

WESTBURY WHISPERS

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

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Well we are almost at the end of term. Despite lots of coughs, colds and sneezes, we are all pressing on towards next week, which has many exciting things planned, including our annual Christmas dinner and visit from someone quite special!

I want to say what a joy it was to watch the children from Classes 1 and 2 perform their nativity play 'Shine Star, Shine!' All the children were amazing and sat and sung so beautifully. They really demonstrated just how well-behaved we expect the children to be. I was so proud of each and every child who was there. My thanks go to all the staff who worked so hard with the children to put this performance on, and teach them about the importance of Christ's birth at Christmas. A very well done to everyone!

Happy last week of term everyone!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 19th December.

We would encourage as many children as

possible to come and have this. All the children will be together as we decorate the tables, pull crackers, wear silly hats and tell awful jokes! It will really be a fantastic time! Children will be able to order their meal on the day, so don't worry if you haven't sent in the reply slip. Of course, children may still bring in a packed lunch if they wish.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 20th December in aid of Save the Children. If your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform, then they may do so. We ask that a donation of £1 is made for this. Please note however, that this is **not a non-school uniform day**. **Children are still required to wear their school uniform under their jumper.**

MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS: DONKEY AND GROTTTO

'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. Please email fwschool@hotmail.co.uk to register your interest and your preferred time slot.



WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT TO THE EVERYMAN PANTOMIME

This is a reminder that we are taking the whole-school to the Everyman Theatre on 8th January. If you have not yet sent your money into the office for this, please do so by next Tuesday. There will be no hot school dinners on this day, so **all children will need to come to school with a packed lunch.**

PARENT GOVERNOR

Nomination forms will be sent home to parents at the beginning of January for the election of a new Parent Governor. If you feel you have the relevant skills, time and commitment to undertake this important role, then please make an appointment to discuss this with me.

THEME CELEBRATION

Our Theme celebration will take place on Friday 14th December in the school hall at 9.15am. The friends will once again be providing a hot drink prior to this if you would like one after dropping your child off at school. We hope you will be able to join us for this lovely celebration of learning.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

You are all warmly invited to join us for our annual Christingle service at Westbury Church at 2pm on Friday 21st December. This is always a lovely end to the term with carols, readings and the lighting of candles. Please come and support us in this important time in the life of our school community.



CLASS NEWS

We have had a festive few weeks in Class 1! Last week we wrote letters to Father Christmas and went down to the Post Office to buy a stamp and post them in the box. We have been making Christmas cards and decorations. We all enjoyed performing our Nativity on Wednesday, I think the children all did amazingly well. May I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from all in Class 1.



Class 2 have been busy preparing for the Christmas play—learning our songs and lines off by heart. We have been practising using conjunctions to extend our sentences, as well as putting words into alphabetical order using dictionaries to help us. We have also been finding out about some of the names of the Forest of Dean's local apples. The Jenny Lind apple is from Westbury-on-Severn!



In Literacy Class 3 wrote newspaper report plans about our rocket launch. We also wrote headlines, sub-headings and captions. Y4 learnt to use division facts for the 11 timetable and Y5 have learnt the long and short method of multiplication. Y6 children have compared and simplified fractions. We have had a lovely week preparing for our theme celebration.



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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.

CLUBS

All clubs finish this week. There will be no clubs taking place week beginning 17th December. Spring term clubs will begin week beginning 14th January 2019. New club lists will come home on 8th January.

COCKRELL INSTALLATION

You are all invited to join the children at Westbury Church on Tuesday 18th December at 1.30pm to witness the installation of the weathervane Cockrell, which will be placed back on the top of the spire. This will be quite an historic occasion, so please join us if you are able to.



INSET DAY

Please be aware that **term starts on Tuesday 8th January 2019 for children.** Staff will be back in school on Monday 7th January for INSET training.

SHOEBOX APPEAL UPDATE

Please see below an update of our shoebox appeal with Teams4U

*First can I thank you again for the wonderful amount of shoe-boxes you filled.
I have to say I love seeing the children's enthusiasm and pride; not to mention their awareness of what they have achieved and why. It gives you hope for the future.*

Now an update for yourself and the children:

The shoeboxes have now left the UK and arrived at Eastern Romania (Danube Delta), Western Romania, Belarus or Ukraine.

*Keith and his wife Sandy are once again flying out to assist in the safe delivering of boxes and hopefully they will spot and personally hand out our boxes. Keith marks the cartons with a smiley face in a star so that if he spots them in the warehouse over there he can request they become part of his load and so can take photographs - which makes the whole experience personal to us.
If you wish, you can follow all this on the Facebook page: Teams4U forest of dean.*

Many thanks once again.

*Kind Regards,
Elaine*

