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Thursday 9th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday, which was mostly beautifully sunny. Spring has definitely arrived and on Wednesday we had our first packed lunches picnic outside in the sunshine. It is still muddy in places so we aren't ditching the wellies just yet. I'm so impressed with how the children change their shoes/wellies every playtime without a fuss.

We also hope soon to be out on the field. We are still negotiating terms of use with the Parish Council. Our plan is to extend OPAL playtimes onto the field in due course and have Football Mondays with the new goalposts.

We currently have a sickness bug and ear infection both doing the rounds (separately) so please everybody, keep washing your hands!

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

Christian Values Our Value this term is **FRIENDSHIP**

Patient,
Forgiving, Encouraging,
Thoughtful, Upbeat



Compassionate,
Warm,
Loyal

We used these words to describe the qualities we look for in a friend. The children came up with their own- maybe you have others you can think of?



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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

In Chestnuts this week, the children have been learning lots about the different animals that you can find on the farm and about the different jobs the farmer has to do. They have also learnt about the life cycle of the chicken as the focus book was **Rosie's Walk**. This week we have moved onto **Farmer Duck** and are learning about the number 10.



WILLOW

In Willow class, we have moved onto our new story **Stanley's Stick**. The children have enjoyed acting out the story with their stick and pretending it is an oar for a boat or a magic wand. We can't wait to retell the story and share our writing with our friends. In maths we are now learning about fractions and money. The children have used cubes to find fractions of amounts and are developing their knowledge of halves and quarters. In science we have been looking at absorbent materials. The Giant from Jack and the Beanstalk was sad that he had lost his hen that laid the golden eggs and he cried puddles everywhere. We've been helping him climb over his rainbow of sadness and have explored creating rainbows on different kitchen paper towels to soak up his puddles of tears. Which paper towel will be the most absorbent? We continue to work on our DT castles and learn all about castles in History.



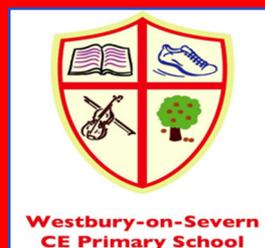
SYCAMORE

The last few weeks we have continued our work on the book **Escape from Pompeii**. As part of our English, History and Geography we made volcanoes which we erupted last week. This gave us inspiration for writing about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in our class book. We have been learning about physical and human features of modern day Italy and learnt about Roman soldiers in History. In Maths the year 3s have been doing column subtraction and year 2 finished their unit on fractions with some practical work. They will now go on to statistics.



OAK

Oak class have finished their work on the book **Robot girl** by writing our own stories inspired by the book and its many twists. Versions of our story 'Robot heart' have characters finding out secrets, fighting with parents, and changing the world. We've looked at our teeth in Science and what jobs each type of tooth has. In RE we have been exploring religious views on the afterlife, and our own views, and created some beautiful images to explain this.



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Celebration Awards

Every Friday we celebrate pupil's effort, attitude and achievement during our Celebration Assembly. ***If your child achieves something spectacular out of school, they are welcome to bring in medals, trophies or certificates on a Friday and we will share their success with the whole school.***

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our weekly Celebration assembly, which is held at 1pm every Friday.

Reception: Finn, Evie

Year One: Layla, Django

Year Two: Elodie, Annabelle

Year Three: Eden, Alex

Year Four: Drizzt, Martha

Year Five: Monty, Matthew

Year Six: Bertie and Wilf

The Westbury Way Award

for a pupil who consistently demonstrates *The Westbury Way*

- Safe at all times
- Respectful to Everyone
- Ready to Learn
- The recent award went to **Elodie**



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Dates for your diary:

- 13th May:** SATS week for Y6 begins
- 24th May:** Westbury's Got Talent! at the Parish Hall
- 17th June:** Cycling Proficiency week for Y6 begins
- 24th June:** Dene Magna transition week for Y6s
- 4th and 5th July:** School Production performances at the Parish Hall
- 8th July:** Sports Week begins- a week of exciting Physical activities
- 10th July:** Chestnuts Sports morning
- 11th July:** Whole school Sports morning followed by Parent Picnic
- 16th July:** End of year Church Service 2pm- Everyone welcome.
- 18th July:** End of theme Open Classrooms/Drop in- All Parents/Carers welcome.

Attendance update

Whole school from September 2023- **92.6%**

Whole School Target - 96%

Staffing Updates

As some of you are already aware, **Mrs Sim** will be leaving us in July. We are sad to see her go, after so many years at Westbury, but she has decided that now is the time to leave teaching. We will miss her greatly. Also, **Mrs Walls** is expecting a baby! She has yet to decide on her maternity leave dates but she will be leaving sometime in the Autumn Term. Therefore, we are currently advertising for a Willow teacher to cover both Mrs Sim's hours and eventually teach Willow full time until Mrs Walls returns next year. We will keep you updated. From September, **Miss Eccles** will cover Wednesdays in Sycamore Class, instead of Mrs Walls.

Message from Helen- Friends of Westbury

I will be publishing a Friends of Westbury newsletter soon, which will be out by half term. Apologies for not updating everyone sooner but I have had Covid and been very unwell. But I'm better now and will be responding to the Family Forum's queries as well as updating you on other Friends matters.

Thank you!



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Safeguarding Updates for Parents and Carers *Online Safety*

Focus on TABLET use from the UK Safer Internet Centre



Talk with your child about responsible use of their tablet

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the tablet

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Where will the tablet charge overnight? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the tablet itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

★ What can we do as a family to help you use your tablet safely?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

If you would like to explore this topic further click here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



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Progressive Active Camps

Be happy, healthy and active!

THE BEST HOLIDAY CLUB IN TOWN IS BACK THIS MAY HALF TERM!



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