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Dear Parents and Carers,
We are looking forward to our Sports Week, organised brilliantly by Miss Wills, next week. See updated details below. We hope that the weather holds, but also cools a bit...Please do keep sending your child(ren) in with a hat, sun cream applied and plenty of water. On Sports morning you will see that work has started on the field but is not yet complete. We can use the track for our running events and then later this summer they will take down the fence to open up our new big field. We will soon adapt to our new environment and hope to move the football pitch and develop the spaces. We will all picnic after Sports morning on the interim, smaller field and we are not offering hot school meals on this day but you can order a packed lunch instead. Lots of news in our newsletter this week- enjoy!

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

Christian Values
Our Value this term is

❖ HOPE

We started our term off with a Worship on Hope, reading a poem by Emily Dickinson.



Hope is the thing with feathers—
that perches in the soul—
and sings the tune without the words—
and never stops—at all—
—Emily Dickinson



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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

In Chestnuts we have begun our new topic : '**Starting School**'. We are learning about the school day and all the fun activities that we can do.

On a slightly different note: If you are thinking about sending your child to Preschool in September and haven't let Mrs Cox or Mrs Trigg know, please could you get in touch as we are filling up quickly. We are already full for one day of the week! Thank you.



WILLOW

This week Willow Class looked at a photo of a beach from the past and made inferences about what was happening in the photograph- when and where it was. Next week we will find out more about this photo. In Science we have been learning about the different groups of animals. In Maths Year 1s have been using grouping and sharing for division. Reception children have started using "Rekenreks" in their Maths lessons- these are a type of abacus. In English we are reading the story of "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch".



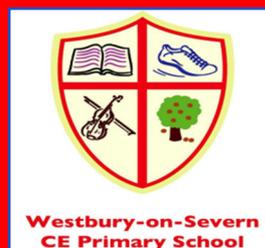
SYCAMORE

It has been a busy start to term 6! We finished our River poems, which are great, and published them on our watercolour maps. In Maths, we are finishing our multiplying and dividing unit in Y3 and statistics in Y2. In DT, we have tasted different types of bread and will be designing and baking our own bread. In French, we are learning the alphabet, whilst in Music we composed a piece of music depicting the emotions around the Great Fire of London. In outdoor learning, we learnt about wattle and daub from Tudor times.



OAK

In Oak Class, we have continued to enjoy exploring our topic of India. This has involved a lot of fun learning activities as well as much focused work. We have learned a Bhangra dance in music and have explored how the Himalayan mountains were formed in Geography with the help of Mars bars. We have reflected on the importance of respecting everyone by considering the Hindu concept of all living things sharing a divine spark. In our writing we have read some Indian deity origin stories as well as fictional adventure stories set in Indian cities. And on top of all this, we also arranged the weather to be hot so that we can better experience what living in a different climate might be like!



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Attendance update

School Target - 96%

Whole School Sept 2022- June 2023 = 94 %

Governors 200 Club Winners May Draw



1st Prize - Matt Fransham 56

2nd Prize - Di Landon 8

3rd Prize - Susan Stroud 55

4th Prize - Simon Phelps 16

Jackpot - Unsold 50

The new playground mural- On Thursday from 2.45- 4.15 the playground will be open for parents/carers to come and meet the muralist Helen and Corinne (her helper!) to see the (almost) finished product. They have been working SO hard on this- it is stunning. Please do come and admire it.



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UPDATE on SPORTS WEEK AT WESTBURY



We will be having a whole school sports week this year from the **19th June until the 23rd June, next week.**

Monday: PE with Mr Knight as usual and Sports morning practice for all classes

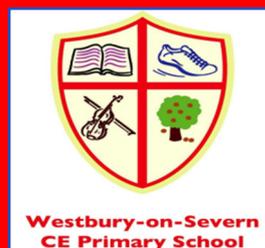
Tuesday: Swimming for Y2- Y5 (as usual) and Whole School Rounders in House Teams at Westbury Parish Hall ground in the afternoon. We will be back in school for the end of the school day.

Wednesday: Sports Morning! Gates open at 9 am for a prompt 9.15 start in the playground. All parents and carers are welcome to observe and cheer on their child(ren). We will have eight stations set up for pupils to enjoy and then we will finish with races on the track. We will not be having hot dinners that day. You will have received an email regarding ordering a packed lunch if you are not bringing your own. Do join us for a picnic at the end of the morning.

Thursday: A mobile climbing wall has been booked for the playground- all classes will have turn during the day.

Friday: Skip2bfit are coming in and working with each class to teach them skipping skills. Children can come into school wearing their PE kit every day of this week. Please make sure children have water bottles, hats and sun cream so that they can be outside.

(12th July is our Sports Day reserve date. If the weather is not suitable on 21st June we will notify you by 4pm on Tuesday 20th June.)



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Cricket Dynamos- Once all the matches have been played, we will provide a sports report- watch this space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fathers' Day Celebration: Friday 16th June, 2.30pm in the hall. All male family members welcome! The children will be giving their dad (or other!) a special message and Friends will provide a treat for them.

Willow Class Violin Concert: 10.50am in the hall , Wednesday 28th June. All parents/carers welcome to marvel at their musical skills.

End of Year Church Service Friday 21st July 5.30pm followed by Friends of Westbury BBQ on the field afterwards. Everyone welcome.

MARY POPPINS drama production: 6th and 7th July at Westbury Parish Hall. There are still tickets available- DO NOT MISS IT!

Message from Rev Sarah Hobbs-

Sunday 18th June at 10am

Come and explore the wild places of our churchyard.

Come prepared for all weather.

Come and have fun!



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Y6 Leavers' Service

On Wednesday 14th June, the Year 6s had their Leavers' Service at Gloucester cathedral. This was a lovely occasion (presented by Mr C!) and they did us proud. Afterwards they visited Toby Carvery and managed to eat an enormous amount of food. It was a really enjoyable day for them which they will hopefully remember for a long time.





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Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 10th June, the staff completed a sponsored walk for The Stroke Association. We walked 11 miles in sweltering heat, with several stops kindly arranged by friends and family (thank you so much!!).

This was in memory of Phil Woodman, who sadly died recently. We raised £1,150!

Message from the Board of Governors from Gill Western (Co Chair)

Let me start by apologising for not providing any updates this academic year. As always, time seemed to fly by and school has been very busy. However, you can be assured that as Governors we all feel privileged to have been able to support both the staff and children throughout the year. Year 1 had their Phonic Screening this week and we are very proud of how the children rose to the challenge of these statutory assessments. Thank you for all your continued support. Thanks also to the staff involved who have worked diligently to implement and teach the phonics programme. Well done!



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Westbury on Severn Summer Flower and Produce Show



This will be taking place on **Sunday 3rd September**- please find the schedule and details attached to your email with this newsletter.



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QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for our Adults Quiz Night!

Friday 23rd June
6 PM - 8 PM
AT
Westbury CofE Primary School

Teams of 4
£5 on the door

Fruit punch and nibbles will be on sale (cash event)

Sorry no children!