

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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

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It is incredible to think that we are nearly at the half-term mark! This term has really flow by, despite the many illnesses we have endured as a school. On that note, I would like to thank you all for your vigilance in keeping the children at home if they have had illness; it has helped.

I want to take this opportunity to ask for your considered action regarding your children's use of their mobile phones, tablets or other devices if they have them. We work very hard in school on internet safety and staying safe online. We teach the children as part of their computing education, about the importance of not giving out passwords and personal data. In school, the children's understanding and responses to questions relating to this is very good. We also talk about the importance of safe and sensible usage of mobile phone when getting involved in chat groups or when messaging. Again, in school the children are able to talk about safe and sensible use of appropriate social media. However, it is becoming more and more common for children, not just at our school, to 'forget' these safety rules and teaching when they are outside of school. We do not allow children to bring their mobile devices to school or to have them on the school premises; we expect children to communicate through talking to each other. However, we know that when at home they may be using their mobile devices quite a bit! I would encourage you to monitor carefully what your children are doing with their devices including: how and who they are messaging; which social media platforms they are accessing and APPs they are putting on their phones. Regularly sitting with your child and looking with them at the messages they are sending and other things on their phones will soon help them to put into practice what is being taught and enable you to be very aware of how they are using their devices.

We are currently working with the School Beat Officer, PC Greg Steer, on a programme that will enhance our current internet and e-safety work, and reinforce our teaching on appropriate use of ICT. This will include use of age-appropriate social media sites and being part of group-chats.

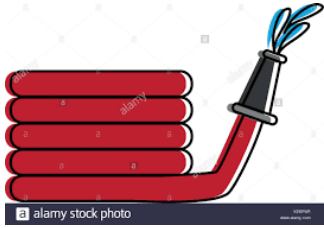
Thank you for your help with this.



PARENT GOVERNOR

Unfortunately we have not received any nominations as yet for the election of a new Parent Governor. If you feel you have the relevant skills, time and commitment to undertake this important role, please make an appointment to discuss this with me. We will re-advertise for this position next term.

CLASS NEWS



In Class 1 we have been finishing off our People who help us

theme. In literacy Y1's have been writing about emergency vehicles and reception children have been matching initial sounds and words. In maths we have been comparing the lengths of fire engines and measuring the length of fire hoses. Last week we held a science investigation into what liquids are good for our teeth. The squash was really bad, it took all the coating off the egg! This week Helena Tsitsogianis came in and talked to Class 1 about being a dentist and how to look after your teeth.

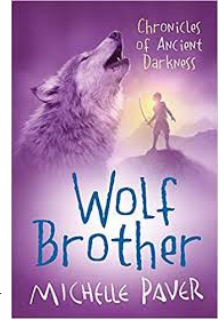


Beard, Black Barty and Calico Jack and have written mini-biographies about them. In RE we have looked at sacred places, and thought about how we treat sacred places and buildings with respect. We've also worked very hard in some assessments and have managed to squeeze in a floating and sinking experiment too.



This week Class 2 have looked at some famous pirates. We researched Anne Bonny, Black

In literacy Class 3 have been writing adventure stories based on the Wolf Brother book. In history we are learning about Skara Brae, and have made thing-links, (it is North of Scotland). In numeracy we have been learning about fractions and decimal numbers and in RE we are learning about the wonder of creation and we have written poems using our senses.



Term dates

Please note the following term dates for the spring terms:

15.02.19	End of Term 3
25.02.19	Start of Term 4 for Children
29.03.18	Mother's Day Service at School 9.15am
20.03.19	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
27.03.19	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
04.04.19	Theme Celebration 9.15-10.30
05.04.19	Easter Service at the Church 2pm
05.04.19	End of Term