

WESTBURY WHISPERS

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

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It has been a very busy and eventful couple of weeks here at Westbury. Last week the Year 6 children attended a beautiful Leavers' service at Gloucester Cathedral. This was a celebration of life as part of our wider church-school family and journeying together through primary school. It was a personal joy to be able to lead the worship during these services, which was attended by 2,500 pupils across six services. Our thanks go to the 'Friends of Westbury School' who paid for our children to go for a leavers' lunch after the service together.

It was also lovely to meet our new reception parents on Monday evening. Once again, we are fortunate to have a full intake for September. We are sorry that not everyone who wanted a place at our school was able to get one this year. However, it was good to meet some of the children who will be joining us and look forward to welcoming them more as we progress through this term.

I hope you all have a great rest of the week and let us hope for sunshine!

Mr C

CLASS STRUCTURE SEPTEMBER 2019

I am pleased to be able to let you know my arrangements for September 2019, and where I will be placing teachers. From September, my class structure will look like this:

Class 1 will be led by Mrs Hansen, with Mrs Young as the class Teaching Partner.

Class 2 will be led by Mrs Sim and Miss Wills, with Mrs Henry as the class Teaching Partner.

Class 3 will be led by Mrs Roseblade-Bargh, with Mrs McCartney as the class Teaching Partner.

Mrs Noad will be continuing her role as Teaching Partner across the school, giving specific support to children in need of individual or group support.

Children will be able to meet their new class teachers in the very new future, as we organise transition days during the remainder of this term.

SPORT'S MORNING

At the moment, we intend to hold our Sport's morning on Monday 17th June from 9.30am until 12:00. Weather permitting, we will finish our morning together with a school picnic on the field at lunchtime. Please do send your child to school with a packed lunch so that we might all be together enjoying lunch as a school family. However, hot school lunches will still be available if you prefer your child to have one of those. Because sport's morning is on a Monday, I will make the decision whether to hold it on Friday. If the weather continues to be wet over the next few days, the field will not be suitable to use, even if we have a few days of sunshine at the weekend! I will post information on the front page of the school website as well. We look forward to sharing this morning with you. At the moment the forecast from the Met Office is not encouraging.

FATHERS' DAY SERVICE

We would like to remind all Dads and male role models, that you are invited to attend our annual Fathers' Day service in the school hall on Friday 14th June at 9.15am. Please do come and join us for this lovely celebration and see what the children think of you all!

DRAMA PRODUCTION

This is a note to remind parents that the dates for this year's drama production; 'The Wizard of Oz', will be on the evening of 11th & 12th of July. We hope you are able to come along and support this great annual event. Children are working very hard on this at the moment and we know it will be an amazing production.

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATION: BURIAL GROUND UPDATE

As most of you will be aware, the Parish Council have been successful in their planning application to extend the burial ground opposite our school onto the sloping section at the top of the playing field that we currently lease off them. However, this is subject to several conditions that are beneficial to our school. These will form the next steps in the negotiations with the Parish Council, which we will continue to have through our representatives at Gloucestershire County Council. It is important to note however, that we have not 'lost' our school playing field. Children will continue to enjoy and have access to the trim-trail area and the Forest School area, as well as the levelled section, which we currently use for football and a running track. The suggestion that the school has lost the field could have a very negative impact on the school as it implies that we do not have space to provide outdoor learning in PE and scientific studies. This is not true. We will keep you informed as to the progress that is being made as and when we are made aware ourselves.

CLASS NEWS

Class 1 had great fun in Welly Wednesday—although it was pretty muddy we enjoyed our tree climbing and



other outdoor playing. We have been reading The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and thinking more deeply about what foods make a lunch healthy or unhealthy.

We have been painting our

Fathers' Day cards and practising what we are going to say in assembly.

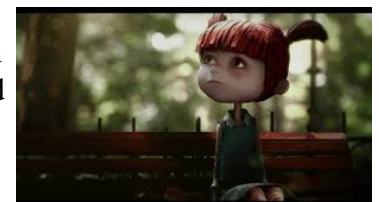
Class 2 have started writing persuasive leaflets in literacy all about the Wind in the Willows. In art and science we have finished our clay ants and have evaluated our process and design. In numeracy we have been able to work together to create data and worksheets for the other year groups in our data handling unit.

The Y3's have investigated different bat species and we found out that some bats are the size of mice but some fruit bats are as big as dogs!



This week the Y6 children have planned and wrote a balanced argument about watching too much television. The Y4&5 children have done brass and the Y5&6 have been doing French. We also made Fathers' Day cards. We have wrote about Arachne & Athena and Y6 wrote about a story called 'A Shadow of Blue'.

By Esme



DONATIONS OF DRESSING UP CLOTHES

The children in Class 1 love dressing up. If you have any spare clothes that could be donated to the class dressing up box it would be very much appreciated.