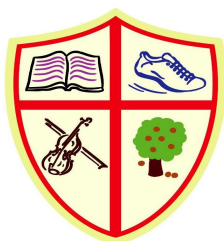


WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

12th March 2020



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

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I do hope that you are all well. It has been lovely to finally see the sun shining!

There has certainly been a lot on the news recently concerning the Covid-19 Virus and the updates may seem a little concerning. However, please rest assured that we will continue to do everything we can at school to protect and keep the children safe. We recognise that this is a challenging time in our country and community, and many symptoms associated with coronavirus are also symptoms of normal everyday childhood illnesses. However, we are very grateful to you for your sensible reaction to this and considered approach to sending your children to school.

As I type this newsletter, the government advice continues to be the same as it was last time I wrote, that is, unless symptoms are present of coronavirus, there is no need to stay at home. Details and links are within this newsletter. However, I appreciate that the situation and guidance may change.

If, of course, you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Very best wishes to you and your families,
Mr C.

WESTBURY YOUTH PROJECT

Westbury Youth Project is a local youth group for children aged 8+ The club runs on Thursday evenings from 6-7.45pm Children take part in a range of activities from games, craft, sketch writing, acting, singing, dancing, cooking. Our theme this year is All Creatures Great and Small, and we'll be hosting 2 puppetry workshops in early spring. For more information please call / text Nicola on 07972 761345 or come along to our taster session on 2nd April when the club re-starts.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event that the school needs to close, we would endeavour to let you know as early as possible. However, please make sure you check the Gloucestershire County Council school closure system

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>

Please also check the front page of the school website each morning. If we need to close for whatever reason, we will put a message on that section of the website.



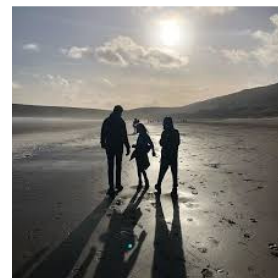
In maths Y6 children looked back at our tests, and Y5 & Y4's have been looking at formal methods of multiplication and division. In literacy we have been studying Owl Moon by Jane Yolen. In D.T we are sewing paperweights. In Geography we have been

looking at rivers.

By Ella (6) and Honey

CLASS NEWS

This week Class 2 have been writing lists, expanded noun phrases and using conjunctions, in literacy. This will help us when we write our own version of Operation Gadgetman. In numeracy, we have been learning about fractions and times tables. In Science, we investigated shadows.



Class 1 have been having an exciting week! We have still been looking at Supertato books. We made our own Supertatos and Superveggies, we wrote speech bubbles about what they would say and then used Chatterpix to make our Supertato and Veggies talk! Y1's have started a unit on addition and subtraction to 20 and reception have been completing lots of practical maths challenges. They've counted the Evil Peas onto plates, sorted fruit and vegetables by their own criteria and made numicon cities!



BRIGHT HORIZONS PLAYGROUP AND PRESCHOOL 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Bright Horizons are celebrating their 50th Anniversary and would like to invite you to come along to Westbury Village Hall on Saturday 14th March between 12pm and 2pm for afternoon tea and cakes! Sandwiches, cakes and savoury snacks will be available to purchase, along with tea and coffee. There will also be a raffle and a small table-top sale.

Eco - Warriors Helping to Save the Environment



The Eco -Warriors braved the rain to collect litter from the land beside the River Severn. All the Eco- Warriors were shocked by the amount of rubbish that was there.

They are going to make a thought provoking marine display using the litter found.



CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school or their pre-school setting as normal. We are checking the situation daily and continue to follow government guidance in our approach to how we operate as a school.

We recognise that some families or children may have travelled to, or returned from some higher risk countries, however, the government have issued specific guidance if this is the case.

As Headteacher, I have a duty of care to all and am in daily contact with the authorities for guidance and updates, so that we can continue to operate as a school and manage, as far as is humanly possible, any potential cases that may arise in our school. Currently, there are no concerns and we do not have anyone presenting symptoms associated with Coronavirus.

However, please refer to the link below, which should take you to the government website, where updates are posted.

www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

Please make sure that we have up-to-date contact details, including mobile numbers.

TERM DATES

Here is a list of some key dates for autumn terms for your diary:

20.03.20	Mother's Day Service at School 9.15
18.03.20	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
25.03.20	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
26.03.20	Theme Celebration 9.15-10.30
27.03.20	Easter Service at the Church 2pm
30.03.20	Y5&6 Residential
03.04.20	End of Term



FOW Presents

Ladies Night

Bingo & Quiz Night & Raffle

Friday 27th March
7.30pm

Ploughman's and a Selection of Cake's

For Tickets Ask Anita/text me on : 07539994219 or ask
Anna Cox (Westbury school)

Tickets purchased in advance £5, or on the door £8

Northwood Green Village Hall
GL141NB

If you would like to bring a drink/alcoholic drink you are welcome

Tea and Coffee will be on sale for 50p