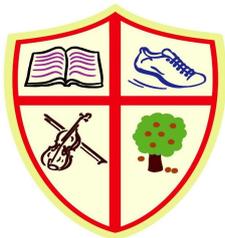


WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

19th October 2018



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



Once again it was a joy to work with the children of the school choir. Last Sunday morning, they were asked to sing as part of the remembrance and commemoration service at Westbury Church. They sung beautifully and represented the school so well.

The interior of the church was stunning too. The 50ms of bunting was a truly wonderful sight and added to the variety of special and moving displays. Rev. Steve gave a lovely address, which he finished with a moving poem. It was so good to once again see the church so full, with members of our fantastic community.

I wish you all a happy and restful half-term holiday.

Best wishes,
Mr C.

CONTENTS

MESSAGE FROM 'THE
LORD'S LARDER'

BURIAL GROUND
UPDATE

DISCO DATE CHANGED

NATIVITY

SECONDARY SCHOOL
TRANSFER

TEAMS4U

ADMISSIONS TO
PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOUTH PROJECT

FRIENDS

VIOLIN CONCERT

WESTBURY CHURCH

TERM DATES

NEW STAFF

A MESSAGE FROM THE 'LORD'S LARDER'



Just a quick message to thank everyone at Westbury Primary School for your recent Harvest contributions to the Lord's Larder. We are so grateful for the donations, especially as the need seems to be greater than ever at the moment.

Our best wishes to you all.
Church Office Team

BURIAL GROUND UPDATE: WEBLINK

There is nothing more to report to you on the progress of the burial ground. But please find the link below to the Governors objection to the proposed planning permission for the extension to the burial ground, which contains reasons for the objection. Despite the objection, we will continue to try and work with the Parish Council for the best outcome for our school and pupils. Please note that should you wish to view this you will need the following reference number. P1174/18/FUL

<https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications>



NATIVITY DATES

The class 1&2 Nativity will take place this year on

Wednesday 12th 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 will be practising next term.

DISCO - CHANGE OF DATE

The school disco, which was planned for tomorrow evening 19th October will now take place on Friday 2nd November 6-7.30pm.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

As you are aware the application process for children transferring to Year 7 in September 2019 is open, however admissions have told us that there are still many outstanding.

The closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2018.

Please ensure you submit an application by 31st October 2018. Please contact me if you are unsure about how to do this.

ADMISSIONS TO INFANT/ PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is a reminder that paperwork for admission to primary school is in the process of coming out to parents of children who are due to start school in September 2019. If that applies to you, then you will shortly receive the paperwork for this. If you do not receive an application pack by December, then please contact Co-ordinated Admissions directly on 1452 425407.

CLASS NEWS

Y1's have been writing their own versions of Tinga Tinga tales in literacy, and in maths they have been learning about shapes. Reception children have been matching sounds of the Tinga Tinga animals, practising writing numbers and had great fun with an autumn pumpkin. We also enjoyed making animal pictures using autumn leaves at Welly Wednesday!



This week in class 2 we have been finishing our animal stories, we created our own main character in the style of Fantastic Mr Fox, ask your child what they called theirs! We have been learning about the life, cycle of a plant, as well as starting to think about what categories different loads are in and what we should eat the least/ most of.

The week in Class 3 we have been learning about Non-chronological reports and we have been writing our own about an alien. In maths Yr4's have been learning about shape and line of symmetry and Y5's have been calculating addition and subtraction. Y6 children have been learning about visualising and constructing. In science we have been looking at night and day and how the earth moves.



Here is a list of the key dates for autumn term 2:

29.10.18	Start of term 2 for Children
21.11.18	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
28.11.18	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
12.12.18	Class 1&2 Nativity 2pm and 6pm in the School Hall
14.12.18	Theme celebration 9.15 in the school hall
21.12.18	Experience Christmas in the Church
21.12.18	Christingle service in Church 2pm
21.12.18	End of Term

NEW STAFF - MRS KIFT, MRS YOUNG AND MRS LYONS

It has been rather remiss of me not to formally welcome Carolyn Young, Katie Kift and Vicki Lyons to the staff of our school. Whilst this has been done during family worship, I had not done this in the newsletter, so my sincerest apologies for this.

Most people will know Katie and Carolyn as past and present parents of children in our school, however, they join us now as General Teaching Assistants in Class 1 and Class 2, supporting teaching and learning. Vicki Lyons is training as a Teaching Assistant and is also one of our team of lunchtime supervisors.



TEAMS4U - SHOEBOX APPEAL NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

It is that time of year again when we will be creating shoeboxes of Christmas gifts for boys and girls in poorer communities in Eastern Europe. In order to create as many shoeboxes as possible, we are holding a **non-school uniform day on Monday 29th October – the first day of Term 2.** Instead of asking for money, we are asking that you would bring in items that would be suitable for a Christmas shoebox. A list of items include: toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, facecloth and soap, stationery, pens, pencils, paper, gloves, hats and scarves. Please also include a few small gifts, e.g. soft toys, ball, game, puzzle, bubbles. Please do not include the following: No food (except chocolate & sweets), no medicines, no 'military themed' toys or clothing, no dangerous items such as knives or razors, no novels (picture books & colouring books are OK). We are not asking for you to send in all of those items but would be grateful for as many different items as possible so that we can create as many boxes as possible. Last year we were able to create nearly 60 boxes.

We have shoeboxes being delivered on 29th November and will be creating these with the children on Friday 2nd November, after which they will be collected and sent off.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in this annual charity work.

YOUTH PROJECT

Westbury on Severn Youth Project will be hosting their performance evenings in November on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th at Westbury on Severn Parish Hall. We would like to invite families and children to come along for a fun night of song, dance and sketches, all performed by children from the local area. Tickets include a 2 course evening meal. Ticket forms can be picked up from Mrs Cox at the school office or email our school governor on g.riley@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk. Our theme this year is 'The End of the World as We Know It' - so be prepared for some crazy sketches about zombies and aliens! We have a lovely evening, with a raffle, and the bar will be open - please do come along and join us if you want to find out about Youth Project for your children. Tickets are £8.50 adults and £5 children

INFORMATION

TERM DATES

The Governing Body has approved the term dates for the academic year 2019-2020. Please refer to these if you are planning your family holidays.

VIOLIN CONCERT

Y2 will be holding a violin concert in the school hall on Friday 7th December at 2.15pm. Please come along to hear what your children have been learning this term with Mrs Kay.



'FRIENDS'

Please find attached to this newsletter a list of forthcoming dates of Friends events.

WESTBURY CHURCH SHINGLES

It was so good to see so many people buying a shingle to be placed on the spire of Westbury Church last week. Below is a photo of all the shingles that were signed. We will be doing a similar event in school for the children to take part in. More details after half-term!



GOVERNORS 200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the October draw in our School Governor 200 Club. We'd like to correct a small error in the winners notice for September. The carryover Jackpot was £80, and not £100 as stated in the newsletter, but still a great prize to win. If you want to join, speak to Mrs Cox in the office for a form, it's really easy. To be in the Club now until end of the year is only £5, and you too, could be in with a chance to win the jackpot! Funds raised over the last year have helped to pay for the new dining tables that are due to arrive soon for the school hall. You've got to be in it to win it, as they say!

October 2018 Winners:

1 st Prize £20:	Colin Poole - No 167
2 nd Prize £10:	Mrs Jill Boyce - No 34
3 rd Prize £5:	Simon Phelps – No 195
4 th Prize £5:	Ester and Matt Fransham – No 174
Jackpot £40:	Nigel Hogg - No 53

Yes

No



NASAL FLU VACCINE

This year, the nasal flu vaccination programme will be offered to all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 on 14th November. The purpose of this vaccination is to protect against the illness and the potential serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. It also helps to stop the spread of the illness amongst children, families and wider community. The vaccination will be delivered by a healthcare team. You will have already received an information leaflet and a letter requesting online consent. If you wish to opt out, you must do this online. If you can't do this online, you can see Mrs Cox for a paper consent form.

