

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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

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Welcome back to term 2! I hope you all had a super break and were able to have some good family time.

The term has started well, with a non-school uniform day last Monday in support of the Teams4U shoebox appeal. I am so very grateful to everyone who has supported this with all the items for the shoeboxes. We will be creating these tomorrow - Friday - as a school and sending them off in the afternoon. If you have any completed boxes that you have done as a family and would like to send them in, then Elaine will be in the entrance hall all day to receive them. Our school is acting as a drop-off point, so that members of the community can bring their shoeboxes to Elaine for sending off.

We are now experiencing the dramatic changes in climate and temperatures. Consequently, this is the season which can bring many unpleasant bugs into school. As such I should like to remind you of our policy regarding illness. If your child is sick, then they should **NOT** be in school for 24hrs. If this is followed by diarrhoea, then your child should **NOT** be in school for 48hrs. This is extremely important to stop the spread of illness. You must inform the school each day if your child is not attending.

However, I also would like to remind you that common colds and coughs are not good reasons for children to be off school. Runny noses are not pleasant, but are manageable if your child comes in with tissues.

Let's hope we have a good term with as few illnesses as possible. Thank you for your support with this as always.

Mr C

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be visiting school next Monday morning, 5th

November, to take individual and family group photos.

Please ensure that your child is properly attired, in full school uniform, ready for their photo to be taken.

**LAST CALL FOR
CHRISTMAS CARD
ORDERS—SEND
ANY OUTSTANDING
ORDERS INTO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE BY
MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

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Disco POSTPONED

The decision has been taken to postpone the school disco, which was planned for tomorrow evening Friday 2nd November. This is due to the high number of children who have succumbed to a nasty sickness bug this week. It is hoped that this action, coupled with parental vigilance in keeping their ill children at home, will help to stop the spread of this bug amongst the children further. Sorry if this is disappointing, but we would rather the children be in next week fit and well.

TERM DATES

The Governing Body has approved the term dates for the academic year 2019-2020. These are on the school website, so please refer to these if you are planning your family holidays.

NATIVITY DATES

The class 1&2 Nativity will take place this year on **Wednesday 12th**

December. There will be two performances, one at 2pm and the other at 6pm. We would like all children to attend the evening performance. This is always a lovely performance and we know how hard the children will be practising next term.

ADMISSIONS TO INFANT/ PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is a reminder that paperwork for admission to primary school is in the process of coming out to parents of children who are due to start school in September 2019. If that applies to you, then you will shortly receive the paperwork for this. If you do not receive the paperwork, by December, then please contact Co-ordinated Admissions directly on 01452 425407.



Please find attached the values home/school sheet for this term, which is based around the Christian value of trust. We hope that you will enjoy working through this sheet with your child at home, reinforcing the school's value this term.

CLASS NEWS

Class 1 has had a fun first week back! In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. We are enjoying learning in our new theme, Food Glorious Food. We have focussed on the book Oliver's Fruit Salad, Year 1's have written character descriptions and reception children have been matching initial sounds to fruit. We also made our own fruit salad, we carefully chopped up the fruit, mixed it together and all had a try, most of us thought it was delicious! Y1's then wrote instructions on how to make a fruit salad.



In Class 2 this week we have been investigating where some of our food comes from and finding different countries on a world map. We have been using



blank numberlines to add and subtract two digit numbers, and practising using practical methods to help us. We have been using commas in lists and using commands and questions in our writing.

This week we have been very busy in Class 3. We have learnt all the names of the planets and some other space-related things in French. We have learnt about the different phases of the moon and have written raps about them. In workshop, we designed a moon buggy and also did some art and computing. We will do PE tomorrow and finish the week on a high!



Here is a list of the key dates for autumn term 2:

HAVE YOU BOOKED
YOUR APPOINTMENT
FOR PARENTS'
EVENING?

5.11.18	Individual & family photos
21.11.18	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
28.11.18	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
12.12.18	Class 1&2 Nativity 2pm and 6pm in the School Hall
14.12.18	Theme celebration 9.15 in the school hall
21.12.18	Experience Christmas in the Church
21.12.18	Christingle service in Church 2pm
21.12.18	End of Term



ARTSPACE NEWS

Mrs Suzanne Webb, our Family Support Worker, has secured funding to enable some eligible parents to take part in a felting course through ArtSpace. This will take place on Fridays, 9am to 10.30am, at the Chapel School Rooms in Littledean. It will run for 8 weeks, with a half term break. The cost to parents is FREE for eligible learners. To be eligible, you could be either: unemployed, or have less than 5 GCSE's, or earn less than £330 a month. Please contact Suzanne to book a place on 01594 822171



YOUTH PROJECT

Westbury on Severn Youth Project will be hosting their performance evenings in November on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th at Westbury on Severn Parish Hall. We would like to invite families and children to come along for a fun night of song, dance and sketches, all performed by children from the local area. Tickets include a 2 course evening meal. Ticket forms can be picked up from Mrs Cox at the school office or email our school governor on g.riley@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk. Our theme this year is 'The End of the World as We Know It' - so be prepared for some crazy sketches about zombies and aliens! We have a lovely evening, with a raffle, and the bar will be open - please do come along and join us if you want to find out about Youth Project for your children. Tickets are £8.50 adults and £5 children

NASAL FLU VACCINE

This year, the nasal flu vaccination programme will be offered to all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 on 14th November. The purpose of this vaccination is to protect against the illness and the potential serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. It also helps to stop the spread of the illness amongst children, families and wider community. The vaccination will be delivered by a healthcare team. You will have already received an information leaflet and a letter requesting online consent. If you wish to opt out, you must do this online. If you can't do this online, you can see Mrs Cox for a paper consent form.

ACTION REQUIRED

MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS: SANTA'S GROTTO AND DONKEY WALK

'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. Booking forms will follow shortly, but please email fwschool@hotmail.co.uk in the meantime to register your interest and your preferred time slot. Please see attached flyer for more information.

