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Dear Parents and Guardians / Annwyl Rieni a Gwarcheidwaid,

As we reach the end of what has been a very busy and successful eight-week half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school. The partnership between home and school is so important, and your encouragement, communication and involvement help us to provide the very best experiences for our children.

Home-School Agreement

After half term, we will be sharing our revised and finalised Home-School Agreement with all families. The agreement reflects our shared commitment to ensuring every child feels **safe, seen and supported**, attends school regularly, demonstrates respect for others and achieves their full potential. It also outlines the responsibilities of the school, parents/carers and pupils in working together to promote positive behaviour, attendance, communication and learning. We ask all parents and carers to read the agreement carefully and complete the electronic form on behalf of themselves and their child as a commitment to our continued partnership in supporting every child at Westwood

The Children's Learning

This half term has been full of opportunities, learning and enrichment across the school. From Nursery through to Year 6, our children have embraced every experience with enthusiasm and positivity. We have celebrated Roald Dahl Day, taken part in activities linked to Show Racism the Red Card, enjoyed sessions with Activ Kids, and welcomed the Deeside Ice Hockey Team, who led an inspiring assembly for our pupils. Our children have also benefited from the support of the Play Development Team, who have been working with pupils on the playground each Friday and recently led sessions focused on our key theme of Belonging: Safe, Seen and Supported, with our initial focus being on helping children feel safe.

We have continued to enjoy our partnership with Reverend Chris and local churches through the much-loved Open the Book assemblies, and it was wonderful to celebrate Harvest together at Buckley Cross Methodist Church. Pupils in Year 3 have also begun exciting ukulele lessons with Theatre Clwyd, and we look forward to seeing their musical confidence continue to grow.

A particular highlight this half term was the success of our **Westwood football team**, who won the football tournament at Airbus. This is a fantastic achievement, especially considering the number of primary schools involved, and we are incredibly proud of the team's effort, determination and sportsmanship.



Across the school, children have embraced their learning through our developing Froebel-inspired approach, which encourages curiosity, creativity, exploration and independence. We are excited about this journey and will be sharing more information with parents in the coming months.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the many new families who have joined our Westwood community this term. It has been a pleasure getting to know you, and we hope you have already begun to feel part of our school family. Equally, I want to congratulate all of our children on how well they have settled into their new classes and routines.

Thank You to Our PTFA

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Westwood PTFA for their dedication, hard work and unwavering support over many years. Through fundraising, organising events and giving their time so generously, they have helped provide countless opportunities and resources for our children. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have done for the school.

As the PTFA now comes to an end, we are excited about the next chapter with the formation of the Friends of Westwood group. We will be sharing more information after half term and will be looking for volunteers to help support future events and activities. We would love to see as many parents and carers involved as possible.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance remains one of our key priorities. Children make the best progress socially, emotionally and academically when they attend school consistently and on time.

Our current whole-school attendance figure is **89%**. Whilst we recognise that there has been a significant amount of illness this half term and some families have taken holidays, we had hoped to see attendance higher. Every day in school matters and missed learning can quickly add up.

Please remember:

- Parents and carers must notify the school office on the first day of any absence.
- Medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours wherever possible.
- Holidays during term time are strongly discouraged as they impact children's learning and progress.

As part of Flintshire's attendance procedures, some families will shortly receive Attendance Letter 1 if their child's attendance has fallen below 90%. These letters are issued routinely and are designed to ensure families are aware of attendance concerns so that support can be offered where needed.

Thank you for your support in helping us improve attendance across the school.

School Uniform

I would also like to remind families of the importance of school uniform. Wearing uniform helps children feel part of our school community, promotes a sense of pride and ensures consistency across the school.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that children come to school each day in the correct uniform and with suitable footwear. If families are experiencing difficulties with obtaining uniform items, please contact the school office as we may be able to offer support.

Looking Ahead

A brief newsletter summary of this half term's events and achievements is included with this email. I hope you enjoy reading about just some of the many experiences our children have enjoyed.

Finally, as we break for half term, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support of Westwood Community Primary School. I am incredibly proud of our pupils and staff and all that has been achieved during these first weeks of the academic year.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful, restful half term break. If you are celebrating **Halloween** or Bonfire Night, please do so safely and take extra care in the community. As the evenings become darker, please ensure children are appropriately supervised and reminded about staying safe when outdoors.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday for another exciting half term.

With best wishes,

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