

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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

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I would like to thank you all for your contributions and support at last week's Harvest Celebration at Westbury Church. The service was wonderfully led by the children and their contributions were very much appreciated. It certainly demonstrated our value of generosity, which is in focus this term during worship times. We were very grateful for the gifts that were brought to the Harvest display, which are now on their way to The Lord's Larder, for distribution to those in need.

I would also like to thank you for attending the series of parent information sessions, which have been run by the teachers. It was so good to see lots of families represented and we very much hope that you found them useful and supportive as you help your children at home. It is our intention to run some more workshop-style information sessions this year on a range of subjects. We hope you will be able to join us at these as we deliver them. We will let you know when they are happening.

I hope you have a super week.

Mr C.

ARE YOU ABLE TO
HELP?

FRIENDS

The Friends of Westbury School are looking for your help as they prepare our annual craft fair at Westbury Village Hall on November 30th. If you could be available to help, a maximum of 2 hours is all that would be needed, they would love to hear from you. Also, any donations for raffle prizes would be gratefully received!

If you would like to get involved in Friends, or would like to know how you can help out as a committee member, please do contact the school office and we can put you in touch with the current committee.

With grateful thanks.

NUTS IN SCHOOL

We would very much appreciate your help in the following matter. We have always tried to discourage raw nuts from being brought into school. This is because of the potential hazard that they might cause to those children who may have an allergy towards them. However, we need to extend this request to **raw nuts, hazelnuts and Nutella (or alternative make) Chocolate spread sandwiches**. Nutella contains hazelnuts, which can be harmful to some children. We would ask that you do not send your child into school with this as a sandwich filler. In addition, chocolate bars or bars containing nuts should also not be brought into school. Thank you very much for your help with this. It will help to keep our children safe as they lunch together.

Thank you to all those who have supported the book fair over the years. On 15th October, the Book People Book Fair will be arriving at our school. It would be a great opportunity for you to purchase some Christmas presents, or to stock up on some great books for your home libraries. Prices for books are always extremely good value, so please do come along and have a look at the fair, which will be in the school hall. Thank you for your support.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

We are at that time of yet again, when the local secondary schools will be inviting pupils to look around their schools. We are always happy to accommodate this but ask that you let us know before taking your child to either a morning or afternoon session. This enables us to record your child's absence correctly in our register and ensures that it does not count against them in their attendance record.

NASAL FLU VACCINE

This year, the nasal flu vaccination programme has been offered to all children in school. 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 is a quick and simple spray up the nose which will be delivered by a healthcare team on Friday 25th October. Please complete and return the consent/decline form to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Aldi Sports Stickers

If you shop at an Aldi store, you will be aware of the stickers for schools that are currently being distributed. Please do send them into school with your children so we can add them to our posters in the school hall.

Thank you for supporting this initiative.

SCHOOL VISION

I am delighted to share our new school vision with you. As you will be aware, at the end of last year we asked for your comments and additions on the proposed vision, so that it was shaped and owned by the whole-school community. The children played a very important role in creating it and shaping the core Christian values. Underpinned by scripture and theology, our school vision is the heartbeat of the school and the starting point for all our decision making. It has been shared with the children, who have already been working in class on several activities to understand what it is and how it applied to our life together as a Westbury family. We commend it to you.

OUR VISION:

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.

PANTOMIME VISIT TO THE EVERYMAN THEATRE

Once again, we have booked our annual visit to the pantomime at The Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham. This year we are taking all the children to see Cinderella. The visit will take place on Tuesday January 7th. Please complete and return the reply slip to the school office as soon as possible. We are sure that the children will enjoy this visit, which is always a wonderful time for the whole school.



Term Dates:

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

15.10.19 - 21.10.19	Book Fair
25.10.19	Flu Vaccinations
25.10.19	End of Term 1
04.11.19	Start of term 2 for Children
20.11.19	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
27.11.19	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
30.11.19	Craft Fair
13.12.19	Theme celebration 9.15
20.12.19	Experience Christmas
20.12.19	Christingle service in Church 2pm
20.12.19	End of Term 2



HAPPY CONKERING