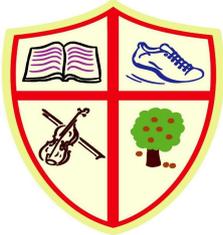


WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

29th June 2017



**Westbury-on-Severn
CE Primary School**

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What a difference a week can make to the weather! Let's hope we haven't seen the last of the sunshine. It is good to have our Y6 children back with us from their week at secondary school. They all had a great time and are excited about September, however, we will be sad to see them go!

I want to say a huge thank you to the four children and their families that supported the Country Dance Festival at Speech house last Thursday. We were able to join with nearly 600 other children attending schools from all over the Forest of Dean. I was particularly grateful to Steam Mills School for allowing us to join them for the dances. It was a wonderful evening with perfect weather for dancing, and there was a super atmosphere again as the schools danced to the familiar folk tunes that they have practised in school.

I hope you all have a great week.
Mr C



Next week is Sports Week. Throughout the week the children will be participating in a range of sports including rounders, sitting volleyball, tri-golf, tennis and pilates. The week is starting with a sponsored fun run (forms are with your child now), and there is a short questionnaire to fill out in preparation for the pilates session, please return this before Wednesday 5th July. The children will need their PE kits in school everyday as sports will be taking place each day. Sports morning is on Tuesday, weather permitting.



VIOLIN CONCERT
There is a Violin Concert on
Friday 30th June,
TOMORROW, at 2.15pm in the
school hall.
Y3 and some other children who
learn violin with Mrs Kay
invite you to come and listen to what
they have been learning this term.
EVERYONE WELCOME

CAR PARKING

I would just like to ask people to be thoughtful when parking cars when coming to school. There have been a few concerns regarding people parking in the bus stop or behind residents' cars, causing a difficulty for them to exit their houses. Whilst I appreciate it may not be our parents causing concern, if you know it is you, please think about where you are parking. Many thanks for your help with this.

BRASS CONCERT



Mrs Kerry Ford has been visiting **Year 4/5** this term, giving them the opportunity to try out brass instruments, learning musical notation and ensemble skills. This is part of the Gloucestershire Music initiative to introduce primary age children to playing real instruments as a taster, with a view to encourage and inspire them to learn more. The children have enjoyed the challenge and are playing really well. On the last lesson on **11th July** they will be showcasing some of their work. It would be great if you could come along and listen. There will be further information available about playing an instrument and Mrs Ford will be around afterwards to answer questions about hiring instruments. The concert will start at 2.15pm and should finish by 2.45pm. We hope you can join us.



SPORTS MORNING

Weather permitting, we are planning to hold our annual sports morning next Tuesday, 4th July. This will start at approximately 9am and finish at lunch time with a family picnic. If you would like to stay for the picnic, then please feel free to bring along your own picnic blankets and food. School lunches will still be served in the hall for children who do not want to bring a packed lunch.

CLASS NEWS

Another busy week, as July approaches we are wondering where the year has gone! In literacy Class 1 have been focussing on the book 'The Day the Crayons Came Home' and have written letters and postcards. In maths we have started a unit of work on measurement and have been using balances to weigh different items from around the classroom. On Monday and Wednesday this week we welcomed the new to reception children that will be starting in September, on Monday they met their buddies and on Wednesday we had fun at Welly Wednesday together.



This week Class 2 have been reading 'Wind in the Horse Chestnut Tree'. In numeracy we have been doing tally charts and tables. In science we did a woodlouse investigation where we put different habitats in a tray to see where they preferred to hide.



By Lottie & Poppy

In Class 3 the children have read the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers. Then the children



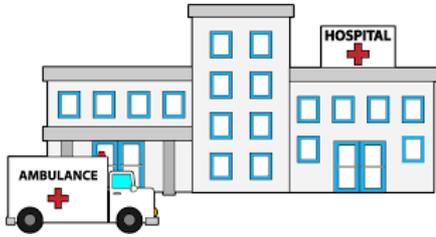
discussed what would happen if punctuation marks quit and wrote letters as punctuation to a class explaining how to use them correctly. In maths,

Y5 have been learning about percentages, whilst Y4 have been converting time to solve problems and Y6 children have been using the four operations to solve problems. In theme and PSHE the children have been looking at the value of respect, consideration to others and being kind.

Summer term dates

Below is a list of dates for your diaries for the summer term:

04.07.17	Sports Morning
13.07.17	Reserve Sports Morning
14.07.17	Theme Celebration
14.07.17	ANNUAL REPORTS TO PARENTS
12.07.17	Celebration Evening at Westbury Church and School 6.30pm
20.07.17	Children finish Term
21.07.17	INSET for staff only



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE DILKE HOSPITAL

Patients in the Forest of Dean are to benefit from a refurbishment of the existing Minor Injuries and Illness Unit (MIIU) at the Dilke Memorial Hospital. The development work will offer patients a new MIIU assessment and triage facility, a dedicated waiting room and play area for children, as well as a larger waiting room for adults and an improved reception area.

Whilst work is underway to deliver the improved facility, the Dilke MIIU will be temporarily closed for six weeks, from Saturday 1 July. The rest of the hospital will remain open during this period.

Gloucestershire's MIIUs offer support to adults and children (aged 1+) with urgent, but not life-threatening, healthcare needs. Whilst the unit is closed, patients will be able to attend the:

- MIIU at Lydney and District Hospital – Open from 8am to 11pm or the
- MIIU at Tewkesbury Community Hospital – Open from 8am to 8pm

MIIUs provide care and treatment for sprains, cuts and wounds, skin problems, minor eye injuries and minor fractures, as well as for illnesses such as chest infections, sore throats, minor infections etc.

Patients can also:

Go online for care advice at:

- the national website NHS Choices (www.nhs.uk)
- the local website 'Advice ASAP' (www.asapglos.nhs.uk)
- the 'ASAP Glos NHS' mobile app

- Dial 111 for NHS 111 non-emergency advice
- Contact the Out of Hours medical (GP) service via your local practice or NHS 111
- Dial 999 for life-threatening emergencies

Attend A&E for emergency care.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROAD SAFETY TEAM

In partnership with Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS), parents and carers are being offered a FREE child seat checking service. These checks are to make sure child seats are properly and safely fitted in cars and will be checked by fully trained fire fighters. In order to make use of this offer, all you need to do is make an appointment with GFRS on 0800 1804140. In addition, with suggested changes to car seat regulations next month, please look at www.roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/travelling-young-children for the latest information and advice.

