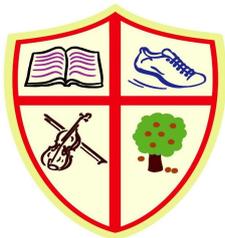


WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

14th March 2019



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

It was super to be able to take a team of three Year 6 children to Tibberton Primary School last Friday. Whilst there, they took part in a science and technology challenge, building a raft for a stone hedgehog to float on. It is a pleasure to say that our team won the challenge and we have a lovely trophy in our cabinet. Well done to the team for representing our school so well and working wonderfully as a team.

Mr C

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would like to thank all parents who follow our school uniform policy. Please could I ask however, that footwear is also in accordance with our policy. **Shoes are acceptable, but boots are not.** Thank you for your help with this.




**COMIC
RELIEF**

We will be supporting Comic Relief **tomorrow** by inviting children to wear non-school uniform. If they would like to do this, then a donation of £1 should be brought to school. All money we receive will go towards this charity.

FAMILY WORSHIP

It has been wonderful to have a weekly worship put aside for parents to come along to and support. It is a special time when we give out awards and celebrate achievement in the school. Please know that you are all always welcome to attend these times. However, **from the start of the summer term, our family worship will take place on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm.** This will accommodate the brass lessons that Class 3 will be taking part in on Monday afternoons during the summer term.





MUSIC CONCERT

Mrs Kay will be conducting our next music concert on **Friday 22nd March** in the School Hall at 2.15pm. Please do come along and support this lovely termly event.

ST PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

CONSULTATION

The Governing Body of St Peter's High School would like to make you aware of its updated admissions policy on the following website: <http://www.stpetershighschool.org.uk/Admissions> This may be of interest to any parents thinking of applying to this school in the future.

THE HUMBUG CHASE

There will be a guided 9 mile mountain bike event taking place in the Forest of Dean for 8-12 year olds on Sunday May 12th. If you would like your child to take part, full details are available at www.fodmbe.org.uk

FOR 8 - 12 year olds



WESTBURY CHURCH TOWER

It is wonderful to announce that Westbury Church Tower is restored and re-shingled. To celebrate this, there will be a special service of thanksgiving and celebration at Westbury Church on Sunday 31st March at 10am.

The invitation is for all in the community, but it would be wonderful to see as many from our Westbury school family present at this special service. There will be refreshments after the service.



PARENT GOVERNOR

We are still looking for a parent to join our governing body. If you feel that you have the skills, time and commitment to this important strategic role, please do contact the school office for more information and to make an appointment to come and see Mr. Crunkhurn.

TERM DATES

Please note the following term dates for the spring terms:

29.03.18	Mother's Day Service at School 9.15am
20.03.19	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
27.03.19	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
04.04.19	Theme Celebration 9.15-10.30
05.04.19	Easter Service at the Church 2pm
05.04.19	End of Term

WESTBURY YOUTH PROJECT

March sees the return of the local drama group 'WoS Youth Project' hosted at Westbury Parish Hall on Thursday evenings from 6 – 7.45pm. The club is for children aged 8 – 18 years, and we welcome all ranges of ability. We want the children to have fun, while growing their confidence & skills through sketches, short plays, dance, singing and cooking. The club runs from March to Nov in term time, and we finish in November with an amazing performance evening for families and friends. We are always looking for parent helpers to run the club so all helpers are welcome, especially if you are bringing dance skills this year! We've seen our numbers of older children drop in recent years because of increase in pressures for school, but we are really keen to have young adult helpers directing sketches, song or dance (or whatever their interest) so if you have older sibling who can come down occasionally to work with the children in a supervised environment please get in touch or come along to meet us at rehearsal. Our theme this year is Heroes and Heroines through the Centuries – and we are looking for ideas for show night, so get your thinking caps on before you come!

We start this year with a reunion evening for existing cast members on 14th March at 6pm, but we will then be running a taster session for all new and returning cast on 21st March, and thereafter every regular Thursday eves at the Hall. See you there!

LETTER FROM REV. STEVE TAYLOR:

Hello Westbury School families,

The chance of a lifetime

This is an invitation to every family connected to the school in Westbury on Severn. It is more for the **parents and past pupils** than for current pupils at the school.

It is an invitation to all family members above the age of 11 to think about coming to a **service of confirmation** at Blaisdon church in June. The date is **June 30th**, and the time is **10am**. The service lasts a little under an hour, and it need not commit you to further regular attendance.

The service of confirmation is very like baptism, but there are two main differences. In confirmation the promises are made by you, not by godparents, and the service is conducted by a Bishop, not the Vicar (although I will be helping!). That's why it doesn't happen locally very often. Most of us were baptised as youngsters, but my guess is that there are many of us who have not yet been confirmed. This would be a great opportunity to do exactly that, and make the Christian faith your own for life. As far as I can see, the only valid reason for not doing so is if you actually don't believe in God.

So please think carefully about this opportunity, and speak to me about it if you would like to find out more. I would be delighted to hear from you.

Best wishes, Rev. Steve Taylor.

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200 CLUB – SUBS DUE



It's time for the membership renewal for members of the School Governors 200 Club. Existing club members will be getting their renewal letter either by post or home with your child from school this week. The new year starts from 1st April so all subscription forms need to be returned to the school office before the end of term (Easter break). Please return your forms and money to the school office. If you have any queries at all about your renewal forms please email Mrs Riley on g.riley@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk

If you are not a member of the club, why not think about taking out a number. It costs £12 for the year. There are monthly draws amounting to £80 of prize money each month, and it is a great way to support fundraising for the school. New subscription forms can be collected from the school office.

NB: There is a correction to the announced winners from the February draw – Mr M Riley won £40 in the jackpot draw, not £80 as was initially reported