

WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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

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Thank you all for giving up your time to come and share in our theme celebration last Friday. It was great to see so many of you in class enjoying the learning that the children have been engaged in. I was particularly surprised at how quickly the gingerbread men went in Class 2 (well maybe not!).

I was grateful for the opportunity to talk about our school vision with you all again. It is such an important part of who we are as a school family and your feedback was so helpful and positive.

As we approach Christmas again, it is a good time to remember the light that Christ brings to the world, and to be thankful for the many blessings we have in our lives. This time of year can often be a time of loneliness for many, but my prayer for us all is that we will be able to be a little Christ-like in our interactions and celebrations over this time and spare a thought for those who might be on their own this Christmas.

My thanks, as always, go to everyone who have been such a joy and support to our school over this very long term and who have supported the Worship Team in their ongoing collections for the Foodbank. I hope you all get some rest!

Mr C.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

A big thank you for your continued generosity with our fundraising efforts. This year we were able to raise £52.20 for the Christmas Jumper Day held on Friday 13th December. This money has been sent off and will help make a difference to children's lives, through 'Save the Children'



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents, families and people who attended our busy Christmas Craft Fair. We managed to raise a fantastic £1350.00 for the Friends of Westbury School charity.

Many thanks
Anita, Kerry and Pam

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

It was lovely to see people at the Christmas Tree Festival at Westbury Church. The whole event was wonderful and a real celebration of our amazing community. We were particularly delighted to be voted as having the best tree display. A big thank you to everyone who made this possible through the decoration activity you took part in at home.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We will be holding our annual Christingle Service on Friday 20th December at 2pm in Westbury Church. This is always a lovely reflective service, that celebrates Christ as the light of the world. We hope that you will be able to join us for this service, which brings our whole school community together. Following this, there will be an opportunity to explore the Christmas journey around the church.

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS

Each year the children from the Worship Team lead activities around Westbury Church, which encourages all pupils in school to reflect on the Christmas story and the journey that Joseph and Mary took to Bethlehem. The activities are left up at the church over the Christmas holiday so that you may also take part in them if you wish to. After the Christingle service on Friday 20th December, you may wish to take part in the Experience Christmas activities yourself. Please do talk to your children about it and maybe ask them to lead you through the journey.



CLASS NEWS



Thank you to everyone who came to our Nativity performances last week. Thanks to your generous donations we raised £149.00 for Unicef. In Class 1 this week we have enjoyed lots of Christmas

activities, we've made pom pom sprout decorations, Christmas cards, salt dough Father Christmas's and stained glass window biscuits. **Happy Christmas from everyone in Class 1.**

Class 2 have been enjoying the run up to Christmas. We have written letters to Father Christmas and we used our computing skills to type them up. We have also been finishing our robotic hands. Today we have had the Pantomime workshop and have been doing some Christmas crafty things. We are all looking forward to the Christmas lunch tomorrow.



Class 3 have had a lovely end to our term. In our family theme celebration we enjoyed sharing our learning with chocolate tasting, sorting materials and our published adventure stories. This week we will be making Christmas treats and finishing our massive learning.

Term Dates

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

20.12.19	Christingle service in Church 2pm
20.12.19	End of Term 2
06.01.20	INSET Day - No Children
07.01.20	Start of Term for Children
07.01.20	Panto Trip
13.01.20	Clubs begin
03.02.20	Cycling Proficiency Week
14.02.20	End of Term 3
24.02.20	Start of Term 4 for Children
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



SCHOOL LUNCHES

This is a note to let you know that Caterlink have reduced their price for school lunches from £2.34 to £2.32. This will take effect from January.

