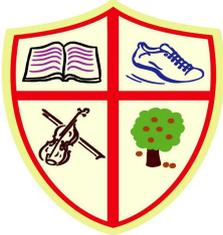


WESTBURY WHISPERS



**Westbury-on-Severn
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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

5th December 2019

We have had a wonderful week so far. Yesterday, Class 2&3 had a visit from '52 Lives'. This is an organisation that aims to spread the message of hope and kindness. During the visit, the children learned about the psychology behind kindness and the benefits of happiness. After this the children created gifts of kindness that the organisation will send to people who are likely to be alone or homeless this Christmas. The children made such lovely things and three boys from Class 2 even wrote a Christmas song as their gift. It was touching and moving.

The organisers of '52 Lives' said that he had not been in such a kind and loving school before! We obviously agreed! If you would like to look at their website the address is 52-lives.org.

Mrs Noad, our Mental Health Lead, had arranged for this event to take place and I am so grateful to all she has done and is continuing to do to promote and support the mental well-being of our children.

I hope you have a lovely week.

Mr. C



TERM DATES 2020-2021

Attached to this newsletter are the term dates for 2020/2021. These have now been approved by the school governors. The dates are also on the school website.

PANTOMIME VISIT

Our annual visit to the pantomime at The Everyman Theatre to see Cinderella is on Tuesday January 7th.

Please can ask that all reply slips are sent to the school office by Monday 9th December.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

We would like to thank you for the support you gave to the Christmas Craft fair last Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many people there and all the different stalls. The children were amazing as they sang their Christmas songs which added to the festive ambience that was so obvious. Our grateful thanks go to the committee of 'Friend of Westbury School', for their hard work in organising this event.

If you would like to get involved in 'Friends', or would like to know how you can help as a committee member, please do contact the school office and we can put you in touch with the current committee.

THEME CELEBRATION

Our First Theme Celebration of the Year will take place on Friday 13th December at 9.15am in the school hall. Please come along and see all the amazing learning that the children have been doing this term. There will be plenty of hand-on experiences for you to do with your child and time for them to share their learning with you. We look forward to seeing you.

VIOLIN CONCERT

Mrs Kay will be holding a violin concert in the school hall at 2.15pm on Friday 6th December. These concerts are always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the learning that the children have been doing with her over the term and a chance for the children to showcase their musical pieces. Please do come along if you are able to. We would love to see you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day on Friday 13th



December in aid of Save the Children. On this day, children can wear a 'Christmas' Jumper and bring a donation of £1 towards this charity. If you do not have a Christmas jumper, then please don't go and buy one especially; any jumper will do as I know how expensive this time of year can be and I don't want to add any undue pressure. Please note however, that this is **not a non-school uniform day. Children are still required to wear their school uniform under their jumper**

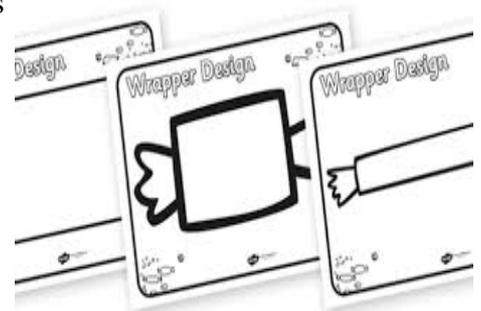
CLASS NEWS

In literacy this week Class 1 have written letters to Father Christmas saying how we have been good and making requests for presents. In numeracy we have been working on our counting skills. In our theme lessons we learnt about nocturnal animals and used our senses.



Class 2 have been working hard at practising the Nativity. We have designed and started to make a robotic hand. In literacy, we have been writing instructions about how to wash your hands.

In literacy this week Class 3 have been writing adventure stories where you choose your choice stories. In numeracy the Y5 's have been doing angles using a protractor and the Y4's have been looking at coordinates and are starting a new topic on mental maths. Y6 have been looking at angles and measuring shapes and angles with their protractors. In Theme we have designed chocolate bars and their wrappers and wrote an advert to try and sell our chocolate.



Term Dates

Here is a list of some key dates for autumn terms for your diary:

11.12.19	Class 1 & 2 Nativity 2pm and 6.30pm
13.12.19	Theme celebration 9.15
18.12.19	Christmas Lunch
20.12.19	Experience Christmas
20.12.19	Christingle service in Church 2pm
20.12.19	End of Term 2



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Westbury Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December. During this special weekend event,

members of the local community and businesses will be celebrating who they are through decorating a Christmas tree, which will be displayed inside the church building. Our school will be represented at this event, with the decorations that the children have been making. Please make some time to visit the church and look at the wonderful tree displays that will be there. It will be a wonderful way to start the Christmas countdown and to celebrate our wonderful community. There will be refreshments available but do wear something warm!

NATIVITY DATES

The class 1&2 Nativity will take place this year on **Wednesday 11th December**. There will be two performances, one at 2pm and the other at 6pm. We would like all children to attend the evening performance. This is always a lovely performance and we know how hard the children have been practising.

Christingle Service

We will be holding our annual Christingle Service on Friday 20th

December at 2pm in Westbury Church. This is

always a lovely reflective service, that

celebrates Christ as the light of the world. We hope that you will be able to join us for this service, which brings our whole school community together.

Following this, there will be an opportunity to explore the Christmas journey around the church.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 18th December. We would encourage as many children as possible to come and have this. All the children will be together as we decorate the tables, pull crackers, wear silly hats and tell awful jokes! It will really be a fantastic time! Children will be able to order their meal on the day, so don't worry if you haven't sent in the reply slip. Of course, children may still bring in a packed lunch if they wish.



INSET DAY

This is a reminder that the last day of term is Friday 20th December. **Term begins for children on Tuesday 7th January 2020** as Monday is an INSET day.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE

We never want to close the school. However, if there is an emergency, such as loss of utilities such as water or electricity, or in case of severe snowfall, we will let you know via our website in the first instance. If we need to close whilst the children are in school, we will contact you directly on the emergency numbers you have provided. Please see the attached poster about emergency closure for this year and display it in your home somewhere you can access it. If I need to close the school outside the hours of 8am to 4pm, we will use the Gloucestershire schools closure website. This will automatically inform the local radio stations so please tune in!

<https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

