



# WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

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

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It was such a privilege to attend the thanksgiving service at Westbury Church on Sunday. It was wonderful to hear how the restoration of the church tower has now been completed and the journey that has taken place to get to that point. It really was a story of resilience, determination and faith in God, that the work started would be brought to conclusion.

As I reflected on the story of the tower, I was reminded about my own life's journey and how God has walked alongside me in all my life events.

Sometimes I have faced challenges that have almost toppled me and I have been left wondering if I could get through them. Yet, through each event, I have been brought through. It strengthens my own belief in a faithful God. Listening to the Church bells ring out once again was also a very moving moment. I am very excited about the work that we can do in partnership with Westbury church and its dedicated committee of Friends. It will be a real joy to get involved in some fantastic projects.

I want to wish you all a very happy Easter and pray that God will bless your time as families over this period.

Mr C.

## SCHOOL BUS

Some of you will be aware that the provider for the main big school bus has changed to Stagecoach. This bus service is organised by Gloucestershire County Council and is not operated by our school. Our understanding, however, is that the change of provider has come about due to the contract with Gloucestershire County Council being renewed with Stagecoach and not the previous provider.

It has come to our attention that the new bus is operating without seatbelts. Whilst this is outside of our control, you do have the right as parents to put any concerns that you may have in writing to **Faye Williams at Gloucestershire County Council** or email her at **faye.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk**. If you do have concerns I would encourage you to do this as it is not the responsibility of Mrs Cox in the office or staff members to act as a mediator between the bus company and Gloucestershire County Council. Obviously we are happy to listen to your concerns, but have no authority to change the decisions regarding the bus service offered to our parents. As a school, we have already spoken to Gloucestershire County Council, but must stress that this service is not run by the school.

It should also be noted that the bus provided is part of a registered bus service and as such, could transport members of the public on it as well as the school children. Whilst it has not come to our attention that this has concerned parents in the past, we feel it is important for you to know if you are renewing your bus passes.

## THEME CELEBRATION

We will be holding our next Theme Celebration on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am** in the school hall. We hope that you will be able to join us for this wonderful opportunity to share in the children's learning this term.

## EASTER SERVICE

Our Easter service will take place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at Westbury Church at 2pm**. Please come along and join us for this very special service, during which we will celebrate Easter events together.

## CLUBS

Clubs will start back on April 29<sup>th</sup>. A summer club list will be sent home after the Easter break. **Please return the reply slip by the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

## SCHOOL GOVERNOR 200 CLUB

Thanks to all families who have renewed their 200 Club numbers and sent their forms back in. If you haven't done this yet, please can you return your subs to the school office before the end of term to ensure you are in the draw for May.

If you want to join the 200 Club, membership forms are available from the school office. Please do consider joining and helping to support the Governors to fundraise for the School. All money raised goes to support school life and improvements for the children.

## COMIC RELIEF

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Comic Relief non-school uniform day. As a result of your generosity, we raised £100 for this charity. We are sure it will go towards changing lives and bring hope to those in most need.

## FAMILY WORSHIP

It has been wonderful to have a weekly worship put aside for parents to come along to and support. It is a special time when we give out awards and celebrate achievement in the school. Please know that you are all always welcome to attend these times. However, **from the start of the summer term, our family worship will take place on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm**. This will accommodate the brass lessons that Class 3 will be taking part in on Monday afternoons during the summer term. Our first Friday celebration will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.

## CLASS NEWS

Last week Y1's wrote their Harry and the Dinosaurs stories and Reception

matched pictures to initial sounds and wrote the words. In maths Y1's learnt about measurement and Reception were counting dinosaurs

and matching the correct numeral. In out theme lessons we looked at fossils and made our own fossils using salt dough.



Last week in Class 2 we finished our maths units of measurement and angles. In science we learnt how shadows are made, and how they move with the sun.

We linked forgiveness and saying sorry to the Easter story in RE.

By Abbie & Mya

Class 3 have been learning more about the Iron Age. On Tuesday we spent a day doing Design and Technology, making a class Iron Age Hill Fort. We are continuing to work hard in Numeracy and we are writing diaries in Literacy, based on Mary Anning.



THANK YOU

## St Peter's High School Admissions policy consultation

The Governing Body of St Peter's High School would like to make you aware of its updated admissions policy on the following website:

<http://www.stpetershighschool.org.uk/Admissions>

This may be of interest to any parents thinking of applying to this school in the future.

### **REMINDER**

Swimming starts on  
Wednesday 24th April for  
Yrs 2/3/4 & 5 children.

## ***THE HUMBUG CHASE***

There will be a guided 9 mile mountain bike event taking place in the Forest of Dean for 8-12 year olds on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your child to take part, full details are available at [www.fodmbe.org.uk](http://www.fodmbe.org.uk)

## **MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP**

We will be holding our next monthly prayer meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May in school. These meetings take place on the first Monday of each month - as far as the calendar allows. We welcome everyone who would like to come along to pray for the life of the school.



### **Calendar dates for Term 5&6:**

23.04.19	Start of Term 5
24.4.19	Swimming starts for Yrs2/3/4 & 5
26.04.19	Theme Sheets to Parents
7.5.19	Travelling Book's Book Fair for 1 week
13.05.19	Y6 SATs week
24.05.19	End of Term 5
03.06.19	Start of Term 6
10.06.19	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
14.06.19	Father's Day Service in school 9.15
17.06.19	Sports Morning
24.06.19	Dene Magna Transition week
28.06.19	SATs Results to DC
08.07.19	Reserve Sports Morning
12.07.19	Theme Celebration
12.07.19	ANNUAL REPORTS TO PARENTS
17.07.19	Celebration Evening at Westbury Church and School 6.30pm
18.07.19	Children finish Term 6
19.07.19	INSET / End of Term 6 for staff

