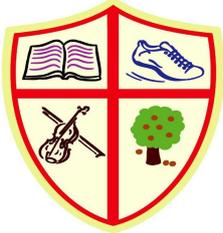


WESTBURY WHISPERS



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

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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Welcome back to the start of another exciting school year at Westbury. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and were able to enjoy the sunshine; there was certainly plenty of it! I would like to give a very warm welcome to all our new parents, who have children joining us for the first time this year in reception. All the children seem to have settled in very well already! We are looking forward to all the exciting learning and opportunities ahead. The classrooms are looking fabulous and there is already lots of learning taking place in our new themes. Theme sheets will be arriving home on Friday with all the information about curriculum learning for this term.

Over the summer break the school has had some very exciting work completed. We now have a dedicated reflection room, that will be used for nurture groups, pastoral work and times of quiet and reflection as the children need. It is a room designed to be less formal and to support all the children in school through sensory experiences. It has already proved popular with many of the children who have used it. We are delighted with the room so please do come in and take a look at it for yourself. Once again there are exciting times ahead with the school building, so my thanks go to everyone who supports the school in all the fund-raising activities that are organised as all the money goes to continually improving the opportunities for the pupils at the school.

I am looking forward to meeting you all when we have our Parent Briefing sessions, which will take place over the next few weeks. More details about those will follow as they are organised.

I hope you all have a wonderful term.
Mr C.

FAMILY WORSHIP

We would like to continue to invite you to attend our weekly Family Worship services in the school hall every Monday at 2.30pm. During these worship times, we will be presenting the children with their weekly awards and celebrating their achievement. These times are always wonderful and remind us all just how hard our children work at school. Attached to this newsletter is the Prayer Card for the school. If you are a family that prays together, then you might like to use it in your daily devotions as a focus for prayer. Alternatively, you may like to use it in your personal prayer times. You will need to print the card in order to fold it into a booklet.



SCHOOL VALUE FOR THE TERM

We will be
focusing on the
Value of

Thankfulness. Please find attached a home/school values sheet for you to work through and share with your children at home. We hope you enjoy the activities on the sheet.

BOOK PEOPLE BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding a Book People Book Fair at school. **This is the first time that we have had this book fair visit school but our school have bought books from them for many years and have found that they sell lots of books at great prices.** The Book Fair will arrive on Monday 17th September and will be collected on Monday 24th September. The opening times for the book fair will be shared next week. We are always very grateful for the support that you give us when the Book Fair arrives as it provides much needed books for our library; it is also a great opportunity to buy early Christmas presents!



UNIFORM

A BIG thank you to everyone who has ensured that their children have started school with the correct uniform. Full details of the uniform policy are on the school website.

Also, a reminder that the **only** jewellery that is in school are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Studs **must** be covered by microporous tape when your child is engaged in PE. Please make sure your child arrives at school with the tape ready to put on before their PE lesson begins.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



We will be holding a 'Big Coffee Morning' event in the school hall on Friday 28th September from 10am until 11.30am. Once again, this will be in support of

MacMillan Cancer Support. We hope that you will be able to come along with friends and neighbours to support this important event. You will be served by our delightful children! If you have any cakes that you would be willing to donate for a cake sale on that day, they would be most gratefully received.

MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS

Friends of Westbury-on-Severn School will be holding our AGM on **Wednesday 12 September** at 7pm at School. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about what we do and how you can support the events. We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to become our Treasurer. You can make the role as big or small as you wish but we would really appreciate some support in this area. If you are interested or would like further information please speak to me at the school gates or email fws-school@hotmail.co.uk

Many thanks
Katie Kift

**IMPORTANT
YEAR 6 CHILDREN**

Y6 SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING

Parents of children currently in Y6 will have received letters regarding the process for Secondary school transfer. I will be holding a meeting in the school hall on Wednesday 26th September at 6pm, for parents to talk through the procedures for transferring your child to secondary school. The meeting is optional and you are very welcome to come along. The procedures are the same as in previous years, with the most important date being **31st October for returning the application form to Shire Hall**. I look forward to meeting you, if you wish to attend the meeting. In the meantime, should you want any additional information, then please contact the Co-ordinated Admissions team on 01452 425407, or drop in to see them at Shire Hall.



CLUBS



Attached to this Newsletter is the club list for this term. We are trying to offer some additional clubs this term using our sports provider 'Progressive Sports'. Each term we ask for forms to be returned by a specific date and this is so that I can organise clubs and allocate spaces. However, more often than not, club sheets are returned after this cut-off date with the expectation that children will still be accommodated. We try hard to do this, but please don't be disappointed if we can not.

Club lists for this term MUST be returned to school by Wednesday 12th September.

As some clubs will be running with a limited number of spaces, places will be allocated to these clubs on a first come, first serve basis. Clubs will run until Christmas

and then start again in the spring term. Any child who has not been successful in gaining a place in a club may have another opportunity in the spring term. Please be aware that attendance at the clubs is not optional and if your child joins a club they will be expected to attend each week. All clubs, with the exception of



Karate, will begin from 17th September. **Karate will begin on Thursday 13th September.**

Thank you for your support.

Message from the School Governing Body

Welcome back to School. The Governing Body hopes that you all had a fantastic summer with plenty of sun and rest. We're pleased to be back at School and look forward to catching up with parents and guardians over the next few months. We welcome new members of staff joining the school and are pleased that our new Sensory Room building works have been completed and we had a sneak preview on Monday evening. It looks amazing, so well done to Mr Crunkhurn for securing the funding for the project to have such a wonderful space for children to spend time.

One another note, you may well have read in community newsletters over the summer that Westbury Parish Council have now submitted their planning application for a change of use of the current School playing field to burial ground. The planning application also includes a change of use for the lower meadow field to playing field use, and you will see a notification displayed in the car park. The Governing Body has been in discussion with the Parish Council over the last 18 months about their plans and were supported in doing this by Gloucestershire County Council who negotiate the terms of the lease for a playing field on our behalf. We will keep parents informed of any more news about the change of use, but if you personally wish to comment on the application you can do so by email or online on the Forest of Dean District Council Planning applications site by 20th September. In the meantime our use of the playing field is not affected and children continue to make use of all the amenities available. We hope you all settle in to the new term. If you have any issues about the playing field (or others) please email our Chair of Governors (Colin Poole) on: chair@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Term Dates

Here is a list of some key dates for autumn term 1

07.09.18	Theme Sheets to Parents
17.09.18	Clubs begin
26.09.18	Secondary Transfer Meeting
05.10.18	Harvest Assembly at Church 2pm
19.10.18	End of Term