

WESTBURY WHISPERS



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

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

30th November 2017

What a busy week we have had! The children have been extremely busy finishing final projects and preparing learning for our Theme Celebration next week. There still seems so much to do and Christmas is fast approaching.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Friends of Westbury School, for all their hard work in organising such a fantastic Christmas Craft fair last Saturday. There were so many people and it was great to see familiar stall-holders. The whole event was wonderful and once again supported the school enormously. It was also super to see so many of the children singing on the stage and performing their percussion pieces. We are looking forward to the events of the next few weeks as we start to draw together to experience Christmas once more. The children are taking part in many events at Westbury Care Home again and, of course, at our Christingle service on Friday 15th December at 2pm in the church.

I hope you have a great week.

Mr C.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Our annual Christingle service will take place on Friday 15th December at Westbury Church at 2pm. We would like to invite as many of you as can possibly come, for our very special service. Afterwards, there may be time for you to have a look at the Experience Christmas displays that will be created around the church.



We will have another Christmas jumper day on the last day of term – Friday 15th December, in order to raise some money for Save the Children. On this day, children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper – or make a customized one at home! We will collect a donation from those who want to take part and send the money off to the charity.



**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

Free school meals are an entitlement to any child whose family is in receipt of certain state benefits.

Information on eligibility can be found at the following web address: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

I would like to encourage any parents who may be entitled to their child receiving benefits-linked free school meals (FSM), to please take advantage of this offer. Not only will this mean that an added financial pressure is lifted, but you will also be helping the school to provide additional educational provision for your child through the Pupil Premium. Pupil Premium is a specific allocation of funds that a school receives for each child entitled to benefits-linked free school meals.

Currently this is £1,320 per eligible pupil, which can be used by the school to provide additional support for those children. If you are entitled please apply even if your child is in KS1 and receiving a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM).

Y2 VIOLIN CONCERT

Unfortunately, due to children being out of school on a science visit, our termly music concert organised by Mrs Kay, will take place at the start of the Spring term. Further details about times etc. will come out when they are finalised.

CLUBS

NEXT WEEK WILL BE THE FINAL WEEK FOR CLUBS THIS TERM, THIS INCLUDES KARATE AND DANCE

Please remember to let us know if your child would like a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. If you haven't sent in a order form



don't worry, your child will still be able to order on the day, but if we know beforehand we can inform the kitchen how many meals we think they will have to cook.



ONCE UPON A TIME...

Thank you to all of you who have sent in their money for our visit to the pantomime. Please can I ask for all payments to be sent into the school office by Monday 11th December

Theme Celebration

Our next Theme Celebration will take place in the school hall on **Thursday 7th December at 9.15am.** We are holding it on Thursday as members of staff are on training on the Friday so would miss the celebration – they don't want to do that! Prior to the Theme Celebration, there will be a chance to have a cup of tea first! Please come and join us for this special event.

