



WESTWOOD NEWS



Spring Term (1) 2021

Dear Families,

Firstly, we would like to thank our wonderful community for all your support this half-term. It has been very much appreciated and is helping us to keep everyone safe.

We are very proud of all our pupils at Westwood and the way in which they have engaged with their learning, both online and in the key worker provision in school. Attendance and engagement across the school has been really strong and it has been wonderful to see the work they have been completing and submitting.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Pointon as she is having a bit of a career change and will be joining the Pastoral Support Team at a different school after half term. She has worked at Westwood for a number of years and has supported lots of children in different areas of the school. We will miss Miss Pointon very much but wish her all the very best in her new role.

We will soon be saying goodbye to Mrs Andrews and Mrs Bell too who leave us at the end of February to begin their maternity leaves. We wish them both all the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their new arrivals very soon.

Over half-term, we ask that you continue to inform us if:

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

Please let us know this information by emailing the school:
office@westwoodprimary.org

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Stay safe over February half-term and we look forward to welcoming the children back online or in our key worker provision on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Mrs Aldous, Mrs Barnes & Mr Wilkes



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Virtual Water Aid

In January, we welcomed Deirdre from the charity Water Aid to raise our awareness of places in the world that do not have access to clean running water like we do. We learnt about the work that Water Aid does in facilitating these places to access clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene. We learnt about rainwater harvesting, pumping from wells and tippy taps.

Grace the Piano Lady Virtual Visit (EYFS)

EYFS had a virtual visit from Grace the Piano Lady! Grace taught us how to read musical notes and we made our own rhythms for animals using wooden sticks, wooden spoons and clapping. All the children and adults had a wonderful time.

Fisheries Assembly

Linford, a fisheries scientist, from CEFAS visited us online for a virtual 'What's on the Beach?' assembly. He shared an interesting and informative presentation about many of the creatures we might find on our beaches and left us with an exciting scavenger hunt to complete.

Captain Tom Moore

Sadly, Captain Tom Moore passed away on the 2nd February 2021. He famously walked 100 lengths of his garden aged 99 to raise money for the NHS—£32.79 million in total.

In his memory, the children have been completing their own 100 challenge this week. Please see the Facebook page for updates of our pupils participating in a challenge of their choosing.

Becoming a Paramedic Assembly

Rhianna, a paramedic from The East of England Ambulance Services, virtually visited our school and talked to us about her career as a paramedic. She explained some of the challenges of being a paramedic but mostly described her love of the job and why she finds it so rewarding.

Rhianna talked about the subjects she needed to do well in at school and how she then trained further at University to become qualified. The children were really inspired by her visit and asked lots of questions about the life of a paramedic.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Across the school, our children took part in a number of activities. Activities included designing and creating an emotion t-shirt for 'Inside Out' day, making gratitude boxes, thinking about what makes us special and making 'special hands' filled with people that are significant in our lives.

Norwich City Assembly

We were so excited to have Jake and Billy visit us from the Norwich City Community Sports Foundation for virtual assembly sessions. They shared a very important message about the importance of positive relationships in our lives as well as helping KS2 think about ways to resolve conflict.

Bedtime Stories

Remember to tune in to our weekly Bedtime Stories recording on Facebook.

Who will it be this week?

Diary Dates

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

Friday 12th February	Last day of the half term
Monday 15th - Friday 19th February	Half Term Holidays
Monday 22nd February	Online learning restarts & key worker provision reopens
Wednesday 24th February	Virtual Visits from author James Campbell
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Friday 26th March	Last day of the Spring term
Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April	Start of the Summer Term - pupils & staff return

WEBSITE

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

The address is:

www.westwoodprimary.org

You can also follow us on:



Twitter: @Westwood School



Facebook: Westwood Primary School



Instagram: westwoodprimary

CONTACT DETAILS

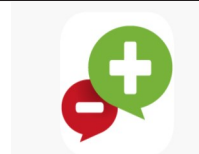
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.



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.

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
Deputy Headteacher*



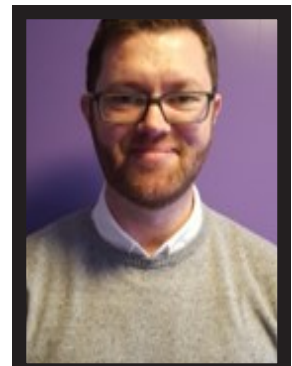
*Mr Joshua Wilkes
Assistant Headteacher*



*Miss Chloe Mansi
Parent and Pupil
Support Advisor*



*Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors*



*Mr Stephen Clarke
Safeguarding Governor*