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Thursday 5th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,
Autumn is upon us, finally. We are getting out to play as often as possible, so please make sure your child has a named coat in school, so that they can play out on colder days.

We will be introducing wellies for playtime soon. Mr Sigournay is kindly building each class a welly storage cupboard. We will let you know when this is starting but if anybody has any spare wellies, please could you donate them? The idea is for everyone to have a pair of named wellies in school, stored in their class welly cupboard, to wear outside so that pupils can play on the grass whatever the conditions and bring less mud into school. This is the beginning of our OPAL programme, to improve playtimes.

We hope to see families at the Harvest service next week, which starts at 9.15am.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

Christian Values
Our Value this term is

❖ **GENEROSITY**

We have been exploring how generosity is similar to kindness this week.





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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

In Chestnuts this week we have been learning to count up to 5 and starting to learn shape names. Our focus nursery rhyme is Incy Wincy Spider and we have all enjoyed learning the actions to this. In Forest School we have been learning about Autumn.



WILLOW

Willow Class had a wonderful trip to West Midlands Safari Park on Thursday last week. We saw lots of animals including lions, tigers and penguins. After we got back we created a talking photo album all about what we saw. In English we have started our new book The Lion Inside so have been thinking about the different animals and how the mouse wanted to be able to roar like the lion. In PSHE we have been thinking about our feelings and feelings other people might have. We played a game where we had to make faces to show different emotions. We also talked about how we can make someone feel happy.



SYCAMORE

Sycamore class have been learning colours in French, and all sound amazing, whilst in computing we have been creating digital media and discussing what makes a good photo and exploring lighting. We are nearing the end of a unit of writing using Funnybones as our inspiration and the children have created their own alternative endings. In R.E. we created artwork depicting the Trinity and wrote a class blessing. Our Science has looked at the life cycle of humans and how humans change at different stages of their lives. In maths, Y2 have started geometry, whilst Y3 are learning about place value. We are looking forward to meeting Jack Rutter this week!



OAK

Oak class have started to draft their final adventure with their dragons in their English writing sessions. In Science we've explored the forces the king's men might need to think about when trying to save Humpty Dumpty - we've learnt all about gravity, air resistance and friction. In History we've looked at the last kings of the Saxon age and this week we've learnt all about the battle of Hastings.



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Attendance update

School Target - 96%

From start of term- 29th September:

90.75%

Staffing News

We have appointed a new Teaching Assistant for Oak Class. She will be working in Oak daily, both mornings and afternoons. She has already started and is settling in very well. She has written a few words to introduce herself to you all:

"My name is Sheila Hankinson and I have worked in schools for almost 30 years- Primary, Secondary and Post 16 education. I have lived in and around the Forest of Dean all my life. I have two grown up children and love being around children and young people- it keeps me young! I look forward to meeting you all at the Harvest Service."

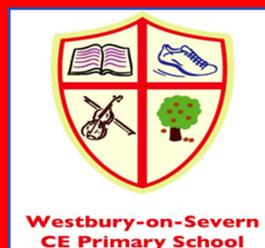
On Tuesday we interviewed for a Friday teacher in Oak Class. I'm happy to announce we have appointed and will update you once this has all been fully confirmed.

We were unable to appoint an additional teaching assistant for Sycamore Class on this occasion and will re-advertise. Mrs Noad is currently supporting the class full time and will continue to do so.

Do you have any old football cards or LEGO cards? Mrs Noad would like some for the Dandelion suite for Pastoral work.

If you have any you can donate, please give to Anna in the office.

THANKS



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FAMILY FORUM

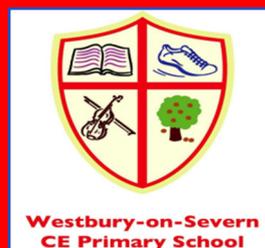


We would like to start up a **FAMILY FORUM** who meet with the Headteacher at the end of each short term (6 a year). This is to give parents and carers more opportunity to communicate ideas, concerns, questions or just give feedback. However, to make this work, we need to appoint **FAMILY ADVOCATES** – one for each year group. The Family Advocates will act as the year group representative at the Family Forum with the Headteacher, collating all parents queries and feedback.

If you would like to be a family advocate for your child's year group, or are just interested and want to know what it involves, please contact Mrs Armstrong on head@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk or talk to Jen Sigournay, Chair of Governors.

Once we have a family representative from each year group, we will start this up.

THANK YOU!



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Dates for your diary:

6th October- We will be celebrating National Poetry Day

13th October- Harvest Service at the church 9.15, all welcome.

23rd October- Oak Class's trip to Berkeley Castle.

25th and 26th October- Parents' evenings. Please check your emails for your appointment request form.

26th October- last day of term (**27th October is an INSET day**)

8th November- Tempest Individual Photos in school

24th November- Parent and Toddler session in the hall.

12th December- Whole school trip to Cheltenham Everyman Theatre to see Mother Goose.

15th December- Christmas service at the church 9.15am, all welcome

ATHLETE IN SCHOOL TODAY

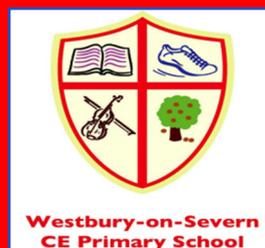
We're excited to be welcoming top athlete **Jack Rutter** to the school TODAY with Sports for Schools! We will all be doing as many of the sports activities that we can with Jack and then he will be ending the day with an assembly, explaining how he became Captain of the Paralympic Football team for England.

Please make sure your child has some sponsors so that we can benefit from this visit as well as enjoy ourselves.

You can sponsor your child by visiting the following link: <https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing> or by using the sponsorship form we sent home.

TAG RUGBY CLUB

Unfortunately, not enough pupils signed up for this club and it has been cancelled.



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UNIFORM REMINDERS

We are noticing that, on PE days, not all pupils are wearing the school PE kit. Just a reminder that we expect pupils to come into school on PE days wearing a white t shirt, navy/black shorts or dark leggings and trainers. We discourage pupils from wearing logos or football kits. Hoodies are acceptable if they are neutral but Westbury sweatshirts or fleeces are best worn over PE kit.

Also, please remember, no nail varnish or fancy earrings. Our uniform expectations are on the website, if you are uncertain.

www.westburyceschool.co.uk/web/school_uniform/186231/web

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM IS NAMED CLEARLY.

There is a lost property basket in the entrance foyer that is full of unnamed items. Please do come along for a rummage.

200 CLUB WINNERS!

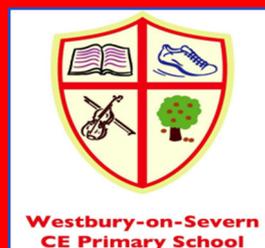
1st Place - Matt Fransham 154

2nd Place - Andrew Landon 188

3rd Place - Polly Woodman 155

4th Place - Phil Ayland 11

Jackpot - Polly Woodman 19



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Safeguarding information and support

Attendance

As a school we monitor when a child comes into school late in the morning. To comply with our school's safeguarding procedures, and to enhance our attendance records, from this week, if your child arrives in school **after 8.40am**, you *will be required to accompany them into the school* and inform Mrs Cox of the reason for the lateness. Thank you.

Talking to children about difficult topics

NSPCC GUIDANCE on having difficult conversations with your child(ren)

We've all been on the receiving end of a difficult conversation. But that doesn't make it any easier when you have to have one with your child.

You might need to have a conversation where you:

- have to break some bad news
- have to ask about something you're worried about
- ask about topics you find uncomfortable - like sex or drugs
- ask your child if they're worried or scared by something
- ask your child about a new behaviour
- or anything else you feel will be difficult to bring up.

Whatever the subject, and however old the child you're talking to, there are lots of ways to make it easier for you both. We have advice to help you decide how to talk to your child in a way that's age-appropriate and supportive. However, you know your child best so trust your judgement about what will work for your family best. Click on the link for more ideas.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>



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WRAPAROUND CARE AT

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TREMENDOUS TUESDAYS (GOLF CLUB) 3.10PM UNTIL 4.30PM

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS (TENNIS CLUB) 3.10PM UNTIL 4.30PM

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ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVIE TIME AND MUCH MUCH MORE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE!

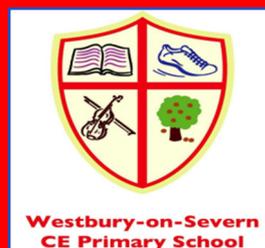
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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H

River Children & Family Centre /Severnbanks School

Tuesday 17th October – 19th December 2023 -

(Excluding 31st October)

9.30am – 11.30am

The group is based on an approach developed in Solihull that has been helpful to parents and has shown that children's behaviour tends to improve.

We will explore topics which include:

- Tuning into children
- Exploring feelings
- Parenting styles
- Communication
- Temper Tantrums
- Sleep Patterns
- Behavioural difficulties
- Having fun together

The group is completely **free of charge** and places will be filled on a first come first served basis and will run on a Tuesday morning at **River Children & Family Centre for 10 weeks** (excluding October half term).

Please note: There is no childcare provision for this course.

For further details call River Children & Family Centre on **01594 842589** or Severnbanks School **01594 842789**
Or to book directly contact Family Information Service on **01452 427362** Familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk

River Children & Family Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney, Glos GL15 5AU

More information on this FREE course below....



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Solihull Parenting programme October 2023 River CFC

What is the programme?

This programme focuses on the parent/child relationship by promoting reflection on why things go well and sometimes they don't.

Explore pressures you're under as a parent or carer and how your life story has impacted your parenting journey.

- Tuning into children
- Exploring feelings
- Parenting styles
- Communication – what is being communicated through behaviour
- Temper tantrums and what might be meant by them
- Sleep patterns
- Behavioural difficulties
- Having Fun together

Who should attend?

Any parent or carer with a child 0-11 years of age

Aims and Objectives

To promote understanding of children's behaviour within context of development

To increase confidence and self-esteem for parent/carers and child/ren

To give parents/carers a strategy for repair when things go wrong

To promote reflective, sensitive and positive parenting

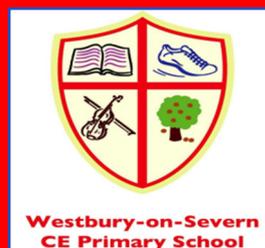
12 places remaining

Dates and Times

Course Starts: 17th October 2023

Last Booking: 13th October 2023

See poster above for contact details if you are interested.



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Friends of Westbury

Through our PTA membership package the Friends have access to '**Parentkind**' parenting webinars and, as a parent of the school, that means you do too! If you would like to join any of the upcoming webinars all you need to do is go to the website below and book your place.

You will need the school's postcode to register which is **GL14 1PA**. Places do book up so register in advance.

Upcoming webinars are:

Demystifying Maths for Parents: Key Stage 1

Inspiring Reading - Developing the habit and love of reading

Motivation Matters: How to talk so kids will listen

Demystifying Maths for Parents: Key Stage 2

A Nutritionist's Guide to Fussy Eaters

Conflict Styles and Difficult Conversations

Developing your Child's Thinking Ability

Time Management for Parent's Juggling Work and Family Life

Further information and a link to register can be found online at <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>

Parentkind
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£4.50
PER
SESSION-

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Delivered by UEFA/FA qualified and experienced sports and P.E specialists who are DBS checked, first aid & safeguard trained.

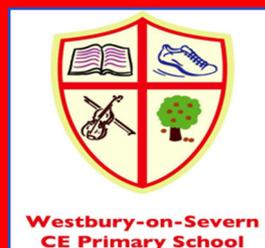
Session will be tailored to your child's ability and delivered in a fun, safe and social environment

- Tots (age 3-5)
- Football Development age 5-12
- Girls Only FA Wildcats

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