

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

7th March 2019



Westbury-on-Severn
CE Primary School

What a lovely day it has been today. Thank you to all the parents and children who supported the World Book Day breakfast. It was great to see so many of you. My thanks also go to Mrs Roseblade-Bargh for organising the day.



The children have had lots of fun exploring books and engaging in book-related activities. It is so good to see them reading. Thank you too, for your support with reading at home. It is great to know so many of you are reading with your children.

We also had another super visit from the Life Education yesterday. This time, the children engaged in the activities in the hall in the tent that was brought to school. Throughout the day children engaged in topics such as friendship and drug awareness. All activities were age-related! We enjoy the visits from the Life Education team and look forward to next year's visit.

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PARENT GOVERNOR

We are still looking for a parent to join our governing body. If you feel that you have the skills, time and commitment to this important strategic role, please do contact the school office for more information and to make an appointment to come and see Mr. Crunkhurn.

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WESTBURY YOUTH PROJECT

March sees the return of the local drama group 'WoS Youth Project' hosted at Westbury Parish Hall on Thursday evenings from 6 – 7.45pm. The club is for children aged 8 – 18 years, and we welcome all ranges of ability. We want the children to have fun, while growing their confidence & skills through sketches, short plays, dance, singing and cooking. The club runs from March to November in term time, and we finish in November with an amazing performance evening for families and friends. We are always looking for parent helpers to run the club so all helpers are welcome, especially if you are bringing dance skills this year! We've seen our numbers of older children drop in recent years because of increase in pressures for school, but we are really keen to have young adult helpers directing sketches, song or dance (or whatever their interest) so if you have older sibling who can come down occasionally to work with the children in a supervised environment please get in touch or come along to meet us at rehearsal. Our theme this year is Heroes and Heroines through the Centuries – and we are looking for ideas for show night, so get your thinking caps on before you come!

We start this year with a reunion evening for existing cast members on 14th March at 6pm, but we will then be running a taster session for all new and returning cast on 21st March, and thereafter every regular Thursday eves at the Hall. See you there!

CLASS NEWS



In Numeracy Class 1 this week have learned about position. In Literacy reception have learned about alphabetical order and have written Who am I clues to guess the dinosaur! Some of us got very muddy at

Welly Wednesday and we all enjoyed wearing our pyjamas and sharing stories for World Book Day.



Class 2 have had a busy couple of weeks. We started new units in Literacy and Numeracy. In Literacy we've been looking at nouns and expanded noun phrases.

In numeracy we've been exploring measuring and following directions. We used these skills to make pancakes on Tuesday too! On Tuesday afternoons we are having cricket sessions but we've not all been able to take part fully due to lots of children forgetting their PE kits. **Can we ask that kits are in school all week, so we can enjoy PE fully.**



Class 3 have had a very existing week. Y5& Y6 have been learning fractions and bar models. And Y6 children have done the 'Escape the Room' in maths! In Literacy we have all been writing biographies about Mary Anning. We also took part in the Life Education tent, and had lots of fun on World Book Day.



Letter from Rev. Steve Taylor:

Hello Westbury School families,

The chance of a lifetime

This is an invitation to every family connected to the school in Westbury on Severn. It is more for the **parents and past pupils** than for current pupils at the school.

It is an invitation to all family members above the age of 11 to think about coming to a **service of confirmation** at Blaisdon church in June. The date is **June 30th**, and the time is **10am**. The service lasts a little under an hour, and it need not commit you to further regular attendance.

The service of confirmation is very like baptism, but there are two main differences. In confirmation the promises are made by you, not by godparents, and the service is conducted by a Bishop, not the Vicar (although I will be helping!). That's why it doesn't happen locally very often. Most of us were baptised as youngsters, but my guess is that there are many of us who have not yet been confirmed. This would be a great opportunity to do exactly that, and make the Christian faith your own for life. As far as I can see, the only valid reason for not doing so is if you actually don't believe in God.

So please think carefully about this opportunity, and speak to me about it if you would like to find out more. I would be delighted to hear from you.

Best wishes, Rev. Steve Taylor.

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GOVERNORS' 200 CLUB

Here are the results of our February 200 Club draw. We are coming up to that time of year when the subscription renewal forms will be coming out to all our members for the next financial year, but it is also an excellent time to take out your membership if you haven't joined before. Here are some of the winning facts about our 200 Club so far this year:

- All proceeds go towards school projects to support the children and staff
- Our top winner in monthly draws had 3 wins totalling £60
- 1 member took home £50 with just three wins
- We've had 8 jackpot winners (£40 each month), with three of those winners taking home a rollover of £80 each

It simple to join for just £12 a year, please enquire at the school office for information and we hope you will renew you subs again this year.

Thanks

1 st Prize £20:	Nigel Hogg - No 53
2 nd Prize £10:	Heidi Morris-Green - No 199
3 rd Prize £5:	Frances Down - No 61
4 th Prize £5:	Nicola Atkinson – No 105
Jackpot £80:	Michael Riley - No 21

TERM DATES

Please note the following term dates for the spring terms:

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

*******THERE WILL BE NO DRAMA FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS
CHILDREN WILL BE REHEARSING SOME LUNCHTIMES*******

