WESTBURY WHISPERS

Westbury-on-Severn CE Primary School

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

27th February 2010

I do hope that you are all well.

It has certainly been a difficult time for our communities recently. My heart goes out to anyone who has been affected by the devastating floods that have hit our county, and the impact that that will have for time to come. Whether our view is that these floods are directly linked to climate change or not, I think it is obvious that something is shifting and we need to reflect and take action.

As a school, our eco-warriors are continuing to take action against such global issues and are making a difference to our own school practice. They will soon be engaged in a clean-up operation on land adjacent to the River Severn, in order to undertake a litter pick. They will be using what they find to create a challenging display.

I am very proud of our children and what they do for us. Our own attitudes can often change when we see things from their eyes. This is just another example of our school's Christian vision in action: '*Through our core Christian values of respect, Friendship, Perseverance and Forgiveness, our Westbury family is one body, shaping the spirit, achieving together and learning for LIFE, so that all may flourish as unique children of God.*' If you have been affected by the floods and need to talk, please do come and see me. Mr C.

FOODBANK

Please see the following message from the Worship Team about the Foodbank.

Thank you for all of your support for our foodbank, we have lots of food. But, the foodbank contacted us and have said they are running short on these following items (especially sugar and canned potatoes):

- Fruit Juice
- Canned potatoes
- Instant mash
- Sponge puddings
- Sugar

We would really appreciate it if you could donate any of these items.

Thank you, The Worship Team

VALUES FOR LIFE

Please find attached to this newsletter the values for life sheets for this term's theme, which is 'Forgiveness'. This value is one of our core Christian values and one, which most of us would consider the most important. We are enjoying exploring this value and what it means, especially as we reflect on the Easter story and how the life of Jesus links in to forgiveness. If any child would like to come and show the learning they are doing at home from the Values for Life sheets, then please do encourage them to send in their work. We would be really pleased to see how you are using the sheets as you explore the values with us at home.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS



Class 1 have had a busy first week back! We are all very excited to start learning about Superheroes. We

have looked at Superhero logos and designed our own logo!

In literacy we have been reading the Supertato stories, Reception children have written captions for some of Evil Peas deeds. Y1's have retold the story of Supertato and have written letters to Evil Pea asking his to stop being evil, I wonder if he'll reply?

In maths Y1's have finished their unit of work on addition and subtraction to sixteen, Reception have been making number lines using numicon and magnetic letters.

The Life Education tent



CLASS NEWS

Class 2 have been working hard in maths. Y2's have been doing subtraction and Y3's have been looking at the three and four times tables.

We enjoyed Active R.E. on Tuesday and are looking forward to it again next week. We really enjoyed making pancakes in Forest School.

Don't forget to keep on sharing stories for our World Book Day Challenge.

In Class 3 we have had 'Showing Off Week' which means we have had a test week. We have all tried

our best and hope it has paid off. We had a netball tournament today and are very proud of the team. The Life Education tent is at school today and it was great fun and we learnt a lot of new things. In science we have looked at the water cycle.



By Daisy & Jasmine

ECO-WARRIORS REQUEST We are recycling crisp packets so can you please donate any empty packets you may have.

Thank you

TERM DATES

Here is a list of some key dates for autumn terms for your diary:

20.03.20	Mother's Day Service at School 9.15
18.03.20	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
25.03.20	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
26.03.20	Theme Celebration 9.15-10.30
27.03.20	Easter Service at the Church 2pm
30.03.20	Y5&6 Residential
03.04.20	End of Term

GOVERNOR UPDATE

For your information, below is a table of the responsibilities that our individual Governors have in school. I am extremely grateful to them for all their hard work and contributions that they make to the life of the school, often unnoticed and unseen. As many of them work during school hours, their contributions can often go unrecognised, but I am always grateful for their support in helping us lead the school together.

We still have a vacancy for another Parent Governor, so if you would like to consider this role, please do make an appointment to come and talk to me.

Subject Area	Linked Subject Governor
Finance	Colin Poole (Foundation Governor for Westbury PCC)
Data	Steve Harris (Foundation Governor for Flaxley PCC)
Safeguarding	Frances Down (Foundation Governor for Blaisdon PCC)
Maths	Paul Hughes (Parent Governor)
ICT	Iain Sutherst (Chair and Local Authority Appointed Governor)
Literacy	Jo Trigg (Foundation Governor for Westbury PCC)
Science	Katherine Wills (Staff Governor)
PE	Steve Harris (Foundation Governor for Flaxley PCC)
RE	Rev. Steve Taylor (Vice-Chair and Ex-Officio Governor))
EYFS	Jo Trigg (Foundation Governor for Westbury PCC)
SEND	Jo Trigg (Foundation Governor for Westbury PCC)
Pupil Premium	Jo Trigg (Foundation Governor for Westbury PCC)
Christian Distinctiveness	Colin Poole (Foundation Governor for Westbury PCC)

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your child should not continue to attend school or their pre-school setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may have travelled to, or returned from some higher risk countries, however, the government have issued specific guidance if this is the case.

As Head Teacher, I have a duty of care to all and am in daily contact with the authorities for guidance and updates, so that we can continue to operate as a school and manage, as far as is humanly possible, any potential cases that many arise in our school. Currently, there are no concerns and we do not have anyone presenting symptoms associated with Coronavirus.

However, please refer to the link below, which should take you to the government website, where updates are posted.

www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public