WESTBURY WHISPERS

Westbury-on-Severn CE Primary School

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

I hope this letter finds you well.

This has indeed been a very busy week! Tuesday saw us involved in our SIAMS inspection. Whilst I am not allowed to say what the judgement was until the report is published later this term, I will say how proud I was of the whole school community for the way they conducted themselves during the process. You are a credit to our wonderful school and to each other. One highlight of the inspection was the way in which the Worship Team led our daily act of collective worship. They delivered this so well and with great maturity. Well done Team Westbury!

In other news, our Chair of the Governing Body, Mr Iain Sutherst, will be writing to you today to announce the appointment of your new Headteacher for the Summer term and beyond. Interim arrangements for the Spring term are being finalised and you will be informed before the end of term about these when they are completed.

I hope you all have a great weekend. God bless, Mr C.

Winter is Here!

A CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

2nd December 2021

Westbury Church will be holding their second Christmas Tree Festival this coming Saturday 4^{th} and Sunday 5^{th} December 10am - 4pm. We are pleased to say that our school will be represented with decorations created by the children themselves. The last festival was truly a wonderful event and I'm sure that it will be just as super this year. Please do come along and support this if you are able.

FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

This is a reminder that 'The Friends of Westbury School' Craft Fair will be taking place this Saturday 4th December at Westbury Village Hall. This will be a wonderful event as usual. However, please be advised that entry will be on strict condition that face coverings are worn by everyone unless medically exempt. Stalls and activities will be arranged to take account of social distancing. We want to thank all of you who have contributed to the running of this event especially those who have donated to the raffle prizes. The fair will run from 10am to 2.30pm. We hope to see you there.



COLDS AND COUGHS

This is an ongoing request to ask that you all continue to remain vigilant against the coughs and colds that are widespread at the moment. Again, I would be extremely grateful if you could consider the

use of Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) if your child starts to display symptoms of COVID-19. We are all aware of the seasonal flu and colds that are around at the moment, which may not be a result of COVID. However, to be certain and to stop potential class outbreaks, please be vigilant and if your child tests positive, arrange an immediate PCR test at a testing station. I appreciate that this is not always convenient, but we want to do our best to keep cases as low as possible in school. With the rise of the new Omicron variant, we really do want to make sure we are as safe as possible during this time. Please also be aware that we are not at liberty to give personal medical information about anyone to you. The request to know which individuals actually have COVID-19 is not something we can share, but we will let you know if there are cases in our school. Thank you for your support.



We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day on December 10th in support of Save the Children. On this day, children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper if they wish, for a donation.

ISINGPOP CONCERT

We are pleased to say that the iSingPOP concert will still be able to take place at Westbury Church on Thursday 9th December at 6pm. Children will need to wear their school uniform and either a brightly coloured top or an iSingPOP top that you have ordered online. We will try to ensure that social distancing is able to take place during the event for adults and will also request that entry is based on the proviso that you wear a face-covering unless medically exempt. The concert should last only an hour and will be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of term together as a Westbury Family. We hope that you will be able to attend.



FAMILY SERVICE

Westbury Church will be holding the next Family Service on Sunday 12th December. Once again the children from the Worship Team will be helping to lead this service with me and we are looking forward to sharing a special message with you all. We are hoping to get the computer system running this time to sing one of the requested iSingPOP songs together! Let's hope it works this time!! The service will start at 10am and last for about 40mins. There will be refreshments after the service for those who would like to stay.