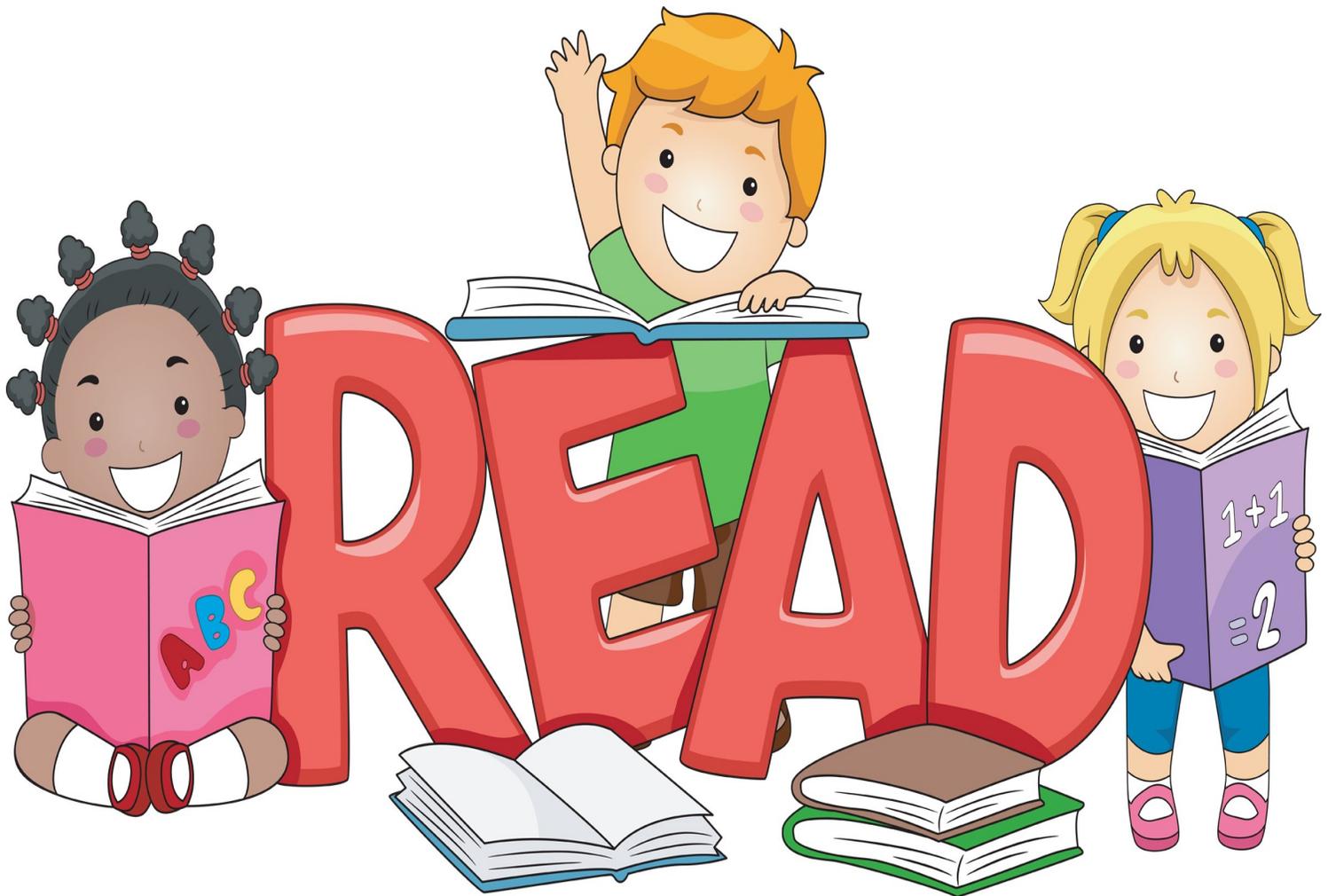
Attendance Lottery!

Winners announced every Friday afternoon.  
The more days you are in, the more chance you  
have to win!



## An exciting piece of news!! And a Huge Thank You!!

During December, we made a shout out for our Westwood Family to return any reading books as our stocks were becoming depleted and our library shelves looking sparse! Thank you for all the books that were returned. However, our current stocks are still low and we are in need of book replenishment!



So you can imagine our delight when, just before Christmas, we were surprised with an anonymous donation of **£5000 for reading books** for our children. The donation, from one of our wonderful Westwood Family, will make a huge impact on supplying our library with lots of new and exciting reading material! We cannot thank you enough and we know our children

# How the five-day isolation rule works

## Day

0	Your symptoms begin or you test positive
1	Self-isolate from day 1 to day 5
2	
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5	Start home testing with lateral flow tests
6	From day 6 to day 9 you can end self-isolation if you test negative on two consecutive days
7	
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9	Isolation ends as long as you feel well and don't have a temperature
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#KeepWalesSafe

From January 28th 2022

\* Wear your mask

\* Wash your hands

\* Keep 2 metres distance

\* Please do all you can to keep our school open and our children learning!

\* Stay safe our Westwood Family!

