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Thursday 30th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the end of another busy term, with our Y5s and 6s away in Surrey on PGL. We are all keenly following them on Instagram to see the interesting and exciting activities they are doing, despite the rain!

It was lovely to see so many of you in church last Friday and we thank Rev Sarah Hobbs for leading such a lovely service, making the links between spring and new life. Our newly designed website is now live! Do take a look.

Lots of community notices this week in our newsletter, be sure to scroll to the very end! Also, we are now selling the WoSP in school for just 35p- if you would like a copy they are in the Reception area.

From all the staff here at Westbury, we wish you a very happy and restful Easter. See you again on the 17th.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

Christian Values Our Value this term is ❖ JUSTICE

Stories from the Bible

- We role played the story of King Solomon and the two mothers arguing over whose baby it was from the Old Testament in Worship recently. We talked about the links between Justice and Wisdom, since Solomon was known to be very wise.
- We talked about Jesus's phrase in the New Testament- "turn the other cheek" and what it means. We talked about how revenge ("an eye for an eye") can make things worse.
- Rev Michelle came in this week and went through the events leading up to Easter with us, bringing in beautiful posters representing the story, from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday.



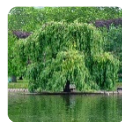
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CHESTNUTS

This week Chestnuts have been finishing off their theme of **Eric Carle** books. They have learnt about the life cycle of butterflies, watched worms in the wormery and looked at some tadpoles before putting them back in the pond. They have also been finding lots of different items beginning with the letter 'B' for the sound of the week. If anyone has any bike helmets that they no longer use, Chestnuts would love to give them a new home. Chestnuts are also looking for donations of wooden play food and equipment for a role play kitchen if anybody has any that they can give. Hope everyone has a lovely Easter.



WILLOW

In Literacy, Willow Class have been writing riddles about zoo animals. We then had to try and guess what the animal was from the descriptions!

In R.E., we have been learning more about the Easter story. We have been designing our own Easter gardens. We have been making Easter cards and making theme sheets for our theme folders. In Maths, Year 1 has been learning and practising number bonds to 9 and Reception have been doing some Easter numeracy activities.



SYCAMORE

Sycamore Class have been busy finishing our **Rock of Ages** theme. We have completed our stone age pouches, the children have been sewing very well! In maths, the Y3's have been working hard to become fluent at adding using written column method, whilst the Y2s are becoming confident with their times tables. In writing, we are writing our own travel brochures about Stonehenge, in the style of the one we wrote together about Skara Brae. We enjoyed performing in the church during our Easter service, which further helped the children understand the Easter story and answer the question "Why does Easter matter to Christians?" In Outdoor Learning, we did a maths Easter egg hunt, and enjoyed a sweet treat altogether. Have a lovely Easter break!



OAK

The remaining children in Oak class are exploring penguins. We have been doing research into different types of penguins and the habitats they live in. In English, we have looked at the book **Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers**, which involves a penguin. On Thursday we will be doing some DT, making penguins out of different foods. In Maths we have been doing column subtraction. Most of Oak Class are at PGL- please see our Instagram story for updates! They are having a great time.



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Attendance update

School Target - 96%

Whole School Sept 2022- March 2023 = 93.4 %

Lunch Orders

Can you please ensure that you order children's hot school lunches from the office *before* the week they are due to be taken. We are seeing a number of children ordering lunch and no orders have been received, Mrs Cox then has to interrupt lessons to ask the children what they would like to eat. You can order lunches on the form sent to you or just email the choices to Mrs Cox if that is more convenient. Thank you for your help in this matter.



Westbury Baby and Toddler group is being held in the school hall this Friday 31st **9:45am till 11:30am**. Only £1 per family. Hot drinks will be available. Can Parents/Carers please bring snacks and a drink for their children. Look forward to seeing you there!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of term: 31st March

Term 5 starts: Monday 17th April

Monday May 1st and Monday May 8th: BANK HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 9th- Friday 12th: Year 6 SATS

21st June: SPORTS DAY



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Safeguarding information for Parents and Carers

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/>

The link above is a useful website from **Action for Children** for parents. Lots of ideas for activities for the holidays with toddlers and older children plus support with behaviour, sleep problems, eating habits.

*Continuing with our theme of **internet safety** here is an excerpt from one of their articles on this topic which you might find useful:*



How do I help my child stay safe on games and apps? It's natural to worry about the dangers of games and apps. But you can help your child learn to keep themselves safe.

- **Take an interest** Take some time to learn what they enjoy. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and their online friends. This will keep communication open between you and your child. It will also help you to understand more about how appropriate different games or apps are. Young Minds has advice on how young people would like parents to **talk to them about gaming.**

- **Help your child learn**

Teach your child why they should avoid giving out personal information. Details about their life can give away more than they might realise. This includes their name, address, and telephone number. But it can also include where they go to school or images of them in uniform.

- **Check what's appropriate**

Make sure that your child is playing age-appropriate games. Learn more by reading about **video games age restrictions.**

- **Use parental controls**

All modern video game consoles, smartphones and tablets provide tools for parents and carers. Games often have parental control options built in.



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You can control how children interact with other people, what they spend money on and what content they can access. If you can, set these up with your child and agree how much time they're allowed to spend playing.

Work with your child to agree a list of websites they can visit. Most social media channels have an age limit of 13. You can find guidance for the most popular websites and apps on [Internet Matters](#).

Make space for in-person time

Set some boundaries. Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and gaming. Set aside time for 'unplugged' family time.

Consider the impact of social media

Social media apps can affect self-esteem. It can help to take some time with your child or teenager to think about when social media is a helpful or hurtful influence. Introduce these ideas by [chatting together](#).

Be open

Let your child know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet or in their games. Try to listen without judgment or anger. With older children, explain your worries so they can see the reasoning behind any rules you set.

Talk to them about issues such as cyberbullying and online grooming. This will help them know how to recognise the risks and how to cope if anything happens.

If you feel your child is at risk

If you're worried your child is being groomed online or inappropriate communication is taking place, you can:

- Contact [CEOP](#) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection).
 - Call the non-emergency police line 101.
 - Speak to your child's school.
 - Take steps to protect your child, such as limiting app access.
- Other services that can help include the [NSPCC](#), [Internet Matters](#) and [Family Lives](#).



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C DANCE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

 TeamCandi22

**CALLING ALL 8-16 YEAR OLDS!!!
IS IT TIME TO TRY SOMETHING
NEW?
TRY CANDI DANCE!**

DRYBROOK
DRYBROOK MEMORIAL HALL
DRYBROOK RD,
DRYBROOK
GL17 9JA
5PM-6PM

CINDERFORD
OAKLANDS SPORTS BAR
FOXES BRIDGE ROAD
CINDERFORD
GL14 2PQ
6.15PM - 7.15PM

**ONLY £2
PER SESSION**

No prebooking needed - Just pop along



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The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF will be returning this spring for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

To watch our latest HAF video to get a taste of what you can expect this spring go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtQws6bsetU>

Between 3-14 April,
HAF eligible families will be able to access up to 4 days of free, fun activities in their district. To find out what days your district is delivering HAF, you can follow your HAF district lead on social media.

What will be available at HAF this spring?

- Family days out
- Football, basketball, cricket and more
- Forest skills
- Gymnastics
- Music production
- Sensory play
- Delicious food
- And more!



Scan here to visit our HAF website for more information.

**Bookings open 16 March-
Make sure you're HAF ready!**

Sign up to our HAF booking system at: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/register-for-our-childrens-activities-booking-system/>





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MUSIC

Beginner Violin Group



Play Music • Play Together • Have Fun

Every Wednesday
(Summer Term)

3:15 (Snack Time!)
3:30-4:30 String
Group

Forest View Primary
School, Cinderford

£2.50 per week (for 10 weeks) – Starting 19th April 2023
To sign up: <https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com/>



This group is for any child, up to the age of 16 years old, who is learning a string instrument through private tuition OR who has recently had whole class string lessons in their school.
Free instrument hire for 10 weeks can also be arranged, and details will be shared with you upon sign up.

Any queries: 01452 427242 or email glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk



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COURSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT ARTSPACE CINDERFORD

YOUTH ARTS COURSES

TUESDAYS



Young Creatives: Discover! (Ages 6 – 11)

- Starts Tuesday 2nd May 2023 /6 weeks with half term break
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm (at Artspace Cinderford)
- £24 (£16 concessions) for 6 week course

Come join us and discover the world of art, craft and design! 'Discover!' will introduce you to a range of arty projects and you'll get to try your hand at using lots of different materials and techniques throughout the term. We'll design, make and be inspired by the work of other artists, crafts people and designers! Share the creations you're most proud of with your friends and you'll also have the opportunity to achieve an Arts Award certificate!*

**This group will support you to meet all of the assessment criteria to achieve a Discover level Arts Award. Please get in touch for further information about Arts Award including cost of certification.

TUESDAYS



Young Creatives: Explore (Ages 11 -14)

- Starts Tuesday 2nd May 2023 /6 weeks with half term break
- 6:00pm – 7:30pm (at Artspace Cinderford)
- £32 (£22 concessions) for 6 week course

Do you have a passion for art? Are you a young creative looking to learn some new skills or explore new ways of working? Well, 'Explore' could be for you! This group will help you to build your art portfolio and will encourage you to develop work in a range of media, using a variety of art, design and craft techniques. You will also research the work of other artists, crafts people and designers, to help inform your own work! Share the creations you're most proud of with your friends and family and you'll also have the opportunity to work towards an accredited Arts Award qualification!*

This group will support you to create a portfolio which meets all of the assessment criteria to achieve an Explore level Arts Award. Please get in touch for further information about Arts Award including cost of portfolio moderation.

THURSDAYS



Young Creatives: Advance Ages 12 +

- Starts Thursday 4th May 2023 /6 weeks with half term break
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm (at Artspace Cinderford)
- £38 (£26 concessions) for 6 week course

Are you an experienced young artist looking to challenge yourself? ...Perhaps you've already got an Arts Award or two under your belt? If so, 'Advance' could be the next step on your arts journey! This group is designed as a follow on group from 'Discover!' and/or 'Explore' (although those new to Artspace who have some arts experience are equally welcome!) and will help you to further shape your ideas and develop your art skills in your chosen art form/medium. We'll help you to develop your practice by keeping a sketch book and help you to build a portfolio of work you are proud of. We can also provide support and guidance if you are working towards an arts award qualification**.

**If you would like to work towards an Arts award at levels 'Bronze' to 'Gold', then we can support you to do so within this group. Please get in touch to discuss how we can support you on your Arts award journey.

To book and for more information call **01594 825111** or email dan@artspacecinderford.org



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Fundraising Event for Westbury Parish Hall
Registered Charity 301644

EASTER MONDAY FUNDAY

Easter Trail, Easter Bonnet
Competition, Buried Treasure,
Egg Catching Competition, Races,
Crafts and much more

£2 PER CHILD TO JOIN IN WITH THE FUN

Easter Bonnet Competition

10 APRIL	EASTER GAMES AND PRIZES Bring your own picnic Tea, Coffee, Cakes On Sale	12:00 NOON
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CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

COME AND JOIN THE FUN
SATURDAY 6 MAY

Join Us for the 3C's to Watch the
CORONATION, enjoy the CRICKET with a
delicious homemade CREAM TEA

£7.00 Per Person (includes tea, scone, jam & cream, and slice of cake)

SUNDAY 7 MAY

Join Us for QUIZ NIGHT

£6.00 per person includes Jacket Potato with Coronation Chicken,
vegan option available - Please pre book call 01452 760630

MONDAY 8 MAY

PARISH LITTER PICK

Join us for this community clean up with
tea, coffee and cake back at the Hall

