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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that your child(ren) have had a positive start to the new term. You should have received a Theme Overview and Knowledge Organiser for the new theme and these are posted on our website on the class pages.

We have had some responses to the letter asking Parents & Carers whether they might be interested in using a daily After School Club run by Progressive Sports. For this to be viable, we need a minimum number of pupils daily, so please let us know if you are interested ASAP.

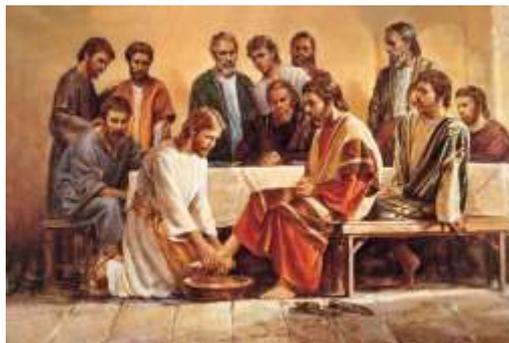
Swimming has started well for the Y2/3/4/5s-it is a very enjoyable weekly event for all. On Friday 5th May, in anticipation of the King's Coronation each class will be having a tea party and learning about this historic event.

As ever, if you are unsure about anything, do contact the class teacher or phone /email the school.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

Christian Values Our Value this term is ❖ SERVICE

We have explored the bible story when Jesus washed his disciples feet in Worship for our new value and discussed the link between Service and Humility.





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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts have been looking at all the different signs of spring appearing in forest school over the last week. They even had a look in the pond to see if they could see the tadpoles that they put in the pond at the end of last term. On Friday, they took part in their first '**Bikeability**' session which was all about balancing. They all did really well and had lots of fun.



WILLOW

In Willow Class, we have started our new theme - **Once Upon a Time**. We have been reading and writing the story of the 3 little pigs. In Science last week, the three little pigs wrote Willow Class a letter asking for help! They wanted to know what materials are and what different materials objects are made from. The children wrote back to let them know the answers to their questions. This week in Science, two of the pigs wrote another letter! They wanted to know the properties of straw and wood and they wanted to know why these materials didn't work for their houses. In Geography, we learnt about a compass. We used compasses in Forest School to find the three little pigs and the wolf! In History we have been looking at the history of houses and have explored Celtic roundhouses, Anglo-Saxon houses and Tudor houses. In Mastery Maths we have been learning about even and odd numbers and counting one more and one less. In Maths we have been learning about 3D shapes such as cuboids, cubes and pyramids.



SYCAMORE

Sycamore have had a flying start to the new term! Our new theme is '**Was London better before or after the Great Fire?**' We have begun our DT learning by eating and comparing cakes made with a recipe from 1666 to modern times. In History, we investigated who buried cheese in their garden and read about significant people at the time of the Great Fire. In Science, we looked at the artefacts from the John Moore Museum and discussed the materials they are made of, we then drew and labelled them. In music, we have been singing London's Burning in a round. In RE, we are answering the question 'What is God like to follow?' This began with learning about Noah and the Ark. In French, we are continuing to count. In Maths, Y2 are learning about fractions whilst Y3 are solving subtraction problems with a written column method.



OAK

Oak class have made a great start to their new theme of **India**. They have been sampling tasty Indian snacks, exploring the physical geographical features of India, creating Indian art in the form of Mandalas, and experimenting with learning some Hindi words! We are reading the book Thirst by Varsha Bajaj which is all about water equity in India. In Maths, Y6 are working on ratio and proportion, Y5 on fractions and Y4 on column subtraction. In RE we have been exploring the concept of Brahman.



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Attendance update

School Target - **96%**

Whole School Sept 2022- April 2023 = **93.7%**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bank holidays: Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

INSET day: Monday 5th June (includes Chestnuts)

First day of Term 6: Tuesday 6th June

Sports Day plus picnic: Wednesday 21st June



Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. You spent a total of £649.49 which means that we get to spend 50% of that on new books for our school. THANK YOU! We have booked it to return the same time next year.

Please note that the school doors open at **8.30am** and no earlier. Please wait with your child(ren) until 8.30am before sending them into school. We have had pupils sometimes waiting (noisily) in the entrance area for ten minutes before school opens and this is not safe. It also blocks the entrance area and makes it difficult for parents to speak to Mrs Cox in the morning.



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Staffing updates

We would like to welcome **Mr William Bruce** to our school.

He is the new teacher in Oak Class and has started working this term on Mondays and Fridays. Mr Bruce is an experienced primary teacher who lives in Cheltenham with his wife and 2 children. He will lead Geography and PSHE. We hope he will be very happy here and feel confident that he will be a wonderful addition to our staff team.

Let me also take this opportunity to introduce you to **Miss Ruth Eccles**, who has been working on Mondays in a 1:1 capacity with pupils, supporting them with their reading. Miss Eccles is officially our "Covid Catch up" teacher, funded for by the Covid Catch up funding from the Dept for Education that was given to all schools following the pandemic. She also acts as a supply teacher for all classes as and when needed. Miss Eccles is a very experienced teacher of more than 25 years. On the days when she is not working here at Westbury, she works as a Link Tutor for the University of Gloucestershire, visiting student teachers on placement. She also works as a Cub and Beaver Assistant at Randwick Scout Group.

We also employ **Mr Ben Berry** on a regular basis as a supply teacher for Oak Class. He worked regularly in Oak class on a Friday until Mr Bruce started. He lives locally and works for a supply agency.

We are currently advertising for a Teaching Assistant to work with us 5 mornings a week and 2 afternoons- see our website for more details or visit

<https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/>



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Safeguarding updates for Parents and Carers

Continuing with our online safety theme, information from NSPCC with links

The internet and social media are integral to many children and young people's lives. They can have a positive impact on children's wellbeing by helping them connect with family and friends and express themselves in new ways. But the online world also carries risks that may affect children and young people's safety and mental health.



> [Get more information on protecting children from online abuse](#)

Encourage children to talk about how being online makes them feel. What do they like and dislike about it? What can you do to help children feel happy and safe when they are online?

Make sure children and young people know who to talk to if they have concerns or questions.

> [Take our online safety training to make sure you have the skills you need to keep children safe online](#)

> [Look at our information for parents about online safety on the NSPCC website](#)

> [View Childline's child-friendly information about online and mobile safety](#)



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A promotional graphic for Gloucestershire Music. It features three overlapping banners at the top: a purple one with "Make Music", a blue one with "Have Fun", and an orange one with "Get Playing". Below these is a central black circle containing the text "Whole Class Ensemble Tuition £10 Instrumental Hire Offer" and "Hire an instrument & join an orchestra for just £10!". The background is a collage of various musical instruments and equipment icons, including a trumpet, guitar, microphone, and speakers.

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A message from Gloucestershire Music:

As your child is receiving Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) in school through Gloucestershire Music, we are delighted to extend this amazing offer. Through this scheme, our ethos of making music fun and accessible will enable your child to benefit from affordable instrumental hire and music centre membership allowing them to continue their enjoyment of music outside of the classroom. We've lit the musical spark, now let us show you how exciting the next stage can be! Visit www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk or call our team on 01452 427242 for more information.

Happy Music Making

Nick Steel Music Service Schools Manager



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Progressive
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Be happy, healthy and active!



Colour Run
is back on
Friday 2nd
June!

OUR ACTIVE CAMP IS BACK CINDERFORD THIS MAY HALF TERM!

FOREST VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

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