



## Copy of a letter sent to all our year six students yesterday.

9<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Next week, it's the end of key stage assessments for year six. I wanted to tell you how everyone at Westwood is so proud of how hard you have worked throughout your time at the school, how we admire the perseverance and resilience you have shown in your learning and to remind you how much progress you have made – everyone in year six has done a genuinely fantastic job.

As well as thanking you for your hard work, I want to thank the parents and carers who have spent time helping you with homework, giving guidance and for all the support that has been provided at home this year. It is because of the partnership between school and home that every pupil has made such excellent progress and why you are as best prepared for the next week as you can possibly be.

For everyone that sits these tests, the scores you get will tell you how you did on that day, in that test, but they will not tell you everything. They cannot tell you how much progress you've made from when you joined the school until now; they cannot tell you how amazing you are in the subjects that aren't tested; they can't tell you what a genuinely lovely group of pupils you have always been or how proud everyone is of you (which is why we will really miss you when you move to year seven). It is important that you do your best, especially after all your hard work and remember, this is your opportunity to show just how much you have learnt.

Over the weekend, don't forget to relax because the hard work has been done: do something you enjoy, get some fresh air, eat well and most importantly, sleep well. Come to school on Monday ready, do your best, knowing that you are as well prepared as you can be and are more than able to do well. Remember also there is no one way to 'test' all the fabulous things that make you who you are.

Best wishes and good luck. You are a star.

Mr Archer.

## Newsletter, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### Key dates this term.

w/c 13 May End of Key Stage 2 Assessments.

20 May School Nurse Drop In session.

20 May Year 6 Chessington World Adventure.

23 May Y3 Egyptian Day.

24 May End of half-term.

3 June Return to school.

3 June Reception Sealife Centre.

6 June Y5 Colchester Zoo trip.

20 June PM Sports Day.

25 June Plasticology Assembly and workshops.

1-5 July Y6 Residential.

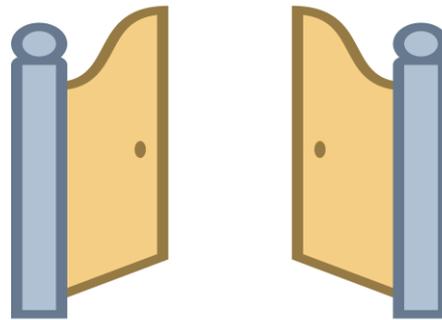


# Westwood Academy

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Please sign in at the office if you need to enter the school premises.



After Easter, unless there are specific arrangements agreed in advance for individual pupils, please **drop your child/ren at gate** or else come through the office in the morning. Parents entering the school premises are required to sign in using our secure system. Thank you for your cooperation in advance, it helps to keep our pupils safe.

### Attendance.

Attendance this week was **97.8%**. Regular attendance helps support the learning of the pupils. **Year 5** are this weeks winners at **100%** Great job year 5! We expect pupils to be in school everyday, and aim for 97% attendance for the year. Well done and thank you to everyone who supports learning through great attendance.

### Parking and driving outside of the school.

Thank you for your positive comments and support in response to the letter and facebook post sent last week regarding safety around the school. It is appreciated. As a reminder, if you see parking or driving that you feel is dangerous, the advice that we have been given is to call the non-emergency police number to report it on

# 0300 333 4444

It is everyone's responsibility to keep the area around the school safe!

## Reminders.

### Online Safety.

Minimum Ages:

**Instagram, Snapchat,  
Twitter and Facebook**

**13**

**Whatsapp, Tik Tok**

**16** to register

**13** to use

**YouTube**

**18** to register

**13** with parental  
permission.

Click [here](#) for more online  
safety resources.



### PE Kits.

We **DO**  
**NOT** keep  
spare kits

at the school for PE.  
Please ensure that all  
pupils are provided with  
PE kit throughout the school  
year. If there are any  
issues providing a PE kit,  
please speak to the school  
office to make us aware of  
them. PE kit is part of the  
school uniform, details of  
which can be found [here](#).



**Please remember snacks (we are not free) and water bottles each day, as well as appropriate coats for cold weather and sun cream when it's warm. Thanks.**

### Sports Day – 20 June 2019.

Sports day this year will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the afternoon. More details to follow, we wanted to let you know the confirmed date as soon as possible.

### School dinners – Summer Menu.

School dinners is Week 1 from the Summer Menu, a copy can be seen [here](#).

We are having a special Winnie the Pooh themed lunch on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May for Census Day. The more pupils that participate the more funding the school is able to secure. Thank you to all those that sign up for lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> May, it really helps.

### Lunch boxes.

Please ensure ALL lunch boxes have names and class on them.

### Healthy Lifestyles.

We are promoting healthy lifestyles across the school. As well as encouraging the recommended 60 minutes of exercise we are also promoting healthiness by changing the snack rules at break time. The new expectations are as follows:

- Fruit or vegetables only;
- Food that has a 'green' or mostly 'green' label;
- No foods with red labels i.e high in sugar and saturated fats.



Thanks for your support in this: it is important that pupils learn healthy habits with exercise and nutrition early so that it can become a pattern through life.

### Woody's Before and After School Club.

Woody's opening hours are 07.30-08.45 and 15.15-18.00.

We cannot have any children attending Woody's outside of these hours. There will be **NO** After School Club or Bridging Club on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** and **NO** After School Club on the last day of term, **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**.

### Long hair.

Just a reminder that **ALL** children with long hair should have their hair tied back for school.

### Bikeability.

This week, most children in 5B have been participating in Bike-ability sessions. They have been riding their own bikes and learning or enhancing their cycle skills on and off road. They have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions- even through torrential downpours and the freezing cold winds! They have behaved maturely and sensibly and have been a credit to the school.

The remaining children have been working collaboratively in class, conducting Maths investigations, practising their times tables and reading comprehension skills.



If you have any out of school achievements that you would like mentioned in the school newsletter, please email the office at: [office@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:office@westwoodacademy.org). We love to hear about what the Westwood community have been up to! Thank you.



### **Parking and road safety outside school.**

Please park considerately if you need to drive to school. We have a long history of good will from our neighbours and it is something that we hope will continue in the future. If parents have any concerns about dangerous parking or driving outside the school, call the non-emergency police number to report them on **0300 333 4444**. It is essential that the pupils and their families are safe – please park and drive safely around the school. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Reception Sealife Centre Trip.**

The date for the trip has changed from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June to **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Please provide consent and pay via Parentmail. Many Thanks.

### **Arrears for Woodys, Bridging Club and School Meals.**

Please ensure that all Woody's, bridging club and school dinner money are paid up to date for the end of term. Where significant arrears are built up, we will have to review the provision of the service if it is not sustainable. If there are issues around arrears, please contact the office at the earliest possible opportunity.

### **Nursery Requests.**

The nursery have a few requests for our lovely parents this week. Firstly, we would like to request any plastic milk tops please. This is for a threading exercise with our children (threading is a great precursor to pencil control) and the results will, hopefully, be put to good use in our garden. We would also like any old CDs you may have hanging around also with the aim for us to adorn our outside space.

As a continuing request, we are always grateful for any small pieces of fabric and ribbons and any preschool magazines, or appropriate catalogues, for cutting and sticking please. Our creative area is in constant demand from the children's creative little minds and scissor control is again an important skill we like to work on for school preparation. Please keep us in mind for these items and bring any of the above donations into the nursery or labelled 'Nursery' into the school office please.

As a final request, the Nursery have an active wish list on Amazon that we keep reminding us of the things we intend to buy in the future. As with all schools, we have limited funding and are always looking for new ways to inspire our children. We believe these items will be beneficial and inspiring for our current and future children. If you have any of these things that you have finished using, remain in good condition and that you would be willing to donate, we'd be grateful recipients. Our current list is [here](#).

### **Achievements.**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May one of our Year 4 pupils, Finlay, and his Dad will be sleeping overnight on the Southend United Football Club pitch to raise money for Southend YMCA, who provide the help and support young people need to be safe, to learn and to improve their lives through a wide variety of services; including housing, music tuition, mentoring and coaching, positive activities, volunteering and much more. Finlay is doing this to raise as much money as possible to support Southend YMCA's work. And they both get to sleep on the hallowed pitch of the football team they support without fear of being arrested. No tents or glamping for them either. It's just them, their cardboard boxes and the weather.

The link to their JustGiving fundraising page can be found [here](#).

## PTFA News.

### Westwood Family Camp Night

Pitch £20

Saturday 6th July

More information to follow for this fantastic event

Thanks to the PTFA for the donation to Reception class resources!





Winnie the Pooh Lunch  
Thursday 16 May 2019



Pooh's Chicken Chunks  
or  
Roo's Quorn Chunks



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Tigger's Springy Pasta Spirals with Tomato Sauce  
and  
Honey Golden Corn

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Christopher Robin's Chocolate Cake

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Piglet's Pink Milkshake

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## Down's Syndrome Association

A Registered Charity No. 1055274

Westwood Academy  
Beresford Close  
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3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Westwood Academy,

I'd like to thank you personally and on behalf of the Down's Syndrome Association (DSA) for your fantastic fundraising efforts raising £43 during Awareness Week.

It was wonderful to see so many families, nurseries, schools, workplaces, support and community groups, choirs, sports clubs, dance groups, libraries (and even politicians and past and present Time Lords) celebrating World Down Syndrome Day in #LotsOfSocks. We also enjoyed lots of great #LeaveNoOneBehind stories!

It was our BIGGEST ever Awareness Week to date and we are so grateful to you for your fantastic support. Again, huge thanks from all of us at the DSA and I hope we can continue to count on your exceptional support in the future.

Best wishes,

Georgina Lamond  
Events Assistant

*We like to update our members and supporters with current information about Down's syndrome, research, DSA news and other ways to support us. We send this by both email and post. If you have a preferred way of being contacted or would rather not be contacted at all, please do let me know and I will update your record.*

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# Down's Syndrome Association

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## **CERTIFICATE OF THANKS**

*The Down's Syndrome Association  
most warmly thanks*

**Westwood Academy**

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*for raising an incredible £43 from your Lots of Socks day*

*Your support enables us to help people with Down's  
syndrome to live full and rewarding lives – Thank You.*

**Date:** 03/05/2019

**Chief Executive:**

*Cenel Boyd*