

# WESTBURY WHISPERS



DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy fortnight since I last wrote to you and lots has happened in school. Yesterday we held a socially-distanced whole-school Remembrance Service on the playground. During this service we remembered those who have died fighting for peace and justice; prayed for those engaged in the pursuit of peace today and listened to 'The Last Post', which I played on my trumpet. It was a moving time, which incorporated two minutes of silence. I was very proud of the way all children – including the preschool children – were able to stay still, quiet and respectful during the silence.

As a school, we welcomed Mr Brown to our Woodpeckers Class. Mr Brown is a university student who is engaged in his teacher training. He will be with us until the 15<sup>th</sup> December. He has already had a positive impact on the children in the Woodpeckers Class and is being ably supported by Mrs Sim, Miss Wills and Mrs Henry. During Mr Brown's placement at our school, he will not be travelling to any other school setting or attending university for training. So please be reassured that there will be no 'bubble-bursting' whilst he is with us!

Our children are continuing to enjoy their violin lessons and it has been super to hear the improving sounds that the children are making each week. We will see if we can host some sort of virtual concert towards the end of the term if we can.

I hope you all have a wonderful week

Mr C.

## **CHILDREN IN NEED 2020**

We are very conscious that each year we like to do something to support the annual Children in Need campaign. However, this year, with the restrictions in what we are allowed to do, we will not be able to have any form of cake sale. Also, as the children come to school on a Friday in their PE kits or Forest school Kit, it would not be appropriate to come in 'non-school uniform'. So, we are asking that if you would like to contribute towards Children in Need, then your child could bring a donation of £1 or more. We will collect this in the class bubbles, total it up and send it off in the usual way. We are always so grateful for the generosity of our school community, especially when you have all been so generous already with the shoebox appeal.

## **The Great Book Off**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Great Book Off and helped to raise £120 for our school charity Friends of Westbury. I hope the children are enjoying their new books. The book sale was such a great success that we will be holding another one on Thursday 26th November where everything will be 1/2 price.

Many Thanks  
Anita Hayward  
Friends of Westbury

## MRS SIM

Unfortunately, due to the new Government restrictions during this period of national lockdown, Mrs Sim has received a letter from The Department of Health that she must remain at home until the lockdown has been lifted on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. I want to stress that Mrs Sim is in full health and is not self-isolating due to any potential virus. She is simply adhering to the instructions in her letter. As a result, Miss Wills will cover Woodpeckers Class for the whole week, until Mrs Sim returns. We are extremely grateful to Miss Wills for doing this so that we can continue with consistent learning in the class.

### ***Teams4U Shoebox appeal 2020***

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Teams4U shoebox appeal again this year. Despite having to do it differently this year, your generosity was once again overwhelming. This year we still managed an incredible 50 boxes, which have now been collected and will be on their way to giving children in Eastern Europe a happier Christmas than they might have had. Please watch out on Instagram for the picture of the certificate we received.

## MRS LYONS

We are very pleased to announce that after being with us on placement for two years training towards her teaching assistant qualification, Mrs Lyons has now qualified as a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. We are delighted for her and are thankful for all she has done in supporting the children in school as well as during lunchtimes.

## PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you for your reply slips for Parents' Evening. We will be sending home times for your meeting along with joining instructions for your Zoom appointment next week. This is going to be our first interactive online consultation process and we really hope that it will be successful. However, please do bear with us if we or you experience problems during these meetings. We are all still learning together about the best way forward so that you can still keep in touch screen-to-screen!

## **CLASS NEWS**

We have had a busy week. Elvers had a marvellous time at Muddy Monday, they made a den, built a fire and



made carrot soup! We have thought about Remembrance Day and printed poppies and all went outside for two minutes silence with Mr C and the rest of the school. We have been learning about shapes in Maths. For Literacy Year 1's have been writing sentences using the phase 3 sounds they know. In Welly Wednesday this week we did some science talking about the changing seasons and made leaf necklaces.

This week Woodpeckers enjoyed doing Geography using the laptops. We learnt new computing skills by

using Google Maps to find places in Gloucestershire. In Maths we have been finishing our topic on Geometry, looking at shapes and angles. In R.E. we have been thinking about what Christians believe about Jesus. We are looking forward to using the hand drills again in Forest School tomorrow.



In History Horse Chestnuts have learnt about the worst jobs, for example, Groom of the Stool, Leech Collector, Whipping Boys and a Body Snatcher. In Literacy we have been looking at similes and metaphors. In Science we made parachutes and attached them to a small potato to test air resistance.



By Daisy