

WESTBURY WHISPERS

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**Westbury-on-Severn
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Well here we are again, at the end of another eventful school year. I can't really believe it has come around so quickly! We certainly have had a good deal of sunshine though, but let's hope it lasts through the holiday. I am looking forward to Wednesday evening, where we celebrate the achievements of the children and say goodbye to the Year 6 children. Please do come along. It is not a 'Year 6 Leavers' service' but a whole school celebration, so it is for **all** families and children not just Year 6. We will be having a BBQ and refreshments back at school afterwards. It will be wonderful to see you all there. The celebration service starts at Westbury Church at 6.30pm and will last approximately an hour, before we gather back at school. I look forward to seeing you as we share together.

Mr C

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

We will be holding our next monthly prayer meeting on Monday 10th September at 3.30pm in the school. These meetings take place on the first Monday of each month - as far as the calendar allows. We welcome everyone who would like to come along to pray for the life of the school. This will be the first prayer meeting of the new academic year.



FRIENDS OF WESTBURY SCHOOL

I would like to express my sincere thanks again for all the hard work that the 'Friends' committee have put into organising all the events this year. We have been so wonderfully blessed to have such a dedicated group of people who work tirelessly to raise money for the children of our school. Thank you too, for all the support that you as parents give to each of the events. The success of the fund-raising this year would not be possible without your support at the events organised.

MRS MARSHALL

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Marshall as part of our annual Celebration Evening at Westbury Church on Wednesday 18th July. We do hope you are able to attend this event, so you can say your goodbyes in person. The event starts at 6.30pm at Westbury Church.



FLAXLEY CHURCH MUSIC FESTIVAL

I was delighted to have a small group of children attend the music festival on Saturday. The seven children who attended represented the school so well, as they sang songs from 'Oliver!' I was very proud of all of them. Thank you parents for taking time to bring your children to support this event.

CLUBS

Our new autumn term clubs will start back week beginning 17th September. A list of clubs will come home in September for the children to sign up to.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are an entitlement to any child whose family is in receipt of certain state benefits. Information on eligibility can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

I would like to encourage any parents who may be entitled to their child receiving benefits-linked free school meals (FSM), to please take advantage of this offer. Not only will this mean that an added financial pressure is lifted, but you will also be helping the school to provide additional educational provision for your child through the Pupil Premium. Pupil Premium is a specific allocation of funds that a school receives for each child entitled to benefits-linked free school meals. Currently this is £1,320 per eligible pupil, which can be used by the school to provide additional support for

PARENTPAY BALANCES FOR Y6 CHILDREN

If a Year 6 child has a credit balance on their account at the end of the term this will be transferred, if possible, to a sibling if they are in Y3 upward. Children who do not have a sibling or who's sibling is in KS1 will receive a refund. Mrs Cox will be in touch with parents who are due a refund.



CLASS NEWS

We had a lovely week. Y1's planned and wrote their own version of a pirate story.

Reception worked together to write their own pirate story. We had our last Welly Wednesday session of the term and enjoyed an ice-cream! May we wish everyone a very restful summer holiday.



In Literacy Class 2 have been continuing our Roman research, creating a heading asking about an aspect of roman life and then answering it. In numeracy we have been calculating change from amounts—£1.00, £2.00, £5.00 and £10.00. We practiced for our Theme Celebration and are learning about our bodies and ourselves in more detail. This week we will be learning about how fossils are formed.



ISingPop came into school last week and Class 3 did a workshop with them which was called Masterpiece and was great fun. We learnt to love ourselves. We made some bunting for the 100 year anniversary of World War 1. In Massive Maths, we are making pie charts, line graphs and bar charts to show information about the people in our class. We took part in the Theme Celebration on Friday and also celebrated the Year 6 children leaving our school.



END OF TERM

A reminder that we finish term on Thursday 19th July at 3pm as usual. Children return to school on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

