

# WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Westbury-on-Severn  
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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope that this letter finds you all safe and well. Everyone is at school at the moment!

Despite these strange times, the pace at school has been extremely fast, and I can't believe we have less than two weeks until the 'official' end of term!

With that in mind, I wanted to update you on a few things before time completely runs out!

## End of Term Arrangements:

With Governors permission, the school will finish the summer term on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July for all but Critical Worker's children. They will finish on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July as previously advertised. This is so that we can complete all the final cleaning duties and reorganisation before staff meet together on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July for our final INSET day. During this INSET, staff will be planning for the full opening of school in September. Please bear in mind, that guidance is still coming out, so I will be in touch during the summer holiday with any updates to September, if they are required.

## Reorganisation of internal classrooms:

As you know, from September we will be welcoming new preschool children to Westbury. We are very excited about this and places continue to fill up! However, as a result, we will be reorganising classrooms and having some building work completed over the summer break. Therefore, in September – all being well, the classrooms will be structured as follows:

- Class 1 will be located in the existing Class 2 room, with an extended annexe to aid free-flow to the outside area.
- Class 2 will be located in the existing Class 3 room.
- Class 3 will be located in the existing Class 1 room, with access to the annexe at the side.
- The learning zone at the bottom of the school will be part of our new Pastoral Suite of rooms, where we will be able to provide more support for emotional and mental well-being, as well as family learning.

This relocation will mean that from September, all children will have more room for their learning and dedicated space for times of reflection and for supporting mental well-being.

## Drama:

Despite the current crisis, Mrs Roseblade-Bargh, Mrs McCartney and Y6 children have still managed to produce a school production! 'The Wind in the Willows' has been produced as a live-action play, using the surrounding school and village as 'real-life' backdrops for their performance (This has ensured social distancing etc!)



I think this is a real achievement and has added something special to this very difficult and sad time. It is a shame that the whole drama group could not be fully involved, but they will have another opportunity next year.

So, how will we share this production, as we cannot meet together? Well, we are going to bring the production to you using our Zoom Platform on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm**. You will be sent a separate link to join the meeting and we will be able to bring the production to you via a shared screen facility. So get the popcorn ready and your drinks!

'But how much are the tickets?' I hear you ask! Well, we are not charging for tickets this year. However, the school production is one of the biggest fund-raising events that 'Friends' organise each year, and can raise significant money to support building work etc. in school. So, whilst we are not charging for tickets, we would very much welcome any donations you would like to make to the school for watching the production. Money can be sent into school still and left with Mrs Cox at the office hatch, or sent in with any children already attending school, or you could post a cheque. We are very excited about sharing this with you all and it is a lovely celebration to end the time that Y6 children have with us.

### **Returning to School before the end of term:**

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July:**

I would like to invite the children in Y2 and Y3, who have not been able to come to school, to come in for the morning of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 9am to 1pm. Children in Y4&Y5 are invited to attend school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 9am to 1pm.

During this time, they will be together as a separate group in the hall with myself and hopefully Mrs Noad. This invitation is not obligatory, but I would encourage you to allow your child to attend. Whilst half a day in school in no way makes up for months lost, it will be a good opportunity for the children to be together physically and see each other. We will be able to discuss how lockdown has been, do some activities, plan together for September and finish with a picnic lunch on the field, if the weather permits. If your child has worries about coming back in September, this will be a good way of breaking in gently before then.

Please just note the following however,

- Children should bring a packed lunch and a water bottle only.
- Children should not bring bags, rucksacks or PE kit.
- School uniform is encouraged, but not essential if it is too small. **DO NOT GO AND BUY NEW UNIFORM BEFORE SEPTEMBER!**
- Children will be dropped off and collected from the bottom of the lane. **Please be aware of parking.**

### **Year 6 Leavers' e-Service:**

Each Year we take the Year 6 children to Gloucester Cathedral for a special service led by the Bishop and Education Department of the Diocese of Gloucester. Obviously, this year this cannot take place. However, the Diocese have put together a special 'virtual' service that can be shown in school. We thought that this would be good to show to you as families, especially as traditionally the service is closed to parents.

We are therefore, going to have a special Leavers' Service in School on the afternoon of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm. This will be conducted via a Zoom link, so you can watch the service from home. Year 6 children will stay in school on this day so that they are together when we have the service. Parents will watch from home, before picking the children up later after they have had a meal together. I will send more details to Year 6 parents when we have finalised this.

Whilst this may be particularly special for Y6 parents, as a school community, you are all welcome to join this Zoom to celebrate our Y6 children moving on to their secondary schools. Please do join us for this special service if you



are able to. During the service we will present the children with their Bibles, from the Church community and Hoodies from Friends.

In September, we anticipate being able to hold our annual celebration service in Westbury Church and to be able to give prizes as we have always done. However, at the moment we cannot do this due to restrictions. More details will come out about this in September.

### **Return to School in September:**

It is our intention, along with the Government's, to welcome all children back to school in September. The term dates have already been issued and we have no intention of deviating from these term dates unless something happens before September. Children will therefore start school on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We may need to have staggered start and finishing times, but this will be detailed to you during the summer break.

Please bear in mind that currently, there is still parental choice about sending your child to school. However, from September, the Government is clear that this will no longer be optional. Therefore, unless a child is ill, they must be in school full-time from 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We will have all safeguards and risk assessments in place that we need to have.

Thank you again for all you have been doing to support the school during this time of lockdown and uncertainty. I value each and every one of you and what you have been doing at home. Please have a lovely few weeks.

With warmest wishes,



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Headteacher