

WESTBURY WHISPERS



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

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

15th November 2018

Wow! What an amazing time we had yesterday evening. It was so lovely to see lots of people in the hall enjoying another fact-filled, fun-packed Star-Gazing evening with Mr Kift.

We learnt so many amazing things about space and our solar system; most of which blew our minds! The sky, whilst rather overcast, still produced sights of the Planet Mars and the distant star of Vega (in the constellation of Lyra!), at least I think that is correct!

The Friends prepared and served a wonderful supper, with filled rolls, tea and cake, so our special thanks go to them. I really can't wait for another clearer sky to enjoy the APPs that Mr Kift shared and Mr C.



CHILDREN IN NEED

A reminder that we will be having a **non-school-uniform day tomorrow** in aid of Children in need. Please send your child with a donation. We hope to be able to raise at least £100 for this charity. We do not expect children to come in fancy dress, so there is no need to shop for costumes!

PARENTS' EVENING

This is a reminder that our autumn Parent's Evenings will take place on Wednesday 21st and 28th November. If you have not already signed up for an appointment, please do this as soon as possible. Thank you.

HAVE YOU BOOKED AN APPOINTMENT?

NATIVITY DATES

The Class 1&2 Nativity will take place this year on **Wednesday 12th December**. There will be two performances, one at 2pm and the other at 6pm. We would like all children to attend the evening performance. This is always a lovely performance and we know how hard the children will be practising next term.

PARKING

Once again, I would like to ask that you do not drive up the lane when picking up or dropping off your children to school. We have always discouraged this as children and parents are walking up the lane. The parking opposite the school is for the burial ground visitors only and we are receiving complaints about parents who are using this as a general car park. Please do support us in this as we want to keep the children safe as they walk up and down the lane. Thank you.

ADMISSIONS TO INFANT/ PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is a reminder that paperwork for admission to primary school is in the process of coming out to parents of children who are due to start school in September 2019. If that applies to you, then you will shortly receive the paperwork for this. If you do not receive the paperwork, by December, then please contact Co-ordinated Admissions directly on 01452 425407.

ARTSPACE NEWS FOR PARENTS

Mrs Suzanne Webb, our Family Support Worker, has secured funding to enable some eligible parents to take part in a felting course through ArtSpace. This will take place on Fridays, 9am to 10.30am, at the Chapel School Rooms in Littledean. It will run for 8 weeks, with a half term break. The cost to parents is FREE for eligible learners. To be eligible, you could be either: unemployed, or have less than 5 GCSE's, or earn less than £330 a month. Please contact Suzanne to book a place on 01594 822171



CLASS NEWS

In Class 1 this week we have been busy. We went on a trip to Brook Farm and learnt about how we get milk and saw the cows being milked. We then had milk to try at



Welly Wednesday. Thank you very much to Mark, Dave, Cindy and Sid for showing us around. On Wednesday we went down to the churchyard and lay our poppy wreath with the other remembrance tributes.



This week Class 2 have continued our fruit theme by looking at paintings by Giuseppe Archimboldo and creating our

own versions. We have learnt about some of the different ways plant seeds are dispersed and have drawn pictures with captions to explain this. In Numeracy Year 2 have been using practical and mental methods to consolidate their times tables knowledge, and Year 3 have been using an empty numberline to help with their addition and subtraction calculations.

In Class 3 we are starting to write about a dramatic short film called The Piano. We are learning about writing flashbacks in narratives. In numeracy Year 4 have been learning about



column addition and subtraction, and the Year 5 & 6's have been learning about shapes. In science we are investigating the effect of meteors on the size of a crater. In computing, Year 4's have been making an animation about space whilst Year 6's have been working on their moon buggies. Year 5 children have been creating 3D art.

MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS: DONKEY AND GROTTO

'Friends' are hosting a 'Santa's Grotto and Donkey Walk' on Saturday 15th December from 11am to 2pm. The cost will be £6 per child and will be held at The Old Fruit Stall, Hartlands Hill, Minsterworth, GL2 8JY. The cost will include a visit to Santa's Grotto & present, donkey ride (optional), squash and a biscuit. Other refreshments will be available for a small charge. The event is open to all children of Westbury-on-Severn CE School and their siblings. Booking forms will follow shortly, but please email fwschool@hotmail.co.uk in the meantime to register your interest and your preferred time slot. Please see attached flyer for more information.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS KAY - VIOLIN TEACHER

Looking ahead to early 2019, the king of the waltz, Andre Rieu, a famous violinist is showing his New Year concert at a cinema near you, on January 5th and 6th.

It will be filmed in Sydney, Australia and as always, will be an uplifting, flamboyant, fun event. He is a superb showman and a most amazing musician so do book your tickets soon at the box office for this unmissable show. **Also, don't forget the violin concert at school with the Y2 class showing off their playing skills and all the other violinists in the school taking part as well. This will take place on Friday 7th December in the school hall at 2.15pm.**

PARENT GOVERNOR

Mrs Jo Walter, who has served the school and Governing Body for many years, will be leaving her post at the end of this term, so we will be looking for a new parent governor from January 2019 to replace her. We are sorry to see Jo go, but are so grateful for all she has done for the life of the school and the tremendous support she has been. We wish her well.

Nomination forms will be sent home to parents at the beginning of January, so in the meantime, please think about whether or not this is a role you would like to take on. If you do, I would encourage you to make an appointment to come in and speak to me. Many thanks.

