

# WESTBURY WHISPERS

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

47th December 2020



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all of you who were able to engage in Parents'/Carers' consultation meetings via Zoom. It was a very different way of meeting you, but I hope it was helpful. Like most people and agencies, we are still trying to get to grips with this new way of working. Hopefully though, it won't be too long before we can get back to proper face to face meetings. I miss those and miss seeing you all.

We said a fond farewell to Rev. Steve Taylor last week during our worship time. Rev. Steve, as you will be aware, retired from his role as Parish vicar on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and we have really enjoyed having him as part of our Westbury family. During his time as Parish vicar, he has supported the school by being a member of our Governing Body as well as being on hand to lead weekly worship with the children. He has been a huge part of our school and we will miss him. We pray that he has a very relaxing and happy retirement and look forward to seeing him around the village from time-to-time.

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## GOVERNORS UPDATE

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Gill Western has been appointed as a Foundation Governor to our school. Mrs Western comes with a background in education and much early years experience. She will be supporting the monitoring of Preschool and we look forward to seeing her around school when we all get back to normal!

## ***CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY***

Each year, as a school we support Save The Children's Christmas event; 'Christmas Jumper Day'. As you may be aware this would be taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. However, we want to incorporate this with our Christmas Lunch and class bubble celebrations on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Therefore, if you would like to support this event, then your child can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The suggested donation for this is £2, but we are happy to accept anything that you would like to contribute. Thank you in advance for your support with this once again.



Thank you for your support with this year's Children in Need campaign. Despite us not being able to hold our usual events, your generosity meant that we were still able to send £41.53 off to the charity. We are always so grateful for the way you support our charity fundraising, especially at this time.

## CLASS NEWS



We have been very busy again in Swallowtails and Elvers. We have been practising and performed our Nativity last week. We have recorded this and an email will be coming home about a zoom showing. In Literacy Y1's have continued to write sentences, they are getting really good at it! In Maths we have been working on a unit of work on addition and subtraction and have partitioned numbers and worked out addition and subtraction facts. In Welly Wednesday we were able to do some science, observing ice carefully and thinking about how and what makes it charge.

## FOODBANK

Despite us not being able to interact, we are still collecting donations for the Forest Foodbank. We are currently putting the items you are donating into a box, which we will take to the Foodbank centre. At the moment, the foodbank is asking for the following donations:

Washing up liquid  
Washing powder or liquid  
Spaghetti hoops  
Noodles, rice, pasta  
Instant meals  
Sponge puddings and long life desserts  
Rice pudding  
Canned potatoes.

Obviously anything you might be willing to donate would be gratefully received. You can send any donations in with your child and I will collect them and store them. Thank you so much for your continued support for this.



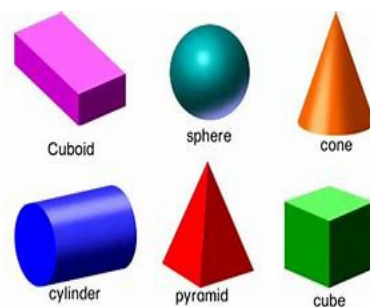
As we approach Christmas, we can't underestimate how difficult it may be for people this year. It is good to know that we can make a difference.



Woodpeckers have been working hard in Numeracy, we have been working on adding. In Literacy we wrote Biographies about Beatrix Potter.

We are busy making our felt vegetable in Design and Technology. We are also making the Three Kings for our window display at school. Keep a look out for this!

Horse Chestnuts have been writing biographies in Literacy, our own, a British King or Queen and one about Father Christmas. In theme we have designed guillotines and we are making them this week in DT. In Maths, Year 4 have used compensation for addition and subtraction, Year 5 know all about prime numbers and composite numbers, Year 6 have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. We had two fun afternoons making pom poms and hats to sell at the Christmas Craft Fayre.



## **CHRISTMAS MINI-CHILDREN'S CRAFT FAYRE**

You will be aware that the 'Friends of Westbury School' will be holding a special Christmas Craft Fayre on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. An email with details has already be circulated, however, if you have missed it, the details are below:

### **Christmas Craft Table Top Sale**

Due to Covid restrictions at this time we are unable to have a normal Christmas Craft Fayre at our village hall. Friends of Westbury are going to have a table top sale for the children on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 1-3pm. This will bring some Christmas fun to the children in their Class bubbles.

The items for sale will be handmade gifts that each child has made themselves. These can be purchased for 50p each.

Other items will also be for sale, please see below. If you would like to purchase any of these items please can you send your order to [admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk) and Mrs Cox will forward your email to Friends. Please send the money into school with your child for any orders placed. As of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> you will be able to access pictures of these items on the class Instagram pages.



### **Other items for sale**

*Hot Chocolate Jars*

Small £1

Medium £2

Large £3

Sweetie Cones £2.50

Selection of Tree Decorations £1

Reindeer food £1

### ***MARY AND JOSEPH VISIT***

Each year, Rev. Steve organises the annual journey of Mary and Joseph. During this journey, the figures spend time with families in the community and make their way eventually to the crib in Westbury Church. However, this year, because of the COVID-19 restrictions, Rev. Steve has organised things differently. This year Mary and Joseph will be spending a few days in each school in our community and church. The following dates show where the figures will be spending time.



In December 2020 **Mary and Joseph** will visit the following places:-

1.12 to 4.12 Minsterworth Church  
5.12 to 7.12 Flaxley Church  
8.12 to 11.12 Walmore Hill School  
12.12 to 14.12 Blaisdon Church  
15.12 to 17.12 Westbury School  
18.12 to 20.12 Westbury Church

We have organised our Nativity scene so that it can be viewed through the entrance window. Please do come and see it when Mary and Joseph arrive at our school from 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> December, before making their way to Westbury Church on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**

### **END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

Term 2 ends on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We are all looking forward to the holiday and wish you all a happy, healthy and restful time. We will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

If during the Christmas break, any member of your family should suffer with COVID-19, or you require a test and are waiting for results, please email the school on [admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk). The office will be unmanned during this break, however, we will be monitoring the inbox periodically during the holiday. It is particularly important that you let us know of any cases in your household during the first week of the holiday. We hope and pray this doesn't happen, but thank you for your help if it does.