



## A small school, dreaming big

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new term; school, as always, has been buzzing with energy. Mrs KD started working in the office and has made a fantastic start already. Everyone has made her very welcome.

This week has been Anti-Bullying week with the theme of Choose Respect and all classes have been exploring what Respect looks like in school and home. On Wednesday it was World Kindness Day and our Kindness Ambassadors led a brilliant assembly on how kindness makes everyone feel better and makes the world a better place. We are very proud of them and the pupils all reflected thoughtfully to their questions.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the shoebox appeal- very kind of you all! The boxes were collected on Tuesday.

Tomorrow is Children in Need and we are taking part in the cycling challenge, as well as dressing spottily. I look forward to it!

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
Headteacher

### WORSHIP



On Monday we all came together in the hall at 10.50am and explored the significance of our poppy wearing, the role of the British Legion and what **Remembrance Day** is all about.

We held 2 mins silence and played the last post. The children were very respectful and reflective.



This week it is **Anti- Bullying week** in school and we are joining all the schools in the UK who are "Choosing respect" this week. We discussed what Respect looks like and what the bible says about it.

*"Do unto others as you would be done by"*



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### Class News



#### CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts have had a busy start to Autumn term 2. They have started to learn the songs for this year's Nativity. This week the children have been taking part in Nursery Rhyme week where they have been focusing on a different rhyme each day. On Monday the children took part in the Remembrance Day celebrations, they made sun catcher poppies for the windows and took part in the 2-minute silence. We have started our phonics programme with a letter each week. Keep an eye out for emails each week saying what the letter is for the coming week. The children have enjoyed bringing in items from home for 'What's in the box?'



#### WILLOW

In Willow Class we have been super busy since starting our rehearsals for our up coming nativity play. Together, we have been practicing our lines and learning the lyrics for the songs. We are all super excited for our performance! We also been continuing with our English work on the text '**Cave Baby**', we created story maps to help us retell the narrative. In Maths, the Year 1s have working hard on their place value skills up to 100, while the Receptions have been learning about the language 'whole' and 'part'. In Geography, we did some fieldwork in our local area and spotted human and physical features. We also took part in Remembrance art activities and created a poppy wreath for our classroom door to honour those who have served.



#### SYCAMORE

Sycamore Class had a great few days of art last week where we learnt about George Seurat and his technique of Pointillism. We created our own piece of Pointillism of fireworks. In English we have written poems about the Earth and are now writing about adventures we have had as part of our explorers' club. In Maths Year 3s are looking at their 3s and 4 times tables. Year 2 have been learning to add 9 by adding 10 and subtracting 1.

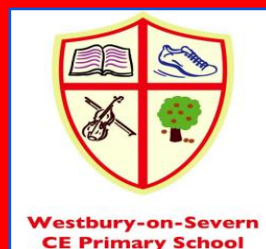


#### OAK

We've started our new book '**The Iron Man**' in English - please have a look at Zach's work to see what has been happening in the class (can you spot the prepositions we've been working hard to use?) In computing we've been using a repeat code to program designs for wrapping paper using Logo online and we've been busy learning the chords, C and G in guitar sessions. We've enjoyed Anti-bullying week and Kindness day - looking at what Respect means to us, how we can show it more and how the way we say things is so important.

#### Zach's recount -

*On Tuesday the 5th of November the children in Oak Class discovered objects around their room. It had been a normal day before the children found mysterious metallic objects. The next day the objects had moved and were placed around the room, one was on a radiator, one by the bin and another was above the T.V.*



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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: Ayrton and Sidney**

**Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Awards: Lily and Beren**

**Oak Class Academic Excellence Awards: Matthew and Zach**

**Purple Learners of the term: Caspar, Django and Freddie**

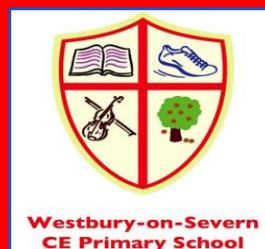
**Westbury Way Award: Drizzt Tarling-Jones**

### Attendance update

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – November 11th 2024 = **96.6%**



Whole School Target - **98%**



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### Dates for your diary

**15<sup>th</sup> November:** *Children in Need Day*- bring a scooter or bike into school for circuits round the playground to raise money. Wear Spots or home clothes! See more info in this newsletter.

**29<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas light switch on- mulled wine, mince pies, grotto, raffle. 6pm onwards- organised by Friends- see poster later in newsletter

**10<sup>th</sup> December:** Open Classrooms from 8.30-9.15am- drop in for Parents and carers to see children's work in all subjects this term.

**11<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.30am: Oak pupils Guitar Concert, Parents and carers welcome  
2.15pm: Willow and Chestnut class Nativity show "On a Starry Night ". Parents and Carers welcome.

**12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day

**13<sup>th</sup> December:** Aladdin Pantomime Workshop in school by Cheltenham Playhouse

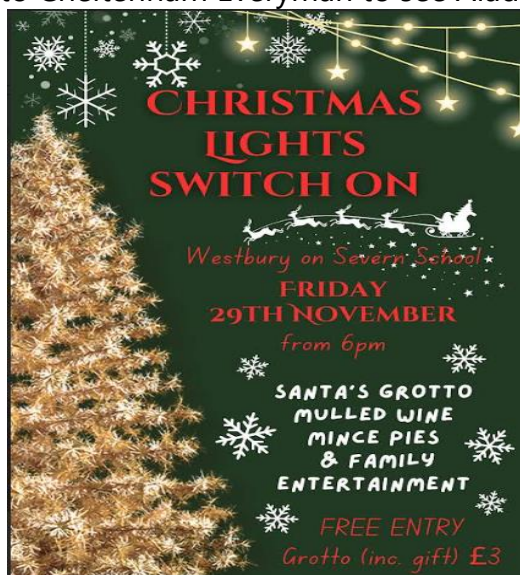
**17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Church service 9.15am- Everyone welcome.

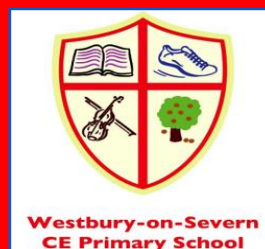
**18<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Lunch in the hall

**19<sup>th</sup> December:** Pyjama Day in school! Come to school in pyjamas! We will have cosy reading time and Friends will be serving hot chocolate.

**20<sup>th</sup> December:** There are rumours that Father Christmas might be making a visit to Westbury today.....the last day of term.

**8<sup>th</sup> January:** Whole school to Cheltenham Everyman to see Aladdin.





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### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November CHILDREN IN NEED

Tomorrow we are asking pupils to come into school spotty (or in home clothes) for Children in Need. We are also going to help Paddy with his cycle challenge by completing 300 circuits of our playground on wheels in the afternoon. You can support this by using the Just giving link below! Children can bring a scooter or bike into school, or they can use one of the playtime Wiggle cars. It will be a fun day - thank you to School Council for arranging this charity event.



***This link will take you to our Children in Need fundraising cycle challenge:***

**[https://www.justgiving.com/page/westbury-on-severncofeschool-1730729020678?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fwestbury-on-severncofeschool-1730729020678&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/westbury-on-severncofeschool-1730729020678?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwestbury-on-severncofeschool-1730729020678&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)**



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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 enroll 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/>**

**The school census is on *Thursday 3rd October* so if you can apply and get confirmation before then funding will be given from next April. 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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*Both Mrs Walls and Mrs Roseblade will be starring in this show at the Parish Hall!*

**Thumbelina**  
A PANTOMIME  
WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY  
MARK LANDON  
**WESTBURY  
PARISH HALL**

**PERFORMANCES:**  
**MEAL NIGHTS** 7:00 for 7:30pm start  
Saturday 25th January  
Friday 31st January  
Saturday 1st February  
**MATINÉE** 3:00 for 3:30pm start  
Sunday 26th January

**TICKETS:**  
Meal Night: £17.50  
Matinée: £5  
£2 child under 16

**BOX OFFICE: NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 11.00AM**