

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

4th November 2021



Westbury-on-Severn
CE Primary School

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I hope this letter finds you well.

I really hope you all had a lovely break, but my sympathies are certainly with those of you that were poorly over the holiday. I am glad to say that I am now COVID-free, however, it has left me rather worse for wears, and so I won't be able to return to school until next Monday. However, I am certainly thankful for the vaccination programme, as I could have been a lot worse. I encourage you all to take up the offer of vaccinations that are out there at the moment; flu and COVID.

It has certainly been a week of newsletters, so apologies for what might seem like a daily diet of information, but we have had a lot to share since the start of Term 2.

I want to reiterate once again though that the restrictions I mentioned in the newsletter yesterday are for a limited time only and are designed to help reduce the potential for any significant outbreak of COVID in our school setting. I am so grateful for the way so many of you have responded when your children are ill and not sending them into school until you have tested to check they are COVID negative. Whilst I completely understand that no-one can second guess who has COVID or not, as there are so many cases of people being asymptomatic, regular testing and caution has helped to keep cases very low in our school.

As we now move into colder and wetter weather, I would just like to remind you to please send your child to school with a named coat.

Wishing you a wonderful rest of your week and weekend.
Mr C.

OUR TEAM IS
REPRESENTING THE
FOREST OF DEAN.

WELL DONE

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Our thanks go to the parents who took their children to represent our school at a recent inter-school football tournament. We are very pleased to announce that the team will now represent the Forest of Dean in the County finals. This is a huge achievement as this is not an easy tournament to win. Miss Wills and I are so proud of the children who took part and look forward to seeing them in the County finals.



ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child is due to start primary school on 1st September 2022, then you should shortly receive paperwork from the Schools Co-ordinated Admissions Team.

If you do not receive this by 1st December, then contact them directly on 01452 425407 or by emailing school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to place their photo order online. The service is completely secure and password protected as you would expect. Prices are the same as if you placed an order through school and you will not be charged any postage if you order before the cut off date of **Monday 8th November**. Late orders after this date are still possible but may be subject to a postage charge to your home address. Details of the website are on the order form; however, we are still happy for you to send your order into the school office with your child/children as in previous years if you wish to.

Please place orders online or send them into the school office by Monday 8th November.

PLEASE RETURN BY
MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER



TEAMS4U SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021

We have now received the shoeboxes in school for the Teams4U shoebox appeal which we support each year. We will be sending a shoebox home tomorrow with a member of your family. This will contain the information leaflet and instructions for filling the boxes if you are able to.

Christmas will undoubtedly be very different this year again for so many of us and even more so for those children living in the worst poverty. With your help, we can bring some joy into their lives. If you are able to help again this year, the shoeboxes will need to be back in school on Thursday 11th November. We are hoping that each family might be able to create one shoe box, but there is no pressure to do so. Thank you again for your support with this worthwhile project.

POPPY APPEAL

Once again, we will be supporting the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. We will be selling poppies next week to anyone who would like them for a donation – we suggest 50p as a minimum per poppy. If you would like to support this charity and our annual work with them, please send your child into school with the money they will need to purchase one. We will be holding our annual service of remembrance on 11th November in school for the children. Thank you for your support.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

I am very grateful for those of you that have already completed your questionnaire. It is so extremely helpful for us as we continue to plan our next steps and school improvement. Its always good to know where we are doing things right as well as what needs to improve! It will also be incredibly helpful as the school plans for the future after Christmas. Please return your questionnaires by Monday 8th November so we can collate your responses. Thank you for helping us with this.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Westbury Church will be holding their second Christmas tree Festival on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December 10am – 4pm. If you would like to sponsor a tree for your organisation or as an individual, please contact Mrs Frances Down on 01452 760270. If you would like to take part, then please would you:

- Provide your own tree, stand, lights (battery operated only please) & decorations.
- You may also wish to display literature, advertising for your club/ business.
- Advertising available in the programme.

All decorated trees & literature to be in the church and ready for viewing from 7pm on Friday 3rd and removed at 4pm on Sunday 5th December. A Special Private Viewing Evening for all exhibitors & advertisers will take place on FRIDAY 3rd from 7.30pm - 9pm.

