

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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Westbury-on-Severn
CE Primary School

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Happy New Year! Happy New Decade!

I do hope you all had a great Christmas break with lots of family time and fun. It was good to have the time to share with my own family and we certainly did a lot of travelling! However, as the Christmas period finishes and we put the decorations away, our thoughts can often turn to 'resolutions'. More importantly, have we broken them yet?!

I always think it is much better to think about our hopes and aspirations for the new year. This is something I have been doing a lot so far this term, especially as we prepare for our next Church-school inspection. The excitement of this is the knowledge that once again we can share the great work of our children with an inspector. Our school vision is very much on our minds and part of what we do. It is the heartbeat of our school and drives all our work. My hope this year is that we are able to continue to fulfil this vision, which has Christ's teaching of 'Life in all its fullness' at the heart. In all we achieve together this year, may we continue to enable all to enjoy life and all it has to offer.

God bless you all.
Mr C.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to give special thanks to Mr Will Boulton and Mr Mike Jones, who gave up some of their Christmas break to erect the Pirate Ship in the trim-trail area. This pirate ship will be used by the children in Reception and Year 1 as part of their creative play – when the weather gets better! We are extremely grateful for the generosity shown by our parents.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents,

Before Christmas we went to the foodbank and the box we took was full of food (thank you for all your donations). We talked to April about what they do as a Foodbank. April is the person who helps sort out food for people. She is very kind. After we spoke with her, we helped to unpack our school's box and put the food onto the table. Two other people helped us do this. We were shown a box that was put together to help a homeless person. It is good to know that we have helped people in our community. Thank you.



VALUES FOR LIFE

This term we are exploring the value of courage as part of our times of worship together. I have attached the values sheet for this term for you to use with your child at home as you would like to. I hope you enjoy exploring this value with us.

NSPCC



This week we had a visit from the NSPCC. During this visit the children were introduced to 'Buddy' the little cuddly

full-stop character. The children learnt about key messages of staying safe and speaking out when they feel in danger. We hope to do some fundraising for this charity later in the school year.



Term Dates:

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

03.02.20	Y5/6 Cycling Proficiency Week
14.02.20	End of Term 3
24.02.20	Start of Term 4 for Children
20.03.20	Mother's Day Service at School 9.15
18.03.20	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
25.03.20	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
26.03.20	Theme Celebration 9.15-10.30
27.03.20	Easter Service at the Church 2pm
30.03.20	Y5&6 Residential
03.04.20	End of Term

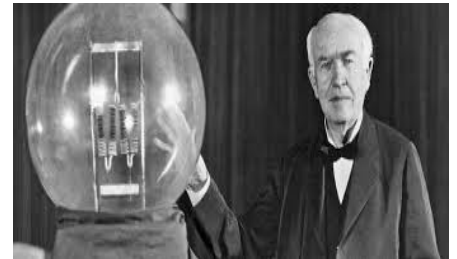
CLASS NEWS

Class 1 have had a fantastic week enjoying our new theme of Blast Off! We have been looking at non-fiction books about space and have been labelling rockets, writing captions and using the index and contents pages to find information to answer questions. In maths, we have been partitioning 11 and 12, finding addition and subtraction facts and counting aliens! In



our theme lessons, we have learnt about the solar system and learnt about the moon landing and made papier mache astronaut helmets.

Class 2 have been creating Thomas Edison posters. We have been writing a biography about Mrs Sim. We have been using conjunctions and apostrophes for possession. Active R.E. came in yesterday and taught us about the creation story.



This week, we have had a visit from the NSPCC and have learnt about how we can access support from ChildLine and who might be the trusted adults in our life. We have started our new climate change project in Literacy and have been using our skills to write reports from the scene, information text and diary entries. On Wednesday afternoon, we had our first Active R.E. session where we were introduced to our new R.E. topic of creation.