

WESTBURY WHISPERS

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Westbury-on-Severn
CE Primary School

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Welcome back to Term 2! I'm not sure where the time is going, but it does not seem to be slowing down! I hope you all had a good October break. It has certainly been interesting listening to what the children have been up to! I would like to let you know of a couple of exciting charity projects that we will be working with this year. Firstly, we will once again be supporting the 'Teams4U' shoebox appeal. For those of you new to our school, this is a project that asks us to fill as many shoeboxes as possible with items that can be sent to places, usually Eastern Europe, and distributed to children living in poverty. In order to achieve this, we will be having a **non-school uniform day on Monday 11th November**. Instead of bringing in money, we ask that children bring in items that would be suitable for the shoeboxes. Items such as small toys, pens or pencils, notebooks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, flannels, soap, small packet of boiled sweets, would be very much appreciated. In addition, if anyone would like to donate £2 to cover the transport costs of the shoeboxes, we would be very grateful. The boxes have already arrived at school; all wrapped! It is our hope that we will have enough donations to fill 80 shoeboxes. That would be enough for each child in school to fill. The second charity is 'Forest Food Bank'. Last term the Worship Team met with Mrs Jane Baird, who gave a thought-provoking presentation to all the children on the work of the foodbank. The Worship Team were very moved by this presentation and have taken on the responsibility of organising our school into a collection point for food to be donated. I know that they will be writing regularly to you to request specific items, but we felt that if every family in the school could send in just one extra item a week from a weekly shop, then that would mean we could collect approximately 60 items each week for the food bank. We know that this would make a real difference to the lives of people in our Forest of Dean community.

I commend these charities to you as the children and I believe that in supporting them, we are helping to fulfil our school vision that 'all may flourish as unique children of God.' This extends beyond the boundaries of our school.

Thank you and have a great week.
Mr C.

FWS

The Friends of Westbury School are looking for your help as they prepare our annual craft fair at Westbury Village Hall on November 30th. If you could be available to help – a maximum of 2 hours is all that would be needed, they would love to hear from you. Also, any donations for raffle prizes would be gratefully received!

If you would like to get involved in Friends, or would like to know how you can help out as a committee member, please do contact the school office and we can put you in touch with the current committee.

With grateful thanks.

BOOK PEOPLE BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those who supported the book fair at the end of term. There were certainly many bargains available! As a result of your generosity, we were able to raise £127.00 for the school. We will use that money to purchase new books for the children and developing our library.

ALDI SPORTS STICKERS

If you shop at an Aldi store, you will be aware of the stickers for schools that are currently being distributed. Please do send them into school with your children so we can add them to our poster in the school hall. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

PANTOMIME VISIT TO THE EVERYMAN THEATRE

Once again, we have booked our annual visit to the pantomime at The Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham. This year we aim to take the whole school to see Cinderella. The visit will take place on Tuesday January 7th. We are sure that the children will enjoy this visit, which is always a wonderful time for the whole school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I want to thank everyone for the effort that has been put into making sure children arrive at school wearing the correct school uniform. However, we are still having big issues with clothing that is not named. This is causing some difficulties, especially with our younger children, during PE times and when getting changed for after-school clubs. Some children are going home with the wrong clothing! I would be very grateful if you could PLEASE check that your child comes home wearing their own clothes. We have a small child who has lost a complete PE kit because it may have been taken home by a different child! I would really appreciate it if you could make sure that every item of school uniform and coats are named - even down to sock! Thank you for your help with this.

CLASS NEWS

We've had a busy start to the new term in Class 1!

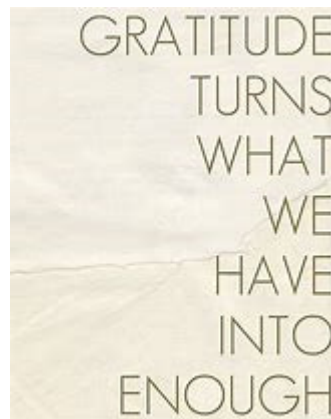
In numeracy we have been adding and subtracting and using numicon and counters to help us. In literacy we have been reading the book 'Hairy Maclary' and writing character descriptions with rhyming words for different dogs. We have also been doing lots of rhyming games. We've started our new theme Amazing Animals and drawn pictures of our favourite animal. We've also learnt about Bonfire safety and made firework pictures.



Class 2 have been doing writing based on a story, 'The Way Back Home' which is about a boy going to space and meeting an alien.

In History we have started to learn about Florence Nightingale.

This week Class 3 have shared their gratitude journals from over half term. We've really enjoyed taking the time to be grateful for all of the small things we can sometimes overlook.



As well as working hard in assessment week, we will be starting our new topic in RE 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' and in science we will be looking at how we can preserve food.



TERM DATES

HERE IS A LIST OF SOME KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM FOR YOUR DIARY:

20.11.19	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
27.11.19	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
13.12.19	Theme celebration 9.15
20.12.19	Experience Christmas
20.12.19	Christingle service in Church 2pm
20.12.19	End of Term 2

COATS

Now that the weather is colder please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school.



PHOTOGRAPHS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO
ORDER YOUR CHILD'S
PHOTOGRAPH BY MONDAY
11th NOVEMBER, EITHER
ONLINE OR BY RETURNING
THE ORDER FORM TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE.

GOVERNORS 200 CLUB

October 2019 Winners:

1st Prize £20:	Sue Hughes—No 25
2nd Prize £10:	Carolyn Young—No 98
3rd Prize £5:	Nathan Kift—No 107
4th Prize £5:	David D'Ambrogio—No 14

Jackpot £40: Unsold—No 103

IMPORTANT