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Thursday 10th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankfully it has stopped raining as I write this and we have managed to get the children out nearly every playtime this week. Please make sure your child has a coat in school (and wellies, if possible) so they can play out in all weathers.

We have now appointed 4 Kindness Ambassadors in school, based on staff and children's nominations. They are inviting parents and carers into school after the **Harvest Service** next week and serving tea and coffee in the hall. Do please come by if you can. There is a photo of all four children later in this newsletter.

We are looking for **Bobby** Babysitters for half term. He is very cuddly and friendly and comes with food, a cage, etc. Please contact the office if you could look after him.

Hope to see you at the Harvest Service! If not, I will see you at Parents' evening.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

WORSHIP

Picture News



In Picture News we discuss news stories and this week it was about Amazon insisting people stop working from home. This led us to reflect on how important being with people is.

Do we like to be alone or with others most of the time?



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Class News



CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts have been busy learning all about the number 4 and 5, talking about someone who is special to them and why. In Forest School, all of the children made a hedgehog. The focus story this week is 'Little Red Riding Hood' and they have been singing about 'Incy Wincy Spider'.



WILLOW

In Willow Class we have been writing our own version of *Where the Wild Things Are*. In Maths, Year 1 have been ordering numbers to 20 and working out which number is bigger/smaller. Reception children have been comparing two sets of objects and working out which set is bigger. They have continued their learning around Shape, Space and Measure. In art, we have been learning about the artist Picasso and have begun to complete self-portraits. We're having lots of fun exploring our features and noticing details about our peers. In RE we have been studying the Creation story, we've been on nature walks and thought about what in the world we are thankful for. We've been busy in PE looking at balancing, jumping, throwing and catching. We created a circus in the hall and became jugglers, trapeze experts and we performed our acrobatics!



SYCAMORE

In Sycamore Class we have continued to look at the Gunpowder Plot and have learned about how and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. The children shared their experiences and created a poster. In English we are writing our own sequel to Jim and the Beanstalk and have come up with other ways to help the Giant in our story. In Maths the years 2s have been ordering 2 digit numbers, the year 3s have been working on number lines and counting in 50s and 100s. The children all enjoyed National Poetry Day last week where they performed a poem to the whole school and wrote their own versions of the poem.



OAK

Over the last few weeks Oak class have started exploring the book 'Hidden Figures' where we're learning about the lives of the real life 'computers' - who worked to write code for NASA. We've written reports, jobs adverts and mini-biographies. In Geography this week we'll be looking at how the layers of the earth are formed and in Computing we are programming an object to move. In Maths the Year 4s have learnt a rounding rap to help us round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, Year 5 have been ordering and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000 and the Year 6s have learnt what to do with a remainder when dividing.



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Celebration Awards

Every *Friday* we celebrate pupils' achievements during our Celebration Assembly.

This year our Awards and Certificates as follows:

Weekly Academic Excellence Award -per class

Termly Westbury Way Award- whole school

Termly Purple Learner Award- per class

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.

Willow Class Academic Excellence Awards: Caspar and Marnie

Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Awards: Elodie and Django

Oak Class Academic Excellence Awards: Freddie and Poppy

Attendance update

Sept 1st – Oct 9th 2024 = 96.2%

Whole School Target - 98%

We have raised our target to 98% because we have exceeded our last target!





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Dates for your diary:

- 15th October: Maths Focus Day**-Come dressed as a rock star for Times Tables Rock star day- a day of working hard on our rapid maths facts recall.
- 16th October:** 2.40pm Drum concert for pupils- with current drummers showcasing their skills.
- 17th October: HARVEST** church service, 9.15-Everyone welcome. Followed by tea in the school hall, served by our Kindness Ambassadors. Please bring tinned or packet goods into church for the Food Bank.
- 22nd and 23rd October:** Parents' Evenings
- 25th October: Friends Fundraising QUIZ night in school** 6-8pm: £7 – free hot meal (Veggie or meat chilli, alcoholic drink and quiz entry). Children entrance free (£2.50 for children's meal).
- 4th November:** First Day of Term 2
- 7th November:** Individual School photos
- 11th November:** Anti Bullying week starts
- 13th November:** World Kindness Day – our Kindness Ambassadors will lead Worship
- 12th December:** Christmas Jumper Day



Staffing Update

We have employed Nicky Keidel-Doggrell to work as our new School and Finance Administrator. Nicky has a wealth of experience in administration and finance work in a variety of other settings and we are thrilled that she will be working at Westbury. She will be starting in her new role on 4th November and spending time in the office beforehand with Anna Cox for a handover.

BOBBY the Guinea Pig

If you would like to look after Bobby in the half term,
please contact Anna in the office. Thank you!



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Westbury-on-Severn School Kindness Ambassadors

And Friends of Westbury would like to invite parents and carers back to school for a cup of tea or coffee after the Harvest Service on Thursday 17th October 10:15 - 10:45.



Our newly appointed Kindness Ambassadors





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Is your child eligible to Benefit Based Free School Meals?

The school receives additional funding if your child is.

This helps towards additional school provision plus children will be entitled to free school milk and a chance to enrol in holiday activities. Even if your child is in KS1 and already receives KS1 Universal Free School Meals please apply if you think you are eligible.

If you think you are eligible please apply as soon as possible using this link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If you need help, we can support you in school with completing the form,

Why should I apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals? Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- ***Income Support***
- ***Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance***
- ***Income-related Employment and Support Allowance***
- ***Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999***
- ***The guaranteed element of Pension Credit***
- ***Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)***
- ***Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit***
- ***Universal Credit*** - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- **How long will it take to get a response?** You will receive an instant response once you have submitted your claim.



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Hope to see you at the Friends Fundraiser on 25th October!

A graphic for a family quiz night. It features a green background with a white grid pattern. At the top, the words "FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT" are written in white and red. Below this is a large, stylized orange and white pencil with the text "ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 10 YEAR OLD?" written across it. The word "WESTBURY" is written in red across the pencil. The entire graphic is framed by a decorative border of blue and pink lines.

**FAMILY
QUIZ NIGHT**

**ARE YOU SMARTER
WESTBURY
THAN A 10 YEAR OLD?**

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 6PM - 8PM
OVER 18'S £7 PER HEAD

**INC. QUIZ ENTRY & DINNER WITH ALCOHOLIC DRINK
(UNDER 18'S FREE ENTRY - £2.50 DINNER)**

**PRIZES TO BE WON, BEAT THE TEACHERS
AND EARN HOUSEPOINTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN!**



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Mrs Roseblade is running a half marathon!



https://www.justgiving.com/page/mrsrb1726302774692?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fmrsrb1726302774692&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

She is raising money for Alzheimer's research due to losing family and friends to this illness- please sponsor her if you can.