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Thursday 14th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is a short one but we have certainly packed a lot into it! Parents' evenings are happening this week and the Scholastic Book Fair will be in the hall for you to buy books for your children, which supports the school to buy more books.

The **School Disco** was so much fun- great outfits, great dancing and great nail bar! It was very well attended and everyone went home happy and exhausted.

WORLD BOOK DAY is always one of my favourite days of the year and this one was no exception. Scroll down for some great photographs of the day- there are more on our Instagram and Facebook feeds. The Friends of Westbury supported both of these occasions and we are so grateful.

We look forward to seeing parents & carers at our **Open Classrooms** on Wednesday 20th March (8.30am) and at our **Easter Service** on 21st March (9.15).

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

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





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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

The children in Chestnuts have been looking after worms in their wormery over the last couple of weeks. They have enjoyed watching the worms tunnel their way round in the soil. This week we let the worms go, so please keep an eye out for the tapestry posts in the next week showing you all about the wormery. The children have really enjoyed listening to the Hairy Maclary stories which are coming to an end and now are starting to focus on Easter for our last week of term.

WILLOW



Willow Class have been learning about real life superheroes, in History. They have learnt about Rosa Parks, Emily Davison and Florence Nightingale. In DT, the children created a design of their own superhero cape and mask! Then, they made their superhero outfit using different tools and materials. On Friday, the 'Willow Class Superheroes' paraded through school to show everyone their amazing outfits. In RE we have continued to look at the Easter Story. The children made Easter gardens last week and we discussed why Christians place a cross in the Easter gardens. We have started our unit looking at a new book, Send for a Superhero. The children wrote descriptions about the baddies from the book, Filth and Vacuum and they created a wanted poster. In Maths, the children learnt more about telling the time and learnt half past. The Year 1s have also continued their addition and subtraction unit looking at the numbers 12, 13 and 14.

SYCAMORE

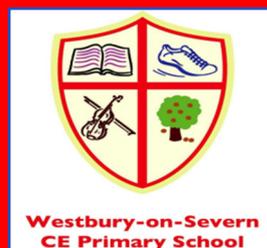


We are nearing the end of our learning all about light this term. We have been researching significant scientists from the past and completed great biographies about the Wright Brothers. In French, we are learning the days of the week and fruit, whilst reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar in french. In RE, we have explored in further detail the significance of Pentecost. In PE, we have been playing ball games and learning to use our hands like in volleyball. We have been lucky with the weather in outdoor learning! Another busy couple of weeks in Sycamore

OAK



The last few weeks Oak class have been working on their Street Art project. This week we have drawn out our tags and created a brick backdrop for them - we will be adding stencils next week. In English we have started reading the book 'My Granny came here on the Empire Windrush'. We've learnt all about the journey made by so many people and what life was like in London for them. Everyone enjoyed their sessions in the Life Education tent where the Year 4s looked at keeping mentally healthy, and the Year 5/6s looked at what different drugs do to our bodies and how we can keep safe.



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Celebration Awards

Every Friday we celebrate pupil's effort, attitude and achievement during our Celebration Assembly. One child per year group is awarded a certificate and these are sent home. ***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. Please just turn up and enjoy celebrating the pupils' achievements.

Reception: Nico

Year One: Eliza

Year Two: Reuben

Year Three: Eden

Year Four: Koen

Year Five: Nia

Year Six: Barney

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 *Evie*



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Dates for your diary:

13th and 14th March: Parents evenings- please contact the office if you haven't already signed up.

20th March- End of theme drop in- open Classrooms. ALL PARENTS and CARERS welcome 8.30- 9.15. Come and see your children's work at the end of term.

21st March: Easter Service in the Church, 9.15 start. All welcome.

22nd March: End of Term

8th April: Term 5 starts

9th April: Swimming lessons start for Y2,3,4,5.

17th April: Class & Y6 leaver photographs.

24th April: YR and Y6 to see the School Nurse- weight and heights.

13th May: SATS week for Y6 begins

17th June: Cycling Proficiency week for Y6 begins

4th and 5th July: School Production performances at the Parish Hall

11th July: Sports Morning followed by Parent picnic

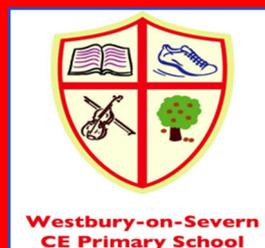
18th July: End of theme Open Classrooms/Drop in- All Parents/Carers welcome.

Attendance update

Whole school from September 2023- **92.3%**

Whole School Target - 96%

Pupils with attendance below 90% are classed as Persistent Absentees. Their attendance will be monitored closely by the Headteacher. If there are concerns, we arrange a meeting with parents and carers to help improve attendance. Teachers will be sharing your child's current attendance data at parents' evening with you. Authorised and Unauthorised absences count the same- they are both still absence. Unauthorised absences can trigger fines from the Local Authority when they continue for five days (or more) in a row.



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Restorative Conversations

You may have heard us or your child talking about **Restorative conversations**.

Last summer staff received training on how to facilitate a restorative conversation. We only have a restorative conversation when everyone is calm and everyone can agree to listen to the other person's point of view.

We use **Restorative conversations** to resolve conflict or misunderstandings between pupils and they have had a hugely positive impact on the relationships between pupils in school and building trust in the school community.

They are a key part of our behaviour strategy and enable everyone to feel listened to and that their side of the story has been heard. You might like to try them at home for conflict resolution situations! We use these "scripts" for the different age ranges in school.

Restorative questions for EYFS (ages 3-5)

- What happened?
- How do you feel? (How do you think the others feel?)
- How can we put things right?

Restorative questions for Y1- Y4 (ages 6-8)

- What happened?
- What were you thinking when that happened?
- How do you feel now?
- Who was involved?
- How might they be feeling now?
- What can we do to put things right?

Restorative questions for Y5 and Y6 (ages 9-11)

- What happened? What were you thinking at the time? What are your thoughts since?
- Who has been affected by what has happened? In what way?
- What needs to happen to put things right?
- What will you do differently next time?



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BOBBY needs a holiday home!



If you would like to Bobby-sit during the Easter holidays, then please let Anna Cox in the office know and we will add you to the list. Thanks to everyone who has looked after him in the past. He always returns happy and often with upgraded furniture!

Summer Sports Week



We have now confirmed bookings for our Sports week, which we are really looking forward to-

- Yoga
- Archery
- Climbing Wall
- Circus skills
- Rounders

All in addition to Sports Morning with our usual athletic races.



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WORLD BOOK DAY



We had a **WONDERFUL** day- such a fantastic celebration of reading all day long. We started with a **Bookish Breakfast** at 8am which was so very well attended, then every child chose a book in the "Book Swap" (thanks for the donations!). After lunch we had a "Teacher Swap"- the teachers all went into a different class and read them their favourite story. We finished the day in the hall with a whole school assembly talking about finding more time to read for pleasure.



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CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS' SUCCESS



We are so proud of our two cross country runners, Reuben and Bethany, who qualified for the NATIONAL school Cross Country race, to represent pupils from Gloucestershire. 3 pupils from the Forest of Dean qualified- 2 were from our small school! Bethany finished 25th on the day out of 147 Year 4 runners and Reuben finished 99th out of 260 runners in Year 6. It was very muddy and lots of runners didn't finish. A big Congratulations to them both.



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Governors 200 Club – a great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter!

The Governor 200 club is changing as of May 2024

Here's how it will work.....

- Fill in the form to buy a membership number for **£12 for the year.**
- Each short term your number will be entered into the Governors' 200 Club draw.
- A member of the governing body will conduct the draw each short term.
- If you win, a cheque will be sent home with your child or posted to your home address if you do not have a child in school. The name of the winners will be published in the newsletter.
- There will be a first prize of 20% of the funds raised from number sales that half term, second prize of 15%, third prize of 10% and fourth prize of 5%
- Money raised will be used to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils

Any queries, please contact Jen Sigournay at j.sigournay@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk

JOIN OUR 200 CLUB TODAY AND YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT WINNER!