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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you may know, a member of our extended Westbury family is very ill in hospital and so we are holding a Fundraising day on 21<sup>st</sup> June THE WRONG TROUSERS to support the hospital in Bristol. I have put the details on Facebook & Instagram, which have links to donate online but please use this link if you do not follow us on social media.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/catherine-lovell-1717009017223?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fcatherine-lovell-1717009017223&utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaEQ3VxG5Bh7RM5bCzEATzCBQWNq\\_dMgaqQ2DwXWGZV3wrKcKhdcW79mfs\\_aem\\_AUY27AIWnk9cVBaLW0jkCANvgkbD6Btl6wkv1XaS19fifxUYVT21elbNfl5MpGarK5NFMUX7uZqeogrUNRaZOu-Z](https://www.justgiving.com/page/catherine-lovell-1717009017223?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fcatherine-lovell-1717009017223&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaEQ3VxG5Bh7RM5bCzEATzCBQWNq_dMgaqQ2DwXWGZV3wrKcKhdcW79mfs_aem_AUY27AIWnk9cVBaLW0jkCANvgkbD6Btl6wkv1XaS19fifxUYVT21elbNfl5MpGarK5NFMUX7uZqeogrUNRaZOu-Z)

Lots of news in this week's newsletter, so keep scrolling/reading till the end!

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
Headteacher

### WORSHIP PICTURE NEWS

We talked about the General Election coming up on 4<sup>th</sup> July.



**British Values  
Democracy**



- I know I have a voice and my opinions will be heard
- I can listen carefully to others
- I know how to discuss an issue in a calm way and can show respect for others even if I disagree
- My vote matters



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### CHESTNUTS



This week Chestnuts have been looking after caterpillars, they are going to watch them grow over the next few weeks and then release them into Forest School when they turn into butterflies. They have also been learning about patterns and what comes next. The children due to start school in September have started to talk about starting school and what it might feel like. We will work on this more over the coming weeks. If you have children that are turning Preschool age and are considering sending them to Chestnuts, please could you get in touch with us.



**WILLOW** In Willow Class, we have started our new theme, Off We Go!

We carried out an investigation in Science to answer the question, 'How can we make a balloon powered car go further?' We made verbal predictions, carried out the investigation, helped to measure how far the car went each time, and answered our investigation question. In Literacy, we have started our new book, '**The Magic Bed**', by John Burningham. We predicted where we thought the magic bed could go and we learnt about proper and common nouns. We identified and labelled the proper and common nouns found in the book. In Numeracy, we carried on with our measurement unit. We learnt about the mass of an object, heavier and lighter, and how to put objects in order from lightest to heaviest. In Art, we learnt about sculpture. We made small sculptures of natural objects that we found at Forest School. In Music, we are extending our skills in playing the ukulele and we have learnt lots of songs. We can't wait to show you how talented we are at our concert on the 3rd of July.



**SYCAMORE** We have started our new book in English this term – '**The Last Garden**'.

The book is about the last garden in a war torn city. The children have been writing descriptions about the garden and the city and using conjunctions to compare these. In Maths the Year 3s have started their unit on multiplication and division and the Year 2s have started their unit on length and mass. We have started our Science topic looking at plants and have identified the different parts of a flowering plant. We have been learning about what life was like in Romans times and how it has influenced our lives today.



**OAK**

Over the last few weeks Oak class have finished their unit in PSHE with sessions on anatomy and how humans reproduce. The children have all been so sensible during this topic - I've been really impressed. In our Science we have started to look at the circulatory system with an exploration of some real hearts. In English we have been reading the book, '**The Unforgotten Coat**'. The children have really enjoyed the text and will start writing their own short story inspired by the text next week.



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# Celebration Awards

Every Friday we celebrate pupil's effort, attitude and achievement during our Celebration Assembly. ***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.

**Reception:** Hattie, Ayrton

**Year One:** Django, Ellis

**Year Two:** Olivia, Gregory

**Year Three:** Liz, Harrison

**Year Four:** Lily, Koen

**Year Five:** Jamie, Nia

**Year Six:** Lewys, 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 **Ava**

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#### Dates for your diary:



**17<sup>th</sup> June:** Cycling Proficiency for Y6

**21<sup>st</sup> June: THE WRONG TROUSERS** - charity fundraiser. Come to school wearing weird trousers!

**24<sup>th</sup> June:** Dene Magna transition week for Y6s

**5<sup>th</sup> July:** School Production performance of Cinder Ella at the Parish Hall- **ONE NIGHT ONLY**

**8<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Week begins- a week of exciting Physical activities

**10<sup>th</sup> July:** Chestnuts Sports morning

**11<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole school Sports morning followed by Parent Picnic

**12<sup>th</sup> July:** End of Year Reports emailed out to parents

**16<sup>th</sup> July:** End of Year Church Service 2pm for the whole school with End of Year Values Certificates and Y6 Bibles and hoodies ceremony. Hotdogs and refreshments will be served in playground afterwards organised by Friends of Westbury. Everyone welcome!

**18<sup>th</sup> July:** End of theme Open Classrooms/Drop in- All Parents/Carers welcome. 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale in the hall run by Friends of Westbury.

**19<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Leavers Assembly in school hall 2pm. *Everyone welcome.*

#### Staffing updates

- I have some sad news for you about Mrs Walls. She suffered a miscarriage recently and won't be returning to school until she has physically and emotionally recovered. This obviously changes staffing for September. Once it is arranged, we will inform you. In the interim, Miss Eccles is teaching Willow on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Sim is teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays in Sycamore will be covered by supply teachers- we try to book Mr Berry.
- Mrs Morris-Green is sadly leaving us on 12<sup>th</sup> July. She has been working with a pupil on a 1:1 basis and has done a wonderful job but she now wants to spend more time at home with her family. We will miss her but she will still be part of the school and we wish her luck in any future pursuits.
- We will be recruiting a class TA for Oak Class for September, an advert for this is on Gloucestershire County Council website. There are lunchtime duties included in the role.



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### Attendance update

Whole school from September 2023- **93%**

**Whole School Target - 96%**

For the first week back in June we hit our target and we had  
96.13% whole school attendance.

### 200 Club

Thank you to all who are taking part in the Governors 200 Club this year, we have drawn the winners for the 1st Summer term;

1st Place - Victoria Stroud

2nd Place - Sue Matthews

3rd Place - Jo Barry

4th Place - Nigel Hogg

If you would like to buy a number in our draw you can still join in and the cost will be £10/number for the remaining 5 draws.

It's a great way to support the school, please email [admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk) for more info.





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### FAMILY FRIDAYS on the FIELD

As part of our OPAL programme we want to extend play opportunities to families out of school hours.

We are therefore opening up our new school field to families every Friday after school until 5pm from **21<sup>st</sup> June** until the end of term for free family play. We are inviting families to use our field to play/picnic/socialise on- maybe bringing bikes, or footballs (use the goals) and enjoy the space. We ask that you do not use Forest School, the trim trail or the wobble cars (for now) but children can select play equipment from the playground shed and bring it down to the field. (Our long term aim is to develop the field with more play equipment.) Please make sure all play equipment is returned tidily before you leave and that your children are supervised at all times. ***Parents must take full responsibility for their children during this time.*** Mrs Armstrong will be in school till 5pm and toilets will be available to use in school. We will open the side gate so that you can walk straight down to the field after school. Please do not bring dogs with you.

Let's hope for good weather soon so that this will be even more fun.



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- Weekly polls to vote on
- The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show
- Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary
- Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children

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**CINDERFORD BAND**  
**OPEN DAY**

**COME ALONG AND TRY A NEW SKILL!**  
TRY A BRASS OR PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT FOR FREE,  
WITH HELP FROM EXPERIENCED PLAYERS!  
SAFEGUARDING | SAFE ENVIRONMENT | REFRESHMENTS!

**SATURDAY 22ND JUNE**  
**11AM - 2PM**  
**FOXES BRIDGE CENTRE, CINDERFORD,**  
**GL14 2LJ**





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**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
VINEY HILL FOOTBALL CLUB  
ST. SWITHINS ROAD, LYDNEY. GL15 4NF  
SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024  
FROM 12PM

Supporting **Great Oaks HOSPICE**  
Registered Charity No. 1078186

**FREE ENTRY**

**Stitch MEET AND GREET**

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

**CIRCUS SKILLS**

**FACE PAINTING**

**TATTOOS**

**CRAFT STALLS**

**FIRE ENGINE**

**TOMBOLA**

**FOOTBALL DARTBOARD**

**HOG ROAST**

**PIZZA**

**BROWNIES, COOKIES & WAFFLES**

**ICE CREAM VAN**

**BAR OPEN**

**PENALTY SHOOTOUT**

**RAFFLE**

The poster features a central illustration of a blue Stitch character holding a dart, standing next to a dartboard. In the foreground, there are food stalls with pizza, cupcakes, and an ice cream van. A boy is kicking a ball into a goal. The background shows a green field and a blue sky with clouds. A small crest of Viney Hill Football Club is in the bottom right corner.