



## A small school, dreaming big

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of our Y6s who stayed calm and focused during their SATs week (which has now been renamed "Snacks week" due to the delicious bowls of sustenance we provided!). We are also proud of the rest of the school, who kept quiet so they could concentrate. Thanks also to the Governors and volunteers who supported the process. As you might have heard, following the last SATs paper, I went in pursuit of a slice of the chocolate cake that someone kindly sent in and had a dramatic fall on some cardboard that poor Mrs Sim was preparing for her class to make shields with! I was rather badly hurt, as I fell on our steel framed chairs in the staff room. I have been working from home to recover but am back in school now. I will do my best to get to WGT, I do NOT want to miss it. Have a lovely holiday everyone. Hope everybody gets a good rest, ready for the final term.

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
Headteacher

### WORSHIP

#### PICTURE NEWS and Protected Characteristics

This week we looked at this photo and asked this question:



People can be underestimated because of their sex. However, when given equal opportunity, we all have every chance of success.



Which Protected Characteristic is being discussed this week?



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### Class News

#### CHESTNUTS



The children have been recapping all the sounds they have learnt so far and learning about 2D shapes. In Forest School they made bird feeders and placed them around the area as they saw some birds using the nest boxes and wanted to help feed the birds.

On a slightly different note, if anyone has any small **clothes suitable for 3–5-year-olds** that they no longer need, Preschool would love to give them a new home as we are running low on spare clothes to use if the children need changing. Many thanks



#### WILLOW

In Willow Class, we have been working on our own version of the book, Stanley's Stick.

We have written up part of our story, in our best handwriting, for our presentation books.

In DT, we have finished making our castles and have painted them. They look

fantastic! We have made bread for our Medieval banquet and have designed and made shields. In Maths, we have started learning about mass and we have weighed different objects and compared them. We are loving our ukulele lessons with Gloucestershire Music! We have been learning how to play them and we are able to sing at the same time.



#### SYCAMORE

Sycamore class have been learning about different aspects of Italian culture in our

Geography the last few weeks. In History we have been learning all about Boudica's revolt against the Romans and have looked at how the Celts and Romans had different opinions of her. In DT they have been creating a class mosaic after designing their own individual ones. In Maths Y3s have been looking at column subtraction with 3 digit numbers. The Y2s have been learning to create tallies and have been interpreting and constructing pictograms. In English we are writing a newspaper article about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children have been getting quotes from each other to put in their newspapers as if they were there at the time.



#### OAK

In Science we looked at what a 'healthy diet' might look like and how what we eat

affects our bodies. In DT we then used this knowledge to design a balanced pizza, with a range of toppings - we will be making these next term. We have drawn our RE unit to a close and have written answers to our big question of 'How does faith help people through difficult times?'

The Y6s would like to thank the rest of the school for being extra quiet during their SATs and for all of the well-wishes they received from parents and carers in our Westbury Family.



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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:** Lilly, Caspar

**Year One:** Mckenzie, Eliza

**Year Two:** Max KD, Billy

**Year Three:** Rex, Ollie

**Year Four:** Bethany, Zach

**Year Five:** Noah, Poppy

**Year Six:** Flora, Harry

## 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 awards went to **Nia** and **Liz**



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### **Staffing Update for Willow:**

We have appointed a teacher for Willow Class, who will start part time alongside Mrs Walls until 30<sup>th</sup> September, when Mrs Walls starts her maternity leave. Her name is Jess Peacey and we are inviting her to the Parents Information evening to give you the opportunity to meet with her.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**24<sup>th</sup> May: Westbury's Got Talent! at the Parish Hall Doors open 6.30pm, show starts at 7pm. £5 for adults, £1.50 per child. It's going to be a great show, do not miss it!**

**Fundraising for the school and fun for the family.**

**5<sup>th</sup> June:** New Reception starters Information Evening 5pm- *please note this is a day earlier than on the letter.*

**17<sup>th</sup> June:** Cycling Proficiency week for Y6 begins

**24<sup>th</sup> June:** Dene Magna transition week for Y6s

**Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July:** School Production week

**8<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Week begins- a week of exciting Physical activities

**10<sup>th</sup> July:** Chestnuts Sports morning

**11<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole school Sports morning followed by Parent Picnic

**16<sup>th</sup> July:** End of year Church Service 2pm- Everyone welcome.

**18<sup>th</sup> July:** End of theme Open Classrooms/Drop in- All Parents/Carers welcome.

### **Attendance update**

Whole school from September 2023- **92.73%**

**Whole School Target - 96%**

### **Message from Helen- Friends of Westbury**

*I will be publishing the Friends of Westbury's Newsletter next term, I do apologise. In the newsletter I will include the results and fundraising from Westbury's Got Talent as well as the takings at the recent disco- thank you to everyone for your patience. I am busy putting the final touches to Westbury's Got Talent, we can't wait.*

*Hope to see you all on Friday evening at the Parish Hall.*

**Message from Jamie KNIGHT- Progressive Sports** Please reply to our survey, which is attached with this newsletter, on **Breakfast Club** at Westbury by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.



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### Safeguarding Updates for Parents and Carers *Online Safety*

Guidance for Parents and Carers from the UK Internet Safety Centre

#### ■ Think about quality over quantity

Research has found that there is no perfect amount of screen time. The right amount of screen time will be different for everyone, and will depend on your family's lifestyle. Instead, it is useful to think about screen time in terms of quality over quantity. Children might be enjoying a wide range of activities on their devices, like homework, online games, or socialising with friends. These positive uses of technology can really support young people's wellbeing. However, screen time should not replace sleeping, eating, exercise, or get in the way of hobbies that children already enjoy, and it's important for parents and carers to put practices in place to prevent this from happening, whether that's utilising screen time apps or updating screen time settings, found within platforms.

#### ■ Explore and use wellbeing settings

Lots of apps and devices now have wellbeing settings to support children and young people with having a healthy balance of time online and offline. This could be screen time limits, the need for passcodes, 'family pairing' features 'do not disturb' functions, or disabling autoplay on apps like YouTube and Netflix.

#### ■ Talk about warning signs

There are lots of ways to tell if you have been looking at a screen for too long. It could be sore eyes, a headache, feeling sleepy or restless, or needing to stretch. These signs will be different for everyone, and it is good to talk to your children about these signs, to help them to recognise their own warning signs. Allowing them to recognize these signs can help your children to start managing their screen time habits, themselves



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