



# Shaping the Spirit, Achieving Together, Learning for life Thursday 15th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been feeling rather Christmassy here in school this past week. The Nativity show has charmed us all, with beautiful singing, acting and reading from the youngest children. Well done to all involved- a triumph! I hope you enjoyed the show if you came along.

We are holding a Christmas service at the church tomorrow morning at 9.15am. This will be led by the Worship Team, with contributions from each class. Do wrap up warmly because, even though they will have heating on, it is going to be very cold in there!

Can I just say a heartfelt **Merry Christmas** to all families and I hope you have a peaceful break with family and friends over the Christmas period and we look forward to seeing everyone back on **4**<sup>th</sup> **January** in the New Year.

Anna-Mai Armstrong Headteacher

# Christian Values Our Value this term is

# **TRUST**

We have been talking in Worship and classrooms about "The Westbury Way" and how it links to our value of TRUST.

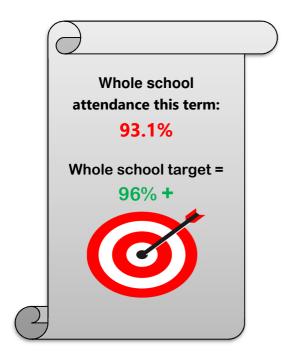
The Westbury Way is:

- \* Ready to Learn
- Respectful to Everyone
  - Safe at all Times





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### **GOVERNORS 200 CLUB**

The winners for November's draw are as follows:

1st Place - Cindy Morris-Green (199)

2nd Place - Katie Kift (107)

3rd Place - Julie Thomas (18)

4th Place - Christine Riley (186)

Jackpot - Mrs Pickering (124) - £40

If you would like to take part in the 200 club please contact Jen Sigournay on

j.sigournay@westbury-onseverncofe.gloucs.sch.uk

# PANTOMIME trip on Thursday 5th January

Please make sure Mrs Cox has your contribution to our whole school trip to The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham in the first week back. **Please**note that everyone will need a packed lunch that day. If your child usually has a free school meal you can order them a packed lunch from our kitchen in advance (ham or cheese sandwiches are available). Please email Mrs Cox ASAP your child's choice if you would like to do so. The order for a free packed lunch must be in by 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

We raised £81.79 for our #HelloYellow Day earlier this term for the School Council's charity of choice YOUNG MINDS.





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### **CHESTNUTS**

This week Chestnuts have been busy practising their parts for the Nativity performances this week. They have also been going back over the sounds they have learnt this term – s a t p i n. Thank you to all the parents/carers for finding objects around the house to bring in for the sound of the week. We have enjoyed our current theme of Animals and are getting excited for our new theme next term - Out of this world! We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and see you all in the New Year.

### **WILLOW**

In English last week we wrote about our trip to the farm. In Maths Y1 have been learning addition and subtraction within 10 and YR have been learning to subitise 3, 4 and 5 in different ways. In Science we learnt about the different types of trees and the different

parts of a tree. We are very proud of our class's performances in the Nativity this week.

### **SYCAMORE**

What a wonderful last couple of weeks of term in Sycamore Class. In English, we have completed our final narrative, based on Beatrix Potter's style of writing. The children created their own character, described the setting and each story had an adventure, they should all feel proud of their learning. In Maths, Y3 have been adding whilst Y2 have been learning the inverse and subtracting. All have been using equipment to support their understanding. As we approached the end of our theme, we visited the last continent, Antarctica and created wonderful landscape artwork. We learnt about food chains, including producers, consumers, prey and predators in Science. We had a wonderful time learning to use a drill safely at outdoor learning, and have now created a beautiful keepsake for our families. We have reached the end of a useful unit of learning about data handling in computing and have begun learning classroom instructions in French. Finally, all the staff and children in Sycamore Class wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2023!

### OAK

Oak class have just completed a mini unit in our English where we explored the history of the Bourneville site at the Cadbury's factory. We wrote diaries as George Cadbury about the building of the site, and then as the workers discussing their improved lives. This last week we have created a tasty vegetarian chilli in DT and organised ourselves with spreadsheets in our computing. We have used our Maths skills to find areas and perimeters when designing a new chocolate factory for Charlie. We've also used data from this project in our computing spreadsheets to create and analyse graphs. Happy Christmas everyone!





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# **WET PLAYTIMES**

It's that time of year again when unfortunately we have some wet playtimes. Do you have any board games or activities you could donate to help make these wet playtimes more interesting for the pupils at Westbury?

If so, please bring them to the office next term.

THANK YOU!







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# Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?





Any child born between the above dates can start school in the school year starting from **1 September 2023**. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary or infant school therefore you must apply to us to receive a school place for your child by the closing date **15 January 2023** 

If you have not heard from us by 1st December you must contact us so we can send you the information you will need to apply for a school place. If you do not apply on time you may not get a place at the school you want.

Key dates November 2022 – You should receive a letter from us advising you how to apply for a school place

15 January 2023 - Deadline for making your application

17 April 2023 - Allocation Day (find out which school we can offer your child)

If you have any queries about applying for a place at primary or infant school for your child, please contact Co-ordinated Admissions.

#### Co-ordinated Admissions.

Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

Email: school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk
Web: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

### Apply Online!

- It's quick and easy to us
- Confirmation when your application is received
- You will see the school allocated on 17th April
- Environmentally friendly

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/





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### Forest of Dean: The Forest Food Bank

### https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk

### Email: info@theforest.foodbank. org.uk

\*Opening hours correct as of 11/11/2022 but please check website for any possible changes & contact the foodbank directly if necessary.

Our Distribution Centres are open

### Lydney

Tuesday's 1pm - 3pm

Regents Hall, Bath Place, Lydney

### Cinderford

Thursday's 2pm - 4pm

The Forest Community Church, Parragate Road, Cinderford

### Coleford

Wednesday's 10am - 12noon The Salvation Army, Broadwell You will still require an e-referral from one of the following agencies:

### St James Church, Bream

Claire Phillips 01594 562985,
 open Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm. Friday 9am to 3pm.

Katrina Cracknell, Forest of Dean Community Church, Cinderford. Mobile number – 07944 591112. or Pat Osborne 07952 131598.

### CCP (Green Square)

Gloucestershire Community Based Support – Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney Debt, Housing, Budgeting 0300 365 2002

FODCAB – Help through Hardship for free to talk confidentially to a trained Citizens Advice adviser on: 0808 208 2138. (Open Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm. Closed on public holidays.)

Local citizen advice number is 01452 527202.

Salvation Army Low Income, Social Care, Debt 01594 839106

FoD Families Children's Assessment Teams Social Care 01452 426565

Chepstow and District CAP
Debt Centre Debt 07539 477286
https://capuk.org/i-want-help

Age UK Community & Social Care, Legal, Housing, Financial & Social Isolation 01452 422660

Christians Against Poverty Low Income, Social Care https://capuk.org/i-want-help 07811 906 993

GDASS – Supporting victims of domestic abuse. Designed to reduce the level of domestic abuse and improve the safety of victims and their families. 01452 726570

Email: support@gdass.org.uk





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