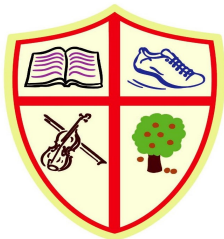


WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

3rd May 2018



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

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Well here we are already at the half-way mark through term 5! As I write this newsletter, I can see the sun shine and birds hopping outside my window. I do hope this sun continues through the Bank Holiday weekend; it's looking likely!

I want to say a huge well done to all our children on the effort they are putting into their learning at present. I am especially pleased with our Y6 children. We don't believe in 'hot-housing' children for tests as it is not appropriate or helpful, though we do help them to prepare for them by giving them opportunities to see what they might be required to do during tests and to help them access them. I really want them to have a great break this weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Have a lovely short break, all of you. 😊

Mr C.



'FRIENDS' PICNIC AND PERFORMANCE EVENING

This is a reminder of the Picnic and performance evening that is taking place at Westbury Court Gardens on the evening of Wednesday 23rd May at 6pm. Children from the school will be sharing their musical talents and there will be opportunities for the children to join in with their class on whole-class performances if they are able to attend the evening. Children will be invited to 'sign-up' if they want to take part and showcase their musical talents. Please see the posters around the school. Please return your ticket forms as soon as possible, and by Monday 21st May at the latest. We look forward to seeing you for this beautiful, cultural evening.

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

We will be holding our next monthly prayer meeting on Monday 14th May at 3.30pm in the school. These meetings take place on the first Monday of each month - as far as the calendar allows.

We welcome everyone who would like to come along to pray for the life of the school.

CONGRATULATIONS

We want to say a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to Kat Hughes on her successful London Marathon. We are all so proud of you for your achievement. Thank you for sharing your success with us at our Family Worship time, it was great to see your medal. Thank you too, for using the marathon as a way to raise money for our school. We are so very grateful.

GOVERNORS' 200 CLUB

Our thanks to all those who have renewed or taken out a new subscription for the School 200 Club. It's not too late to join! You can join at any point in the year, just pay £1 for every month left in the financial year from April 2018. Don't forget there are five cash prizes every month, and the jackpot rolls over if the number is not sold. The biggest win we had last year was £200. Get yourself a number today!!

Subscription forms can be found in the school entrance hall, but we are also attaching a form to this newsletter.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

Our grateful thanks go to everyone who supported the book fair. As a result of your generosity we were able to raise £105.42 for us to spend on more books for the school library. The children will be helping to select the books, which we look forward to doing together.

GOVERNOR UPDATE

At our last Governors meeting we discussed the annual parents' questionnaire, which we will be circulating soon for completion. This is a very useful exercise for the Governors as it helps with our self-evaluation document. I am particularly interested, as Headteacher, to hear your views on our school and what you think. I love the informal conversations and feedback that is given, but appreciate the time you take each year to complete the questionnaire as it helps both the teachers and me to see what we are doing well and what we can do to improve. Thank you for your help again.

CLASS NEWS

We have had an exciting week in Class 1.

In literacy we have been looking at traditional tales.

Reception have written sentences about Goldilocks.

Y1 have planned and written their own version of Goldilocks with a change. In

maths Y1's have been

multiplying and dividing using concrete objects.

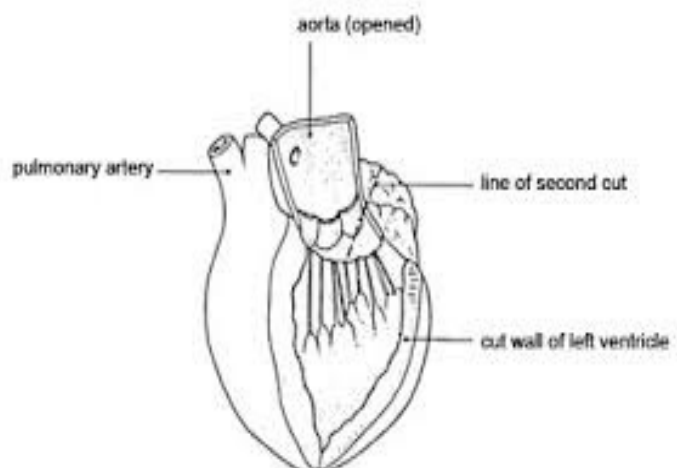
Reception have been ordering numbers to 20 and subtracting. In our theme lessons we have looked at who lived in a castle and made a timeline of Kings and Queens.



In Class 2 we have been looking at an ancient Egyptian version of Cinderella called The Red Slippers. We

have been learning about the life of rich and poor Egyptians in history as well as understanding about the importance of prayer as part of our learning about Islam.

Each week in Class 3 the Yr 6 children split up from Yr's 5 & 6 because of the SAT's. This week was the same apart from Science which was amazing! We dissected a heart! We have also done dance and workshops which are fun. This week has been a really good week.



FOREST OF DEAN LIONS EVENT

Alan Townley of the Forest of Dean Lions has asked that the following be shared with you:

On 20 May we are holding the Wild Boar Chase cycle event. It is one of our biggest fund raisers. As part of the event there is a section you young riders. Details can be found :-

<https://www.fodmbe.org.uk/fodlions/proddetail.php?prod=HumbugEntry>

Forest of Wild Boar Chase and Humbug Chase - fodmbe.org.uk

www.fodmbe.org.uk

The Humbug Chase is ONLY OPEN FOR riders aged for 8-12 years on the day of the event; The Humbug Chase will be well sign posted, there will be no road crossings.

FOR 8 - 12 year olds



CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 5&6

Wk Beg 14.05.18	SATs week
25.05.18	End of Term
04.06.18	Start of Term
11.06.18	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
15.06.18	Father's Day Service in school 9.15
21.06.18	Sports Morning
25.06.18	Dene Magna Transition week – Confirmed
Wk Beg 02.07.18	Production week
06.07.18	Reserve Sports Morning
13.07.18	Theme Celebration
13.07.18	ANNUAL REPORTS TO PARENTS
18.07.18	Celebration Evening at Westbury Church and School 6.30pm
19.07.18	Children finish Term
20.07.18	INSET / End of Term

**HAVE A HAPPY BANK
HOLIDAY MONDAY !**

