

Hello, to our wonderful Westwood Family!

I hope you are well and keeping very safe! I would just like to start with the safety reminders and the updates for the next few weeks in the run up to Christmas!

Face masks and Face coverings

Thank you for supporting our request to wear a face covering / mask when you enter the school site. **If you enter the school site to drop off or pick up, we would ask you support this request and wear a mask on site – this is for everybody's safety.** I do understand that we have members of our Westwood Family who are exempt, and I am happy to support you. We have special Welsh Government lanyards if you would like to use these on site and they can be utilised in other parts of the community too. If you would like a lanyard, please contact the office. We appreciate that keeping 2 meters apart and being on time for your drop offs and pick-ups helps us keep everyone safe in our school community, and you are all doing an amazing job!! **We must keep going though, to ensure we keep our Westwood Family safe and our school open!**

Punctuality

For the foreseeable future, the staggered starts and end times of the school day will remain. We ask that you are punctual when dropping off your children and collecting them. **Lateness seriously compromises our systems and safety.** Every staff member is assigned a role in school to assist with our health and safety, and strict Covid 19 procedures. Timings are important to keep to as we need stay in our areas to help get our children in and out of school promptly. **Please keep to your times. Diolch.**

Parking around the school.

Unfortunately, we have a small minority of adults who are parking inconsiderately around the site. Again, we ask that you refrain from this, as it seriously compromises the safety of our children. This also includes parking on pavements which blocks access for pedestrians. Please use the free carparks and keep the surrounding roads free from unnecessary traffic and keep our school surroundings safe. Thank you for your support.

A reminder about 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.

Flu Vaccine letters

On 1st Dec 2020 at 9:00am, our pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be scheduled to receive the Flu Vaccine in a Covid safe environment and we are asking for the return your child's form as soon as possible. Please let the school office know if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine or they have already received it from their G.P. Thank you for your support here.

Early Entitlement for January 2021

Mrs Quirk has asked me to give this wonderful scheme a shout out! Early Entitlement is for children who are 3 during the Autumn Term months of 2020 (September to January 3rd) for a Westwood start on January 5th 2021. Details and to learn more about this amazing opportunity for your little one, go to - <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Early-Entitlement-Scheme-Flintshire.aspx>

To apply for 10 hours free Early Entitlement provision at Westwood, go to:

<https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/EFTTEST/EForm/create?service=Flintshire%20Early%20Entitlement%20Funding%20Application>.

Spread the word – if you require more information, contact the school office on wwmail@hwbcymru.net and we will forward your inquiry onto Mrs Quirk!

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November we had our fantastic Children in Need Day and all the children had a Pudsey biscuit for a 20p contribution. **We raised £198.35 for the charity**, from the generous donations and contributions from our Westwood Family. This is an amazing amount - Thank you for your generosity and support!

Welsh Heroes' Day

On 27th November, for Cymraeg Campus, the Criw Cymraeg have organised a themed Welsh Heroes' day. The children will choose a Welsh hero that they can research, complete activities, do artwork, write a biography, news report, role play or any other ideas they have to learn all about a Welsh hero for that day. Please talk to your child about this event and get involved! This is a whole school approach and your participation is greatly appreciated for us to work towards the Silver Award. Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Christmas updates!!

As you will know, we have started our Christmas preparations safely and wanted to let you know some more information about of our plans for the festive season!

The Westwood C.P. Christmas CD

As you will know, on Monday 16th we recorded our Westwood C.P. Christmas CD. Every child in school had the opportunity to be involved from Nursery up to Year 6. They sung their hearts out!! It was a truly magical event! We hope that you will all buy a copy of the CD as it will not only be a perfect keepsake but also the perfect present for someone special at Christmas. **The CD costs £9.00**, this includes professional recording and production of the CD along with licencing charges. Please return your form urgently if you wish to purchase one with your payment via School comms or cheque as this will enable the correct number of CDs to be ordered. **We really hope you will support us... You will not be disappointed!!!**

Christmas Concerts / Plays

As you will appreciate, we will not be able to hold a traditional Christmas concert / production/ play with an adult audience this year, with the restrictions that are in place. HOWEVER, we are resolute that the children have the opportunity to have something special to look forward to, and it is important that you are able to have this little bit of sparkle and share some of our school Christmas spirit, as it is such a special time for families. Each bubble will be producing their own little bit of magic this Christmas in the form of a smaller production / concert / play. This will then be viewed on an online platform through a link that will be sent out to you. Dates are to be confirmed and details will be sent out very soon from your child's teachers from their bubbles. If you do not wish your child to take part, please contact the school office. Watch this space as more information will follow very soon!

Christmas Calendars

We will be producing a School Calendar ready for Christmas ordering! Our very popular calendars will be available to order from Monday 7th December on the School gateway (School Comms online app) priced £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00. the closing date for orders is Thursday 17th December.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will be on Wednesday 9th December. A traditional roast with all the trimmings will be available and a Vegetarian / Vegan option too. Details to follow soon!



P.T.F.A. and Christmas

Our amazing P.T.F.A have already begun to prepare for the Christmas fun with their fabulous fundraising raffle. Tickets are on sale now and your child will have brought home 10 raffle tickets for you to sell to friends and family if you can, and then you return the stubs to school with the money collected in an envelope. The P.T.F.A. are also asking for donations for the Christmas raffle in the form of Toiletries, Bottles, Chocolates or Biscuits etc. If you can help with any of these items or other prizes, please give these to Mrs Wightman on the gate in the morning.

Secret Santa

After our successful Secret Santa Gift Shop from last year, the PTFA wish to run a safe Secret Santa for you to purchase a special gift for that special someone! The P.T.F.A. are sending out an email / letter with full details on how your child can be involved.

P.T.F.A. Christmas Parties and Christmas Jumper Day - dates are to be confirmed next week in the Westwood Buckley Bugle!

Thank you for your support; it means a lot to us all!

Take care all and we will see you on the gate!!

Stay safe Westwood Family!

Mrs Williams & Team Westwood 😊
