

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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Westbury-on-Severn
CE Primary School

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I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has certainly been another busy week at school.

It has been wonderful to see all the amazing learning experiences that have been taking place in school. I hope you have enjoyed sharing in these moments through the school Instagram pages. This is a great way to see straight away what the children are doing, especially in the Forest School area.

The children have been very busy making dens and exploring nature during their outdoor learning. It was wonderful to see a very interesting caterpillar that a Reception child discovered. It was looked after very well by the children and has now been released back into the wild!

We welcomed Rowena and Brian back to school last week for the first Karate session since the pandemic forced us to stop karate lessons in school. There was a real buzz around school and both Rowena and Brian commented on how well the children did. It was also good to see new children taking part in this club. We are now taking steps to reintroduce some other sports clubs, which will begin again after the October break.

We have had such mixed weather recently, which may be adding to the rise in colds and illnesses that have been sweeping our way. I would therefore like to encourage you to make sure that your child comes to school with a coat each day. If we are fortunate enough not to see rain, then they coats can stay in the children's lockers. We are still monitoring the COVID-19 situation and would ask that you are all vigilant to the possibility of COVID amongst your children. If they are displaying symptoms, please do not send them to school unless they test negative with a LFT test. If they do test positive, please arrange for an immediate PCR test to have this confirmed. Even if a PCR test comes back negative, please do not send your child to school if they are still unwell, let them recover first!

I hope you all continue to stay safe and well.

With warmest wishes,

David Crunkhurn

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.



Thank you for your continued generosity to the Forest Foodbank. I received a lovely letter of thanks at the start of this academic year, for all the support and donations we have collected and sent to the organisation. If you would like to donate to the Foodbank, you can send in items with the children, or leave them in the entrance hall in the Foodbank box. Items which are of particular need at the moment are as follows:

- Tinned Potatoes
- UHT Milk
- Fish
- Jam
- Jellies
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Deodorant
- Washing up Liquid
- Washing Powder/Liquid

Thank you for your support for this charity.

MESSAGE FROM 'FRIENDS OF WESTBURY SCHOOL'

The Friends of Westbury School would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM. It was so good to see new faces and people who want to support the school moving forward. The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 19th October at 6.30pm at The Lyon. Everyone is welcome to attend this.

There will be a 'Friends' fundraising afternoon on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 2pm-4pm in the school hall. We will be selling pre-loved school uniform & books, there will also be a children's book sale, tea & coffee, and homemade cakes available to buy. All proceeds will go to 'Friends of Westbury School', which raises money to go directly to our school & children. Anyone who wishes to donate or help, can ask one of the committee members, or contact me at: laurboulton@gmail.com or mobile 07834234002.

We are also planning our annual Christmas Craft Fayre, the date is to be confirmed, but it will once again take place at Westbury Village Hall. If anyone would like a stall, or to donate a raffle prize, please contact me.



**EVERYONE
WELCOME,
WE LOOK
FORWARD
TO SEEING
YOU**

FAMILY WORSHIP

We would like to begin our face-to-face Family worship times on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm in the school hall. During these times, we will be celebrating the achievements of the children together as a Westbury Family. We would love you to come along if you are able. The first one will be this coming Friday 15th October. We look forward to seeing you. However, please come with a face-covering, as we would still like to encourage this at the moment, unless you are exempt from wearing one.

CLUBS

We are pleased to announce that we would like to begin to offer some after school sports clubs again. These will begin after the October half-term break on November 1st. Please find attached the club list for you to sign up. Please be aware that spaces are limited at present. If there is significantly more interest than capacity allows, we will operate a waiting list. We are pleased to be starting these clubs again, but we will continue to do so with caution and in accordance to Local guidelines for schools.

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION

To aid the smooth running of the Nasal Flu Programme on Thursday 14th October, the team have requested that **all** paper consent forms are returned to the school office either **consenting or declining the offer**. This will prevent the need for further contact from the Immunisation Team and confirms that you have received the offer of vaccination. Thank you to all of you who have already returned your forms.



SCHOOL UNIFORM ON DAY OF PHOTOS

School photographs are taking place on **Monday 1st November**. On this day the children will need to come into school in their school uniform. Class 1 will have Muddy Monday and Class 2 will have PE as usual but the children will have to bring their PE kit and Muddy Monday clothes in a bag to change into after the photos have been taken.

FAMILY SERVICE AT WESTBURY CHURCH

The Worship Team and Mr C are very excited to announce the return of Family Services to Westbury Church. The first one will be held this coming Sunday 17th October and led by Mr C and the school Worship Team. The children are really looking forward to presenting a Harvest theme with activities and stories for all the family to engage with. Please do come along with your whole family and support this special time. The service will begin at 10am and last for about 30-40 minutes. There will be an opportunity to have refreshments after the service. We look forward to welcoming you.

Be a School Governor



PARENT GOVERNOR

We are pleased to announce that there are two vacancies on the Governing Body for Parent Governors. We have already had an expression of interest from one parent but are looking for a potential second. If this is something you would like to commit your time to doing and you would be willing to serve the school in this way, please do come and have a conversation with Mr C or any of the Governors.

Generally, the role of a parent governor is as follows:

- Parent governors should play a full and active part in the governing board but, parent governors, like other governors, do not have the power to act as individuals or as a group, unless specifically authorised to do so by the governing board.
- Parent governors are not on the governing board simply to represent the interest of parents, or to be the only link with parents because all governors must have regard to these issues.
- Parent governors have the same rights, responsibilities and duties as other governors.

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding governor eligibility and disqualification and a nomination form for you to complete and send back to the school.