



# WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

To our Dear Westwood Family – I hope you are well?

As our wonderful children have returned home, the 'Buckley Bugle' is making a return too! We have been busy in school since our return and you have been appreciative of the communication and updates since we came back to school. Our main focus has been working with your children to restore and maintain their positive wellbeing over the last 4 weeks since their return. The teachers and staff are also establishing their recovery within Literacy and Numeracy curriculum too. A lot of hard work is taking place, alongside ensuring our children are safe, happy and well in school. Your support with online learning and homework is very much appreciated too – we know just how much you appreciate our efforts, are enjoying having your children back in school and enjoying the routine too! A huge welcome too, to all of our new Westwood Families to our Westwood Family!!

We know that your child is enjoying the many aspects of the new 'normal' we have established – Welly Wednesday when they can wear their **own suitable outdoor clothes** for outdoor activities to allow you to catch up with the uniform cleaning mid week. Our Daily Mile is being incorporated with the classes through school. The track was laid in the lockdown thanks to the generosity of one our parents! P.E. kit to be worn on their P.E. days– can I remind you to pop on your school cardigan or sweatshirt over your P.E. kits please? P.E. day isn't an own clothes day. Also I must remind you of our policy on school uniform, which can be found on the website. Many children have returned wearing jewellery; chains, drop earrings and looped earrings which are not allowed due to health and safety – studs and small sleepers are acceptable, which must be removed for P.E. or plasters provided. Long hair should be tied back for Health & Safety reasons. We also have a few children with dyed hair, which we say within the school uniform policy isn't accepted. I understand during lockdown and holidays, we may fancy a change but we must request that now we are back in school, we follow the policies set out which you support as part of the home / school agreement. I thank you for your support here.

A huge well done to many of our parents and carers, who have been wonderful with all of adaptations within our setting and organisation set out in the handbook; especially our morning and home time routines and keeping a safe 2 metre social distance! You are very punctual too and this is helping greatly with the organisation of the day. It is also great to see the traffic outside school has reduced considerably. Many of you are making use of the car parks, which are FREE and those who need to park closer, are parking with more consideration. Unfortunately we still have a few parents / carers who are parking on the pavements, on corners, opposite the school gates and junctions which is unnecessary and unsafe. This is an accident waiting to happen and it is not acceptable; I really do not want any child harmed. Thank you for your continued support with this it is for the safety of your child and the children of our Westwood Family.

I would like to also give a big mention to my amazing staff . Since our return to Westwood, every member of staff has returned with a positive, can do attitude. We are all in it together to ensure your child is well, happy and safe; whilst they are learning and socialising in school. This is no mean feat after 6 months away and it is a joint effort by us all; we all play an important part. My staff's wellbeing and happiness is very important to me too and I thank them for their commitment to Team Westwood and to our Westwood Family.

Finally, thank you too to all the wonderful messages of support and appreciation I have received since our return! I am very lucky to have a brilliant Westwood Family! Enjoy your read, thanks for your support and I will see<sup>1</sup>you on the gate. Best wishes from Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :) STAY SAFE!!



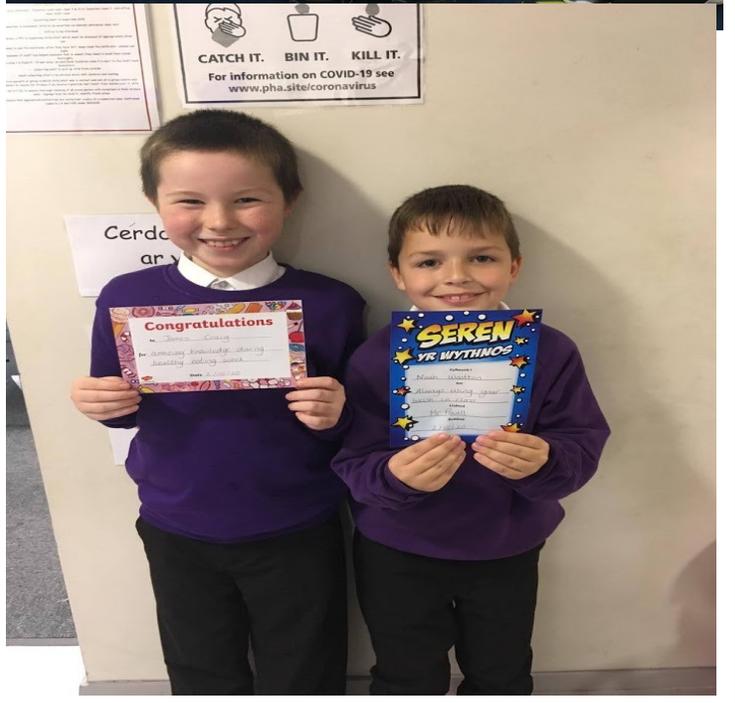
## Pupil News & Activities

### Celebration and Class Assemblies

Our children always have so much to celebrate and we wanted to ensure we recognised this as part of our weekly timetable. So we have a regular weekly, class assembly to share their achievements, no matter how small. As we cannot all come together at the moment, I produce a weekly Video assembly for the children to watch in class, where I give a shout out to the children for their achievements in class and any certificates they have received from their class teachers. We also do birthday mentions and 'Seren Yr Wythnos' too!! Also in my video assembly, we also have a Question of the Week slot - the children love to enter and we have the winners announced also in the Friday video assembly. There is a box in each class to enter the weekly question and Fairtrade prizes for the winners! Look out for my video assemblies on Instagram! We would love you to send in any achievements or extra special mentions for their weekly assembly, as sometimes we do not get to hear about all the amazing things the children do outside the Westwood day. Just email into the office with their special achievements please. :)

Here is a small selection of our little stars from the last two weeks!





## Developing our Outdoor Areas

As you may be aware, one of our targets for Westwood is developing the outdoor areas around school, for all of our children to have even better experiences during the school day; be it in lessons or at play! We are running on a project called 'Loose Parts' and we are asking for donations of a variety of bits and bobs to enhance the activities in outdoor provision.

So here is what we are looking for!

### Garden/Sensory/PSD Area

- Mint
- Lemon grass
- Chives
- Lavender
- Insect Hotel
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### Environments in tyres for Small World

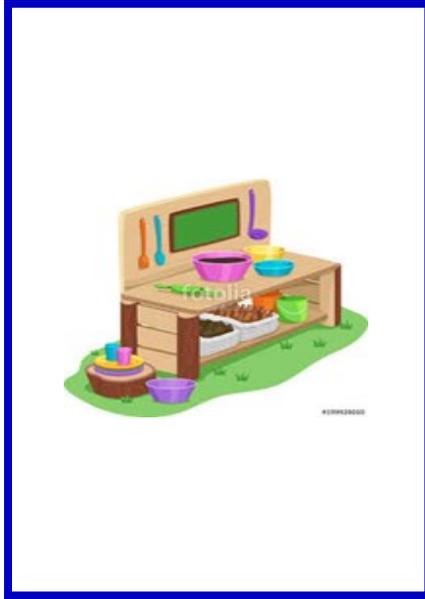
- Sand
- Gravel
- Ever green plants
- Rockery stones
- Large pebbles
- Artificial grass

### Recycled and Reused Materials

- Paper (newspaper, shredded, cardboard, paper tubes)
- Containers (milk jugs, yogurt containers, metal cans)
- Textiles (sheets, shower curtains, blankets, towels, pillows)
- Ropes (used climbing ropes)
- Tires (inner tubes)
- Gutters
- PVC tubes
- Buckets, tubs, laundry baskets
- Pallets, crates (wooden or plastic)
- Nuts and bolts
- Car parts
- Hose
- Pipes
- Keys
- Hinges
- Rattan wicker balls
- Curtain poles/rings
- Picture frames A3
- Spools, bobbins and reels
- Swimming noodles
- Artificial flowers
- Cardboard rolls
- Chain

## Mud Kitchen

- Waterproof trouser and jackets
- Wellies
- Round cutters
- Eggcup
- Pebbles
- Shells
- Cones
- Twigs
- Corks
- Measuring jugs
- Whiteboard
- Measuring
- Sieves
- Whisk
- Ladle
- Masher
- Garlic press
- Cups
- Scales
- Scoops
- Measuring cups
- Saucepans
- Pestle and mortar
- Wooden spoons
- Pastry brushes



## Organic Materials

- ♦ Rocks, stones, gravel, pebbles
- ♦ Wood (sticks, stumps, boards, coins, branches, wood chips, cinnamon stick, pegs, beads, planks, different sized logs)
- ♦ Shells
- ♦ Water (ice, snow)
- ♦ Seeds (acorns, dried beans, seed pods)
- ♦ Pine cones
- ♦ Leaves
- ♦ Grasses (hay, straw)
- ♦ Mosses
- ♦ Flowers (petals)
- ♦ Textiles (hemp, cotton, wool, felt, silk)
- ♦ Corks
- ♦ Sea sponges
- ♦ Drift wood
- ♦ Hay bales
- ♦ Seeds
- ♦ Bark
- ♦ Feathers

If you have any of these items to donate, please can you bring them to the school main entrance gate, where we can store them 'Covid' safely and securely. If you need any more information on our outdoor learning activities and provision, or ways you can help, please ask for Mrs Hatton or Mrs Fresa via email. Diolch :)

# Parental Engagement and Community Events

Our P.T.F.A. sent out this notice this week—please join us for the A.G.M.



## **Westwood Community Primary School Parent Teacher Friends Association**

Tabernacle Street, Buckley, CH7 2JT

Registered Charity No. 1150830

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

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October @ 5pm via Zoom**

### **Who is a member of the P.T.F.**

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](mailto: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:

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

- **Chairperson:** Mrs Sue Large
- **Vice Chairperson:** Mrs Stacey Alexander
- **Secretary:** Mrs Alison Wightman
- **Vice Secretary -** Mrs Lesley Ducker
- **Treasurer:** Miss Michelle Warrington
- **Vice Treasurer:** Vacant

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.

### Zoom meeting information

Alison Wightman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PTFA AGM

Time: Oct 19, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78565306661?pwd=eWtpTWZXdVgwUjhsSVJFVXQ1Y0MrQT09>

Meeting ID: 785 6530 6661

Passcode: 1e5vvR

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### How do I become a P.T.F.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](mailto: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.

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 a link is on the PTA section of the school website.

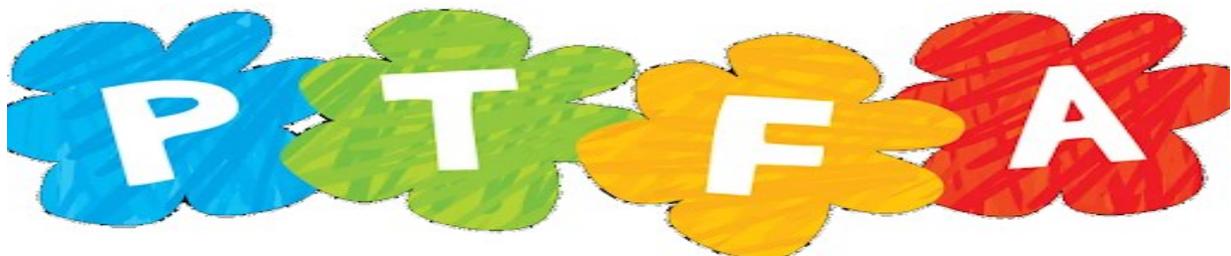
If you would like any further information about what is involved in being a Committee Member, please speak to Mrs Williams or see the **PTFA section of the school website**.

Thanks for reading and we hope to see you all at the AGM!

Kind regards,

**Mrs Sue Large**

**Chair Person**



## Health & Safety for our Westwood Family

### Flintshire communications

As you will be aware, from Thursday 1st October at 6pm, Flintshire goes into lockdown. School will remain open. However, there are significant changes within a lockdown situation. Here is the Flintshire link for frequently asked questions about the lockdown from Thursday 1st October and what it means for us all.

<https://gov.wales/flintshire-county-council-lockdown-frequently-asked-questions>

### Colds / Flu / Covid -19 Communications

If your child is poorly, we ask you let us know they will not be in school. Even if you have told us, and your child attends Penguins, you must let them know too and vice versa. On a couple of occasions, I have been contacted by Penguins who have passed on information. Please keep both settings informed at all times. Thanks :)

Also as cold and flu season is upon us, we have a few children who are absent with colds, sickness bugs etc. I would ask you watch the video that was sent to you to give you advice of the symptoms of colds and Covid. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTDbNz-1F3c&feature=youtu.be>

We are clear that the symptoms we consider as Covid are:

- A new continuous cough
- High temperature

You will be aware of this from the correspondence we have sent out and the procedure we will activate if your child presents with these symptoms in school.

Please re read the parent handbook and the risk assessment to be clear of this. We are here to help but this has been outlined on many occasions with the testing procedures available too.

If you, members of your household or your child are presenting with Covid- 19 symptoms, please stay at home, book a test online <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or through the 119-phone number.

**If you have booked a test, are considering a test or have been advised by your doctor to call for a test, please do not send you child into school.**

Once you have your test results returned, please notify us. Only negative results will allow a return to school, and as long as no one in your home is symptomatic / well enough to attend school. We must keep our school community safe and we will support you if at all possible.

On the opposite page 9 is an easy guide on what to do in in these difficult times and if you, or your child becomes unwell with symptoms,

## Westwood Community Primary Covid-19 related pupil absence

### A quick reference guide for parents

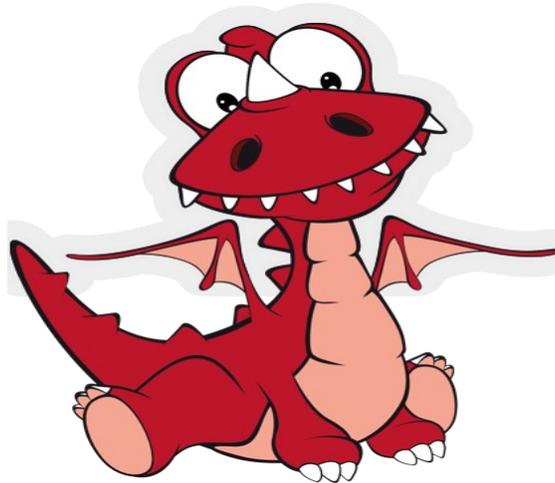
| What to do if ....  | Action Needed  | Return to school when....  |
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| My Child has Covid-19 symptoms:<br>HIGH TEMPERATURE- this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back<br>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in an hour<br>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything | DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL<br>Contact school to let us know.<br>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.<br>Get a test<br><b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT</b>   | .....the test comes back negative  |
| My child tests positive for covid-19.....   | DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL<br>Contact school to inform us.<br>Agree an earliest date for return . Minimum of 10 days.<br>Self- isolate the whole household for 14 days.<br>Remote learning  | .....they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/ smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks. |
| My child tests negative   | CONTACT THE SCHOOL<br>Discuss when your child can come back to school ( same day/next day)   | ..... the test comes back negative and they are well enough to return to school.   |
| My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19  | FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE   | After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.  |
| Someone in my household has covid-19 symptoms   | DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL<br>Contact school<br>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.<br>Get tested.<br><b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS.</b>  | ..... the test comes back negative and they are well enough to attend.   |
| Someone in my household tests positive for covid-19.  | DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.<br>Contact school.<br>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days<br>Agree an earliest date for return. Minimum of 14 days<br><b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS</b>  | ..... The child has completed up to 14 days of isolation.  |
| NHS test and trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed covid-19   | DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.<br>CONTACT SCHOOL.<br>Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days.   | ..... The child has completed 14 days of isolation.  |
| We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.  | Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel.<br>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed contact school, agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date. | ..... The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.   |
| We have received medical advice that my child must re-suspend shielding.  | DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.<br>Contact school.<br>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.<br>AT home support your child with remote learning provided by school.  | .....School/Welsh Government inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.                                    |
| My child's bubble/class/ contact group is closed due to covid-19 outbreak in school.  | DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.<br>AT home support your child with remote learning provided by school.<br>Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.  | .....School will inform you when the bubble will be re-opened.   |

# Dragon Bag 'Daffi Day' is Tuesday 3rd November

Recycle unwanted clothes and raise funds for your school!

**Dragon Bags is a free fundraising scheme that helps schools across Wales raise funds through textile recycling**

Our aim is to help every single school throughout Wales achieve their fundraising goals as well as diverting textiles from landfill at the same time.



**'Daffi the Dragon'** is Dragon bags company mascot and they would like every school to have at least one 'Daffi Day' a term.

Our Dragon bag 'Daffi Day' is Tuesday 3rd November and we would like you to help by sorting out your unwanted clothing and shoes, and bring them into school on Daffi Day! More details on how we will do this Covid safely will follow soon!!!

The **Daffi Day** scheme is designed to develop students' awareness of textile recycling while providing them with a platform to generate much needed funds for their school. The half term will be a great time to sort out your unwanted textiles — see the list on page 11 on what we will accept on our 'Daffi Day!' So come on and join in!

# Dragon Bags

## WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



IF UNSURE AS TO WHETHER WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR ITEMS, GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT

## WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT



## **Breakfast club**

Breakfast club and Westies Breakfast Club (for Nursery & Reception) are now open for bookings on the School Gateway (Comms) app.



All the bookings are to be made on the School Gateway (Comms). Bookings must be made in advance, even if it's the 8.30-9.00 slot. The later time slots of 8.30 to 9.00 are capped at 20 places maximum, booked in advance – this is to keep our numbers conducive for social distancing between contact groups. If you don't already have the School Gateway app, please download it, put in your contact email and telephone number which we have on the school system, this will link you to your child's account. Any problems with this system feel free to contact the office.

## **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 has a blended learning book that was sent home with work on a project to complete. 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 reading practice is maintained at home for all children to support us with our recovery curriculum.**

If your child is in Foundation phase, from Friday 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.

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 from Monday 5th October onwards.



## **School Spider App**

As you know we use school spider for our website communications, and the app helps you to keep up to date with the events of school on the website via a Smartphone / Mobile.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we sent out a test smartphone message via the app; this was opened by around 20% of our school community. **We will be sending out another test email on Monday 5th October @ 11am.** To access this test message, you will need the app and you will receive an alert—please open the message!

Please can all parents / carers download the School Spider App, find Westwood primary on the menu and input your user and password to access its services. If you require a reset for this access to the app, please email school on [wwmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:wwmail@hwbcymru.net)

We will be using this service of smartphone messaging as another layer of communication and for quick response messages. Thank you :)

## Our Westwood Family is growing!!

Huge congratulations to new Daddy, Mr Powell, who now has a beautiful daughter Anaiya.



We also send our very best wishes to new Mummy Miss Bennett, who is currently on maternity leave after the birth of her daughter in the holidays, baby Autumn.



Welcome to our Westwood family little ones :)

### Important Dates

**Monday 19th October—P.T.F.A. AGM on Zoom**

**Tuesday 20th October— Pupil reports go to parents—Information to follow :)**

**Half term dates:**

**Friday 23rd October—school closes**

**Monday 2nd November—school reopens**

Dragon Bag Daffi Day — Tuesday 3rd November 2020

**Training days for the academic year are as follows:**

Monday 4th January

Monday 12th April

Tuesday 13th July

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July