



# WESTWOOD NEWS

## Spring Term (2) 2021



Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school. They have all settled back into school life really well and it is lovely to see them all working hard and so happy. We would also like to thank you all for your support in the return to school and in following the Government guidelines. We will continue to review our practices to ensure that we keep meeting the guidance from the DfE to reduce the risks of COVID-19 in school.

As you are aware, we asked for your feedback regarding our remote learning offer. We were really pleased with the very positive responses. The number of live sessions offered to all children was highlighted as a real strength of the school and opportunities for children during the lockdown period. The staff worked incredibly hard to provide engaging lessons for the children and motivate them to do their school work. Thank you to you as well for supporting your children in accessing the sessions and for taking the time to complete the survey.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Hinton as she is moving to a school closer to her home after Easter. The Year 4 class will be taught by Mr Wilkes and Mrs Grey, who will continue to be supported by Mrs Freeman and Miss Thompson. We will miss Mrs Hinton very much but wish her all the very best in her new role.

We are also saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Ross who is the Head of School at Grove and has worked closely with us here at Westwood for the last few years. We are pleased to tell you that Ms Creed (who many of you will remember from her time teaching at Westwood) is the new Head of School at Grove.

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing and the national effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. Over the Easter holiday, we ask that you continue to inform us if:

1. your child tests positive
2. you or another member of your household tests positive
3. your child has had contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Please let us know this information by emailing the school: [office@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:office@westwoodprimary.org)

Twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests is available for free to all families and households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles, to help find more COVID-19 cases and break chains of transmission. These are available for collection from your local test centre with no need to make an appointment. You do not need to report your results to the school if they are negative. If you have a positive test result, please inform us by emailing the school: [office@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:office@westwoodprimary.org)

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Stay safe over Easter and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 12th April.**

Mrs Aldous & Mrs Barnes



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### LKS2 Time and Tide

Lower Key Stage 2 had a visit from the Victorian jailer and one of the prisoners. The prisoner told us all about how he was treated by the jailer and the other punishments that he was given even whilst in prison.

### Virtual Religious Stories Assembly & Easter Service

Angela from St. Peter's Church led a virtual Religious Stories assembly for us. The children learnt about Jesus and his disciples and asked some really insightful questions. We also enjoyed an online Easter Service with Rev. Helen.

### World Book Day

What a fabulous World Book Day event we had both in school and at home this year.

As usual, there were some incredible costumes from both the children and the staff! The day included lots of exciting activities including the home learners finding lots of cosy places to read in their homes, online learners creating delicious recipes by cooking along with their teachers and painting fantastic 'Reading Rocks' of our favourite book covers and characters.

### Red Nose Day

It was lovely to see the children dressed in something red to fundraise for Red Nose Day. They all thoroughly enjoyed the talent show in their classes. What a talented group of children we have here at school! Check out the Facebook page to see some examples of the talents that were shared on the day and who was crowned the winner in each class.

### Virtual Police Visit

LKS2 had the privilege of a virtual visit from the police and their community engagement officers. The visit really helped them to understand the varied role of the police and the work they do in the community.

### Science in Motion Competition

A huge well done to our competition winner Jaiden. The science team found it so hard to choose from all of the great entries that we had to gather a panel of judges to help us!

### Normwich City Sky Ocean Rescue Project

Year 6 have been working on their community action project with Normwich City. They have been discussing plastic pollution in our oceans. Each week, the children will be working on what they can do in their local community to tackle this issue.

### Diary Dates

*There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!*

Friday 26th March	Last day of the half term
Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April	Half Term Holidays
Monday 12th April	Start of the Summer Term - pupils & staff return
Monday 12th April	Our hens return to school
Tuesday 4th May	Class Photographs
Friday 28th May	Last day of the half term
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June	Half Term Holidays
Monday 7th June	Start of Summer Term 2 - pupils & staff return

### WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website as we update this regularly.

The address is:

[www.westwoodprimary.org](http://www.westwoodprimary.org)

You can also follow us on:



Twitter: @Westwood School



Facebook: Westwood Primary School



Instagram: westwoodprimary

### CONTACT DETAILS

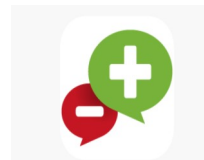
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.



We MUST have two contact telephone numbers in case of an emergency.

### PARENTMAIL

Please ensure you sign up to ParentMail, this is how you will receive ALL means of communication.



Please speak to the school office, if you have any problems - paper copies may be available upon request.

### ALLERGY INFORMATION

As you will already be aware, we are a nut-free school - we have children who have allergies to a variety of different nuts as well as peanuts—and ask that parents check the ingredients of items in packed lunches, avoiding anything that states it contains nuts.

## People who can help

In addition to your child's class teacher, who should always be your first point of contact, the following people are readily available to help you with any issue, if needed.



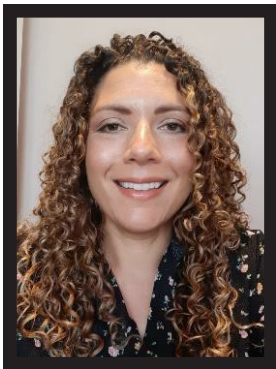
*Mrs Rae Aldous*  
Executive Headteacher



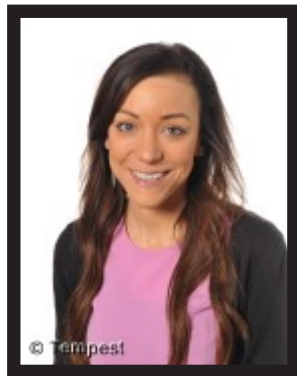
*Mrs Lauraine Barnes*  
Westwood Head of School



*Ms Louise Creed*  
Grove Head of School



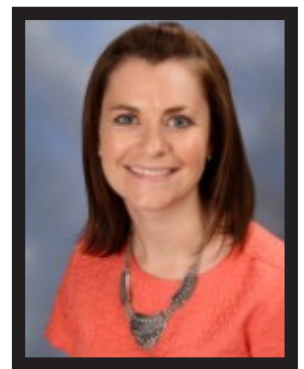
*Mrs Danielle Gillings*  
Assistant Headteacher  
EYFS Lead



*Miss Beth Jones*  
Assistant Headteacher  
KSI Lead



*Mr Joshua Wilkes*  
Assistant Headteacher  
LKS2 Lead



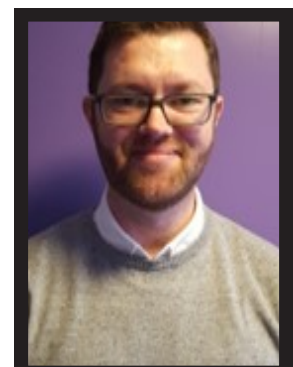
*Mrs Kelly Hough*  
Assistant Headteacher  
UKS2 Lead



*Miss Chloe Mansi*  
Parent and Pupil  
Support Advisor



*Mrs Jackie Cutchey*  
Chair of Governors



*Mr Stephen Clarke*  
Safeguarding Governor