

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

18th November 2021



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

I hope this letter finds you well.

We have had such a wonderful time this week with our visit from Jake of iSingPop. During his visit he taught the children 7 new songs that will support us in our collective worship. He also shared the background of the songs and the values that they are associated with. It was such a joy to see the children having so much fun learning them together. We are all now very excited about the concert on the Thursday 9th December at Westbury Church. We really hope you are able to come along if you can.

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Prior to this, the Worship Team and I are looking forward to Sunday 21st November, when we will be leading the family service at Westbury Church. You may remember that we were going to lead the service in October but unfortunately couldn't due to me contracting COVID. Thankfully Rev. Sarah Hobbs was able to lead instead. However, we are all hoping to be there on Sunday. The service will be from 10am and last for about 40 minutes, with drama, songs and activities for everyone to take part in. We would love to see you there if you are able to join us.

I hope you have a good week.
Mr C.

COLDS AND COUGHS

I would be extremely grateful if you could consider the use of Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) if your child starts to display symptoms of COVID-19. We are all aware of the seasonal flu and colds that are around at the moment, which may not be a result of COVID. However, to be certain and to stop potential class outbreaks, please be vigilant and do a test to check that your child is negative and if positive, arrange an immediate PCR test at a testing station. I appreciate that this is not always convenient, but we want to do our best to keep cases as low as possible in school. Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Children of the School Council are organising a fundraising event to raise money for Unicef, who support children across the world. In order to do this, they are preparing a 'Pop-up' Festival on the 23rd November. During this day, the children across the school will engage in a variety of exciting activities that will raise awareness of Unicef and the work that they do. Unfortunately, although we were able to invite parents into school to celebrate the festival last time we held this, due to restrictions in place, it is not possible for parents to attend this time.

If you would like to help support the School Council in their efforts, please send a donation in an envelope marked 'Unicef'. Thank you for your continued support for our children and their fundraising efforts. We will share photographs of the day on our class Instagram pages.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Jen Sigourney has been elected to serve as a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. We are so grateful to her for volunteering to undertake this really important role and know just how much richer the Governing Body will be with her expertise.



ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child is due to start primary school on 1st September 2022, then you should shortly receive paperwork from the Schools Co-ordinated Admissions Team. If you do not receive this by December, then contact them directly on 01452 425407 or by emailing school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk



A little heads up, that we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day on December 10th

in support of Save the Children. On this day, children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper if they wish, for a donation.

FRIENDS

The Friends of Westbury School would be very grateful for any donations of cakes for the Christmas Craft Fair, which will be taking place on Saturday 4th December from 10am to 2.30pm. All cakes will be gratefully received but could I ask that you not bake cookies or brownies as there will be a separate stall holder selling these. Can any donations please be sent into school on Friday 3rd December, or take them to the Village Hall for 10am on Saturday 4th December.

In your child's bag today is an envelope from the 'Friends of Westbury' charity containing raffle tickets for the Christmas Craft Fair. The raffle tickets are £1 per ticket and all raffle tickets stubs need to be returned to school by Monday 29th November. If you need more tickets these are available through the school office.

In addition, we would appreciate any donations of raffle prizes for the Christmas raffle, we would be grateful if you could give these to Mrs Cox at the school office by Friday 3rd December.

This is our first event of the year and we would like to thank you for all your support, we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Craft Fair at Westbury Village Hall on Saturday 4th December 10am -2.30pm.

Friends would also like to invite you to their forthcoming events:

- * There is a 'Friends of Westbury' meeting for parents at 7pm on Monday 22nd November at The Lyon Inn.
- * You are also invited to the 'Friends of Westbury' Christmas social event at 7pm on Tuesday 14th December at The Lyon Inn

Everyone is welcome to come along, we look forward to seeing you.