



Shaping the Spirit, Achieving Together, Learning for life
Thursday 12th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an exciting start to the term! First, we had the Everyman Theatre in to run a Pantomime workshop for the whole school on the first day back. Then, the whole school went to Cheltenham on two coaches to watch Dick Whittington at the Everyman. Everybody was well behaved and had a great time. Thanks to the adults that volunteered their support on the day. Each class has had an exciting start to their new theme- please see Class News for more information. Aliens, dinosaurs, cave-people, animals- there are all there! The guinea pigs returned this week in a larger, newer cage- thank you to the Armstrongs (no relation!) for donating this and adjusting furniture to get it to fit the space. Bobby and Rupert were very well cared for over Christmas.

***Please note the deadline for Reception place applications Sept 2023 is 15th Jan.
Anna-Mai Armstrong***

Christian Values

Our Value this term is

❖ **PERSEVERANCE**



In Worship this past week Mrs Armstrong read "The Snow Lambs" by Debi Gliori and we considered how the brave sheepdog in the story showed Perseverance. We had our first Worship on Tuesday from Rev. Denise who will be visiting the school on Tuesdays to deliver Worship regularly. She talked about her amazing hobby- fixing clocks, which requires much perseverance and patience.



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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

The children have loved exploring the role-play area in our room - it is set up as a control panel for a space rocket. While the rest of the school were out at the pantomime last week, Chestnuts discovered that the school had been invaded by aliens. Strange hand and foot prints appeared all over the school. The children followed them to find out where they went. At the end of the trail they found an alien! Our sound of the week has been 'm'.



WILLOW

In Willow Class we found a dinosaur egg in the Forest School Area! We followed large footprints. We observed and described the egg. Yesterday, the egg went missing! We wrote "LOST" posters and put them around school to see if anyone could help us find it. In History we learnt about Mary Anning. In Science we were palaeontologists and had to find out if the dinosaur dung came from a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.



SYCAMORE

We have had a super start to term in Sycamore Class. We have started learning about Prehistoric Britain, beginning in the Stone Age. We began by creating hand axes using soap and enjoying role playing in our class "cave". We have made clay models of different stone age shelters and created cave paintings. In English we are using the book Stone Age Boy by Satori Kitamura which the children are loving. In Maths, we are continuing to learn to add and subtract. We have begun to learn how to play the recorder on a Wednesday morning.



OAK

Oak class have started their new theme by exploring some very weird and wonderful animals. In science we have classified these odd animals and in computing we have made a collaborative PowerPoint learning all about the creatures. Our English writing over the next few weeks is all about animal origin stories and we've started to create our own 'Tinga Tale' type story about the star-nosed mole! In Maths we've continued our work from last term with times tables in Year 4, multiplication by 10,100 and 1000 in Year five and BODMAS in Year 6.

Please see our school website Class Pages for Theme Sheets and Knowledge Organisers for this term

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Attendance update
School Target

96%+

Whole School Sept 2022- Jan 2023= 93%

Good bye !

We are sorry to inform you that Claire McCartney, who has worked at Westbury for over twelve years, will be leaving us on 3rd February. Claire has been such an asset to the school and has had such a positive impact on so many pupils lives in school- she will be greatly missed. However, it is time for her to pursue new challenges in a completely different role and we wish her all the best. I know that staff are already planning a good "send- off"! Also, Claire will not be a complete stranger, since she plans to still be involved in the summer production.

In light of this, we are looking to appoint a part time Teaching Assistant for Oak Class and a Class Teacher for two days a week. The advertisements are now live on Gloucestershire Teaching Vacancies and we will inform you of any appointments.



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CHURCH NEWS -FAMILY SERVICE

We are travelling again now with the Wise Men.

I know many of you enjoyed your trip out last month,
now can you catch up with us at Northwood Green Church

We would love to see you!

Come for 10am and finish with a drink and biscuits

on Sunday 15th January. Rev Sarah Hobbs

*CHESTNUTS are looking for **any dressing up clothes** you may have for 3-4 yr olds. They would like to develop their dressing up box and are grateful for any donations of unwanted dressing up items.*

*Also, as part of our development of the library, we are looking for a small, **two seater sofa** or another **comfy chair** in there. If you have anything suitable that you don't need anymore, please contact us. THANK YOU!*





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Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?



Any child born between the above dates can start school in the school year starting from **1 September 2023**. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary or infant school therefore you must apply to us to receive a school place for your child by the closing date **15 January 2023**

If you have not heard from us by 1st December you must contact us so we can send you the information you will need to apply for a school place. If you do not apply on time you may not get a place at the school you want.

Key dates

November 2022 – You should receive a letter from us advising you how to apply for a school place

15 January 2023 – Deadline for making your application

17 April 2023 – Allocation Day (find out which school we can offer your child)

If you have any queries about applying for a place at primary or infant school for your child, please contact Co-ordinated Admissions.

Co-ordinated Admissions,

Shire Hall, Westgate Street,
Gloucester, GL1 2TP

Email: school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Web: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Apply Online!

- It's quick and easy to use
- Confirmation when your application is received
- You will see the school allocated on 17th April
- Environmentally friendly

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/>