

WESTBURY WHISPERS

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

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It has been a wonderful week again despite the fluctuation in the weather! Last week we welcomed Mrs McFarlane to our school family. Many of you will know that Mrs McFarlane taught the Year 1 children violins last year. However, we are so pleased that she has taken over from Mrs Kay in teaching violins to our Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children now. She will also be teaching the peripatetic violin lessons to those who want to have individual lessons. Mrs McFarlane also teaches flute – which is not being taught at the moment because of the concerns associated with COVID-19. However, if anyone would like to receive individual violin lessons, then do get in touch for more details.

Once again I would like to thank you for the support that you are all showing with regards to drop-off and pick-ups. It seems to be working well at the moment, even in the rainy weather!! However, I have noticed that some children are not bringing a coat to school. Please could you make sure that your child has a coat, even if it is just in your child's bag as some mornings we have sunshine and then by end of day it is raining!

We hope that you have a lovely week
Mr C.

WE WOULD LOVE
YOU TO JOIN US

TOYS FROM HOME

It is wonderful to see the children coming into school each morning and how eager they are to come up the lane with great big smiles. We have noticed however, that when in school they have sometimes brought in toys from home. We know how much some of these toys can be comforting to the children, but we would ask that they stay at home at this time, as we are trying to limit items coming in from home that can potentially transfer germs. Not only that, but things can get lost and we wouldn't want that to happen. Thank you for your help with this.

FAMILY WORSHIP

We enjoy sharing worship times with you as part of our family worship times. However, due to important changes to the school timetable and in keeping to class bubbles, we will be moving our family worship times to 2.15pm on a Monday afternoon. We will send home a Family Worship Zoom link to you each week. Please do join us if you are able.

LUNCHTIME

At the moment we are staggering lunch times so that the dining hall can be disinfected between groups. It has been interesting however, to see how difficult some children are finding using a knife and a fork, or indeed sitting still whilst eating! If this relates to your own child, it would help us a great deal if you would help to teach them how to cut up their food and sit whilst eating. Obviously we are supporting this in the dining hall but with limited time it would be super if you could either spend some time teaching this skill to your child or consider packed lunches until they can do it.



CLASS NEWS

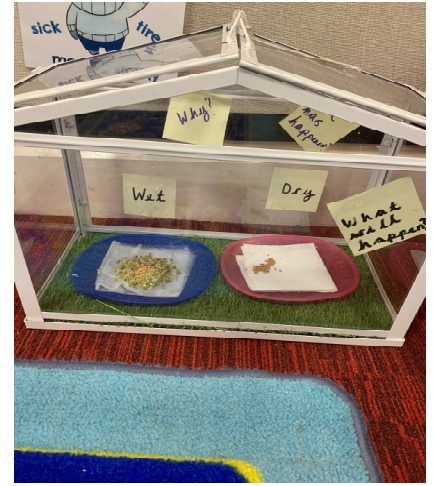
The Swallowtails and Elvers have had a fun week. On Monday Elvers went and had an explore in our Forest school area before they start their Muddy Monday session next week. We have had an experiment in our classroom this week, we have been investigating what happens to cress seeds when they are on wet and dry paper and talking about our observations. We have been thinking about our families and writing about them. In maths we have been focussing on number, counting forwards and backwards, using words and numerals.



In Literacy, Woodpeckers have been retelling the Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle. They wrote questions on Mrs Tiggy-Winkle's washing and they are now hanging up on a washing line in our classroom!

In Science, we have been researching habitats and recording it.

In DT, we wrote instructions for our felt vegetables.



CONSENT FORM

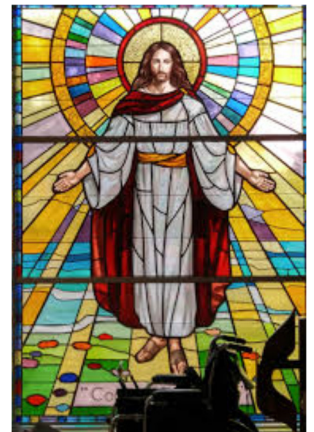
At the beginning of the school year, we asked that you send back a consent form regarding school trips. If you have sent this back, then thank you. If however, you have yet to return it, then please do so. If you have lost your form, then another one is attached to this newsletter.

Many thanks.

In Literacy Horse Chestnuts have been applying our learnt skills to create our own opening to 'How to Train Your Dragon'.

We became royal advisors, in history, and explored some of the problems faced by Elizabeth the first during her reign.

In RE we created stained glass windows to show some of the main Christian ideas about God.



MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS

The Great Book Off

Hello children of Westbury-on-Severn C of E School. I would really like you to take part in helping Friends of Westbury (FOW) find books to sell to other children at your school, as reading is important. I would like to ask everyone to have a look at home and see if there are any books you have either read many times or no longer want. If you do, please bring them into school where I will have a box to keep the books ready for our book sale. After we have quarantined the books, we will sell them in school at the end of the day on Thursday 29th October. Each child will have 10 minutes to look at books and purchase them at a small cost.



There will be a BOOK BOX in reception.

Thank you very much Mrs Hayward