

# WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the sunshine at last! It hardly seems possible that we are once again at the end of the spring term, with summer just round the corner. We have certainly been enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather this past week in school, and it has been super to get out onto the field again. Let's hope it continues!

As we draw into our Easter break, I am once again drawn to the Easter message of hope and promise. As a country we are all looking forward to changing times, when we can once again be closer to the people we care about. With the ever advancing vaccination roll-out, we are seeing signs of hope and better tomorrows. The story of Easter reminds us that in order to get to the light and better times, we must sometimes walk through the darkness. For so many of us, this seems to have been the pattern of this last year, but I hope and pray that the light will start to shine again for us all soon.

I pray you all have a wonderful, healthy and very happy Easter,

Best wishes,

Mr C

I would like to make you aware of the arrangements for informing us of any positive COVID-19 cases over the holiday:

- Where a pupil or staff member **tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours since being in school, (up until 3.30pm on Saturday 3rd April) the school should be contacted via email at: [admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk)** This email will be checked daily, until 4pm on Saturday 3rd April.
- Where a pupil or staff member **tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (after 3.30pm on Saturday 3rd April), the school should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If we are informed that a pupil or staff member has developed symptoms and tested positive for coronavirus within 48 hours after teaching ends we will send an email notification to inform the relevant bubbles of their need to self-isolate.



I am hoping for all our school and staff families that we can enjoy a healthy restful Easter break and avoid any of our families having to self-isolate over this period.

### **Hand-washing:**

We continue to encourage more frequent washing of hands during the school day and supply the children with safe hand-sanitizer. However, we are finding that an increasing number of children are bringing their own handwash and hand sanitisers into school. Please do not allow your children to do this as it is still very important that items are not brought in from home. We have a plentiful supply of both handwash and sanitisers for the children to be using so there is no need for them to bring in their own, unless of course, there is a verified medical reason explained by your GP. If this is the case, please let us know so we can accommodate this.

### **Drinking water:**

I want to thank you for the way you have supported our healthy drinking policy and ensuring that your child comes to school with a water bottle filled with water. I would like to remind you all that our policy in school is that the only fluid that children should be bringing into school is water. Flavoured water, or fizzy water is not acceptable in school. If your child finishes their water during the day – and this is encouraged by the teachers to ensure continuous hydration – then they can refill their water bottles from the drinking water taps in the classrooms. The only exception to this rule is at lunchtime, when your child may bring a separate carton of juice to drink, such as orange, apple or pineapple juice. Fizzy drinks are not acceptable at all in school as it is our policy to encourage healthy fluid intake. Whilst sugar-free squash might seem acceptable to flavour the water, it is not our policy and we ask that you support the school in this. We have many examples in school of children who have begun to drink more water through the reward systems and encouragement of both school and home. If children learn to drink water from a very young age, they will not get into an unhealthy habit when they are older. Please do talk to us if you need help with this.

### **Parking:**

Thank you all so much for the way in which you are supporting our start and end of day arrangements. The purpose of a 15-minute window is to allow us to stagger bringing the children to you and ensuring that the children still have the correct learning time in school each day. Unfortunately though, there have been some concerns regarding parking when waiting to collect children at the end of the day, especially in the bus-stop, which is causing frustration to the bus drivers who need to stop at this location. I know how difficult it is but ask that you continue to drive and park carefully and responsibly when collecting the children. There is some congestion at the end of the day when people wait in their car on the road. This does worry me as children are trying to pass vehicles on their way to meet their parents and other cars are trying to turn right. Again, thank you to everyone who is parking in parking spaces or walking to collect children from outside the water gardens and doing so in a socially distanced way.

### **Preschool:**

Please be aware that we are continuing to take names and allocate places to our preschool. If you would like to put your child's name down for joining our preschool, please contact Mrs Cox at the office as soon as you can. Please also make people you know aware of our provision. We have been delighted with the response to preschool and it has been wonderful to see the children blossom and flourish as they prepare for school in September. We admit children to preschool from their third birthday.

### **Red Nose Day 2021:**

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Comic Relief Red Nose Day Appeal. Together we raised £90.15 which will go to help support the many organisations through Comic Relief. It was great to see how many different ways the children wore their hair! We are still finding glitter!



## Garden Appeal:

If you find that you will be busy in your gardens this Easter break and have any unwanted plants, compost or shrubs, we would be very happy to take them from you so that we can continue to develop our 'Peace Garden' in school. This is an area that Mrs Noad and some of the children are working hard to create so that it complements our mental health work with the children. Any contributions will be gratefully received. Thanks you.

