

WESTBURY WHISPERS



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

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

19th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought I would update you on my current situation.

As you know, I had to go for a PCR test on Sunday morning due to being alerted that I had been in contact with someone who had tested positive for COVID-19 (though I don't know who that was!). At that time, I had no symptoms of COVID and felt fine, but it seemed prudent to cancel the family service at Westbury Church just in case.

Unfortunately, when my PCR test came back it was a positive result and I am currently at home feeling very unwell with a nasty headache and feeling totally exhausted. I won't be leaving my house until 27th October!

This has highlighted a few things for me, not least, that it was the correct thing to do in cancelling the family service, which has been rescheduled for 21st November at 10am. It has also demonstrated the importance of regular LFT testing. Currently, all members of staff test twice weekly and this will continue. It also proves to me that, despite having had both vaccinations and wearing face-coverings when in shops, it has not prevented me from catching COVID-19, so we all have to be very vigilant in our actions and interactions.

You may be wondering what implications there are for school. Well, I have been in touch with the Local Authority and thankfully the implications are that I must isolate until I am better! Children and staff will continue to come to school as normal, but if anyone has any symptoms or feels unwell, they should stay at home and book a PCR test – this is the same procedure as it always has been. Classes will not close unless there is insufficient staff to ensure that the safety of the children is maintained, in which case, children will stay at home and revert to remote-learning until staff return.

I want to thank you all for the way in which you have continued to support the school and our efforts to keep everyone safe. By keeping poorly children at home, you are helping to stop any potential spread of any illness that might be doing the rounds in school. Of course, the difficulty is that children can be the most asymptomatic, which means they don't always display any symptoms, just carry the illness. However, the fact that we have had very few cases in our school shows that all our efforts is having a good effect.

As I won't see you now until after half-term and I really need to sleep, I will finish by wishing you all a very good and healthy holiday.

With warmest regards,

David Crunkhurn
Headteacher

FOODBANK

Thank you all for your continuing donations to our foodbank collection. We will be sending the collection of Harvest produce to the foodbank along with the other produce you have donated. Thank you for your continued support for this.



CROSS COUNTRY

We were very pleased to take a group to Five Acres High School last week to take part in a cross country running event. The children were so good and persevered to the end. We are very proud of their efforts as they represented our school. Our thanks go to the parents who transported the children to and from the event.

CLUBS

Due to Mr C's absence, the club letters will not be going home this week. Therefore, clubs will start on **Monday 8th November** and not 1st November as previously stated. We are sorry for this.

CHANGES

HARVEST SERVICE

Due to current school circumstances, we have decided not to hold our Harvest Service at Westbury Church this Friday. Instead, Harvest will take place in school for the children later this week with footage of it being posted on the school website and YouTube on Friday. We would still be very grateful for any Harvest items that you would like to send in, these will be donated to the foodbank.

PHOTOS

The school photographer will be visiting school on Monday 1st November to take individual photos of the children. Please can you make sure that the children come to school in their full school uniform on this day. If they have PE or Outdoor learning, they will need to bring their clothes in a separate bag and get changed in school. Thank you

SECONDARY TRANSFER FORMS

For parents of children transferring to secondary school next year, please be aware that the **application form must be returned to the admissions team by 31st October** either by post or electronically.

You will have received information about this in the letter your child brought home. However, details of key dates and online application facility can be accessed at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school/ If you are unsure about any part of the application process, please do contact the school for help and we will do our best to support you.



European Day

We are delighted to say that we will be holding a European day in school on Thursday 4th November. During this day, all the children will take part in activities associated with different European countries and cultures. Your child can come to school dressed in the colours of a European flag if they would like to. We are sure that the children will have a wonderful day.