



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

To our Dear Westwood Family – I hope you are well and enjoying the Half term break!

We are looking forward to our return on Monday 2nd November; a reminder that the staggered starts of the day and home time pick up remain in place until further notice.

We have had a busy October in the run up to the half term and we finished our last week brilliantly with a superb Autumn Film event run by the staff and PTFA! Within our second Buckley Bugle of the academic year, I want to share some of the highlights of our first half term! And what is coming up!

As you know one of our main focuses has been working with your children to restore and maintain their positive wellbeing since their return. The teachers and staff are also establishing their recovery within Literacy and Numeracy curriculum too. You will have received your child's progress report during the last week of school; I was delighted to see and read the many positives expressed by my staff on how your child has settled brilliantly back into school life! They are an absolute credit to you! You should be very proud!

It goes without saying but the hard work continues on our return on Monday 2nd November, alongside ensuring our children are safe, happy and well in school. Your support with online learning and homework is so beneficial and if you need any support with your child's learning, please contact school.

Health and safety around and on the site remain of the highest priority. Please see within this edition, reminders and key information regarding our procedures. I urge you again to read the Parent handbook and previous correspondence since our return. Just to remind you that from Monday 2nd November, we are requesting that all adults / parents / carers who come onto the school grounds to wear a face covering please. We have been incredibly safe at school and our school community has been amazing observing our new structure, social distancing and safety measures. We know that you will support this measure as it another layer of health & safety. We want to be able to keep our community safe and our school open. If you wish to discuss this with me, I am always on the gate or you can email school. We know that you will appreciate these common place measures and we thank you in advance.

So, looking forward to November!

Daffi day is on Tuesday 3rd November- Bring along your unwanted clothes to the small silver gate on this day for safe collection by Dragon bags. Further details are inside this issue of the Bugle!

We have our fabulous French Language themed day on Friday 6th November. To launch the whole school initiative as we are a pilot school in Wales for Modern Foreign Languages. So, over the half term your child brought home a French based learning activity to complete over the half term. I have seen some amazing work already!! They should bring in their activities ready for the French language day to share in their class. They can also dress up in Red, White and Blue for that day too! Please do not go to any expense to dress up-it is just for fun for the children. We have a special themed menu for dinners that day too!

Remembrance Day on the 11th November will still be remembered by our children in the form of a Remembrance Garden. The wooden crosses, kindly supplied by Mrs Mowlem, can be designed, displayed and be organised safely within our bubbles. Parents should they wish to make a donation could do so via the RBL website, where they will also find a downloadable poppy which can be printed and put in to windows. www.rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal Thank you, Mrs Mowlem, for allowing this to have such a wonderful opportunity to remember our heroes.

Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day. We will be safely preparing Pudsey cakes/biscuits for the children to purchase for 20p on the day. The children can wear own clothes this day too – no special spotty clothes nor extra expense are required! We will be taking part in lots of wellbeing activities, which is BBC Children in Needs focus this year! Look out for more information :)

Despite limitations, we are still planning an exciting run up to Christmas. Our amazing Staff and P.T.F.A. are busy and thoughtfully planning safe events and Christmassy ideas for our children to enjoy! Please watch out for further information on our Christmas planning!

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our stakeholders for your continued support and 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 and I will see you on the gate from Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes from Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :) STAY SAFE!!



Pupil News & Activities

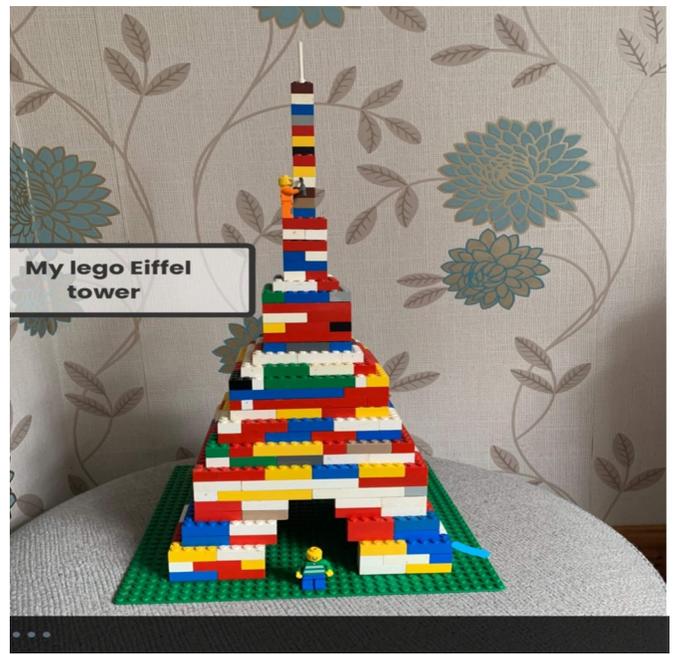
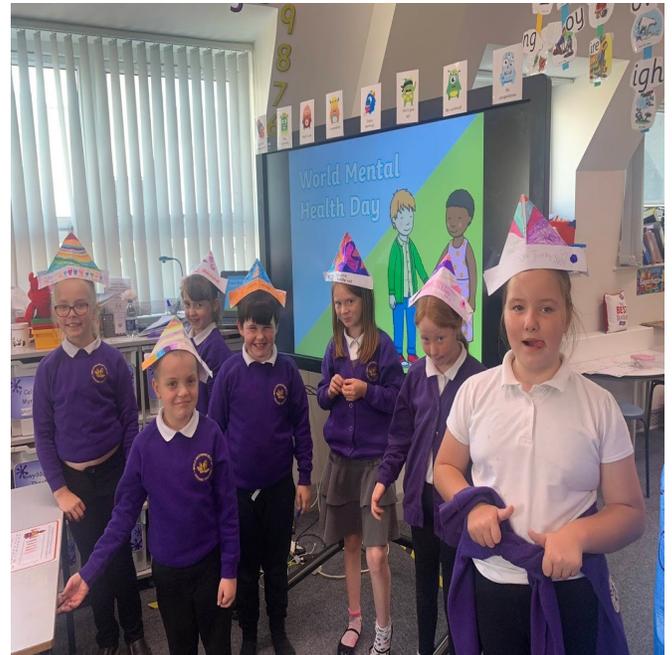
Celebration and Class Assemblies

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, and pictures of what your children do on Twitter and 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 their Westwood day. Just email into the office with their special achievements please. :)

Here is a small selection of our little stars this month!





Developing our Outdoor Areas

As you will 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 looking to redevelop the Nursery area, If you know anyone who could help us with funding or equipment for the Nursery area, we would be incredibly grateful. We are continuing with our project called 'Loose Parts' and we are asking for donations of a variety of bits and bobs to enhance the activities in outdoor provision in Reception and Nursery. So here is what we are looking for!

Nursery

- Cable Reels - large and small
- Tyres - large and small
- Wooden crates
- Wooden pallets
- Stones, pebbles and gravel
- Bark
- Logs

Garden/Sensory/PSD Area

- Mint
- Lemon grass
- Chives
- Lavender
- Insect Hotel



Environments in tyres for Small World

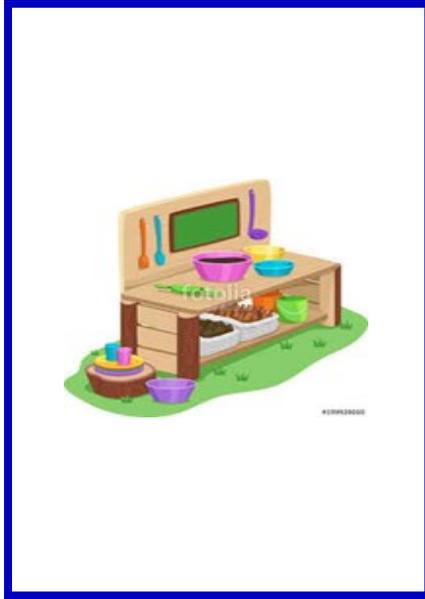
- Sand
- Gravel
- Ever green plants
- Rockery stones
- Large pebbles

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 and tubing
- 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

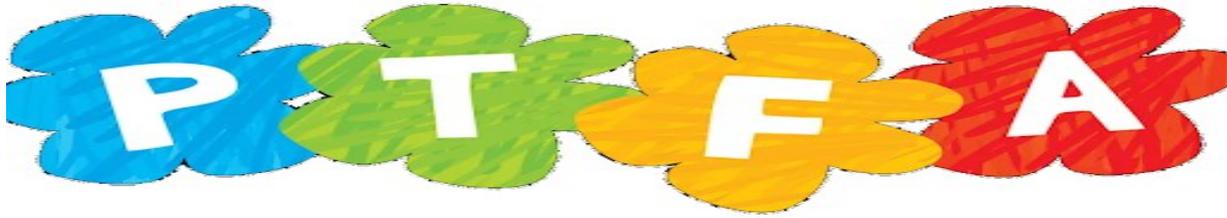


Organic Materials

- ◆ 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 Ryan, Mrs Hatton or Mrs Fresa via email. Diolch :)

Parental Engagement, Governor and Community Events



P.T.F.A. New Committee

Thank you to all the Parents, Staff and Friends who joined us on Zoom this week for the P.T.F.A. A.G.M.

Our P.T.F.A. new committee, as nominated, are as follows:

Chairperson - Mrs. Sue Large

Vice Chairperson: Mrs. Stacey Alexander

Secretary: Mrs. Alison Wightman

Vice Secretary: Mrs. Lesley Ducker

Treasurer: Mrs. Susan Slinger

Vice Treasurer: Mrs. Sarah Jones

Congratulations to you all! We are looking forward to working with you again this year!

Remember as Parents, Carers and Friends, you are all part of the P.T.F.A.

Please contact school on wwmail@hwbcymru.net to get involved with our P.T.F.A. or look at their page on the website too!

Autumn Film Event

A huge thank you to our wonderful P.T.F.A. and our staff for organising the Autumn Film afternoon on the last day of term—the children really enjoyed it! Thank you too to our wonderful Parents & Carers for your support with this event!



As you will be aware our ever creative P.T.F.A. are always looking for alternative ways to support our Westwood Family and make sure our children benefit from their fund raising efforts, Look out for news on their forthcoming plans.

Governor News

Parent Governor Appointments

I am very pleased to announce our two Parent Governors are Mrs. Alison Wightman, who is an existing parent governor of our school and Mrs. Adie Drury, a new parent governor for Westwood. I am delighted we have two very enthusiastic and passionate parents on our Governing body, who share our vision and commitment to Westwood. Congratulations to you both; we are looking forward to working with you over for the next four years.

A personal message from our Chair of Governors – Mrs Gillian Jones

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am incredible proud to serve Westwood Community Primary School again this academic year as your Chair of Governors. As governors we support all of the work that our teachers and staff have done recently to successfully reopen school but also over the previous 6 months.

These are testing times for all of us. I can only applaud their magnificent efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic with how key worker families were supported and how all our children were able to learn from home. What I do know is that the commitment, diligence and creativity over the past few weeks will no doubt, continue over the weeks and months to come.

In our support role of school, the governing body works quietly behind the scenes. You will know we recently advertised for new parent governors to school to represent the parent voice. We have the following parents that bring parent view and experience into our governor meetings. I offer a warm welcome to Adie in joining the governor if body and a returning welcome to Alison.

Alison Wightman (parent to Peter year 5 and Iris year 4)

Adie Drury (parent to Nia year 5)

Sara Tompkin (parent to Ffion year 4)

You can speak to the parent governors direct or via the school office by leaving a message to contact you.

Thank you for your continued support as parents of Westwood Community Primary School.

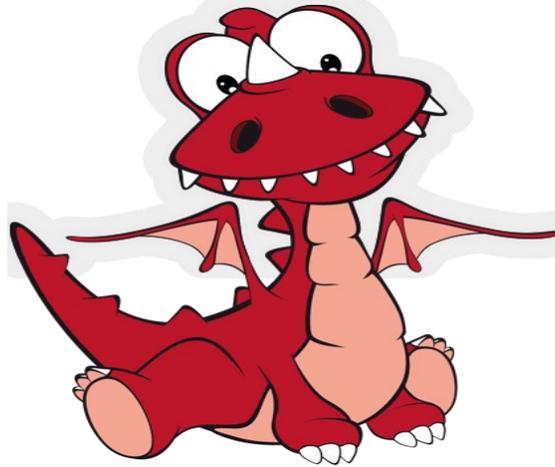
Regards, Gill

Dragon Bag 'Daffi Day' is Tuesday 3rd November

Dragon Bags is a free fundraising scheme that helps schools across Wales raise funds for school!

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.

Recycle unwanted clothes and raise funds for our school on our Daffi Day!



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! To get involved simply fill a plastic bag – carriers or bin bags are suitable, with clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts. All items must be in good reusable condition (so please nothing ripped or stained). Please bring your bags to the main gate either drop off and collection time, where your bag will be collected by a member of staff and brought into school ready for collection from Dragon Bags.

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!

Thank you for your support!

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



Health & Safety for our Westwood Family

As you will be aware, Wales is within a Firebreak until Monday 9th November. School will reopen on Monday 2nd November. Just to remind you that from Monday 2nd November, we are requesting that all adults / parents / carers who come onto the school grounds to wear a face covering please.

Furthermore, if you have a child or family member from another school / college who are not in school/ college due to their year self isolating, do not bring them to the school site nor send them to pick up siblings or family members.

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.

You can visit the Welsh Government page for further guidance:

<https://gov.wales/self-isolation-stay-home-guidance-households-possible-coronavirus> 10

Westwood Community Primary Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents

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

School News

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 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 spelling and reading practice is maintained at home for all children to support us with our recovery curriculum.**

If your child is in Foundation phase, 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. **It is important that regular spelling and reading practice is maintained at home for all children to support us with our recovery curriculum.**

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.

Outdoor learning Grants

As you know, at Westwood we are in the process of redeveloping our Outdoor play and learning experiences for the children. We are hoping to soon create a new forest school area, community garden and outdoor classroom during the Autumn and Spring term. This term our children will be able to engage with the 'Playful Futures' project too! We were lucky pre Covid to secure grants for these projects. We are still looking at further improvements in the Outdoor area and need help with this.

If you, or someone you know can help with work, hands-on labour, funding or grants to further develop our Outdoor areas including play equipment, please email the office. Diolch!

Our New Normal

We know that your child is enjoying the many aspects of the new 'normal' we have established including Wellbeing and outdoor activities, despite the horrible weather at times, since our return in September.

Welly Wednesday is super popular, 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. Your child's class may be involved in additional P.E. Sessions too. Please look out for information from class teachers.

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 and 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, that hair styles and colours may be changed however 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.

We would like also to remind adults who are collecting children to ensure **only one adult per family enters the site**, keeping the entrances / exits clear and strict social distancing please at all times. Please also be prompt and as close to your time as possible dropping off your child & collecting your child and leaving the site swiftly. This it ensures our staggered times are effective, safe and well managed for all of our Westwood Family.

Finally, a huge thank you for the massive improvement in the parking outside school on Tabernacle Street. We appreciate this so much, as it ensures our children can be safe outside their own school. Please can we ensure this is also happening at the Padeswood Entrance (Breakfast Club and Reception Entrance) as some children are running across the road from cars to this entrance. **Also please keep your children close and safe, around the school site. Diolch!**

Important Dates so far!

Monday 2nd November 2020 — school reopens

Tuesday 3rd November 2020—Dragon Bag Daffi Day

Friday 6th November—French Language Day

Friday 13th November— Children in Need Day

Training days for the academic year are as follows and school is closed to pupils:

- * Monday 4th January
- * Monday 12th April
- * Tuesday 13th July
- * Monday 19th July
- * Tuesday 20th July

