

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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

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WELCOME BACK

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. 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 a lot of work completed. Class 1 now has a completely new EYFS space, which has been fully renovated to enlarge the learning space that the Reception and Y1 children have. It has been painted to give it a fresh and exciting look, and had new flooring put down. The learning space at the back of the school has also been renovated, creating a much larger space for intervention work and small group work. It has been painted and fully carpeted. The children are now busy finding it a name! The library has been relocated to the room next to the staffroom, which has created a much needed dedicated space for the children to enjoy choosing and sharing books. In addition to this, the staffroom has been re-floored and painted and the area leading up the stairs has been painted throughout. Once again there are exciting times ahead with the school building, so my thanks go to everyone who supports the fund raising activities that are organised by the Friends, as all the money goes to continually improving the opportunities and facilities for the pupils at the school.

My thanks go to the Friends for also paying for the new piece of trim trail equipment which was installed yesterday. The children have enjoyed using this already.

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. Tomorrow your child is will bring 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.

TERM DATES

Here is a list of the key dates for this term for your diaries:

08.09.17	Theme Sheets to Parents
18.09.17	Clubs begin
27.09.17	Secondary Transfer Meeting for parents of Y6 pupils. 6pm in the school hall
06.10.17	Harvest Assembly at Church 2pm
20.10.17	End of Term
30.10.17	Start of term for children
15.11.17	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
16.11.17	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
09.12.17	Theme celebration 9.15am in school hall
05.12.17	YR1 Nativity: time to be confirmed
15.12.17	Christingle service in Church 2pm
15.12.17	End of Term

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SCHOOL VALUE FOR THE TERM

We will be focusing on the Value of 'Generosity'. 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.

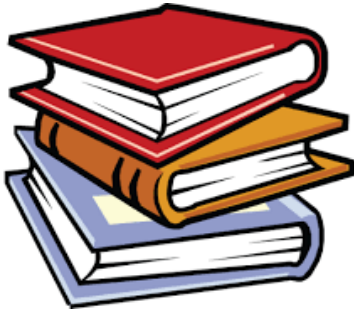
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a 'Big Coffee Morning' event in the school hall on Thursday 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. We are holding it on a Thursday this year as we have other events taking place in school on the Friday and did not want to miss the opportunity to support this worthwhile cause.

CLUBS

Attached to this Newsletter is the club list for this term. Please be aware that the club list **MUST** be returned to school by Wednesday 13th 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 the 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. Thank you for your support.





SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding another Scholastic Book Fair at school. The Book Fair will arrive on Wednesday 20th September and will be collected on Wednesday 27th 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 to our libraries; it is also a great opportunity to buy early Christmas presents!

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 27th 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.

ADVANCED NOTICE -PANTOMIME

The whole school will be attending the pantomime at the Everyman Theatre on Thursday 4th January. More details will follow shortly.



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, but just to remind you that we now expect the new logo to be shown on the uniform as the old 'tree' logo is now not part of our school uniform. If this is a problem, then please speak to the school or Mr C. Also, a reminder that the **only** jewellery that is acceptable 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.

LUNCHES

Please ensure that your Parent Pay account has enough money in it to pay for your child's meal before it is taken. You can pay for meals either through Parent Pay or send money into the school office in a sealed named envelope or purse.

