

## A small school, dreaming big

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy but purposeful start to term, with Willow starting their new theme about People Who Help Us and Sycamore and Oak continuing their themes until Easter. Don't forget we have our End of Theme Drop ins on the last day of term for you to come and admire all the work your children are doing in school. More information on that nearer the date.

Please do book for Parents Evening with Mrs Cox if you haven't already done so. This year, we have invited **Scholastic Book Fair** in for you to browse before and after your meeting with the teachers. They sell quality books at a reasonable price and we, as a school, earn commission to spend on books for the school library, which we are in the process of revamping.

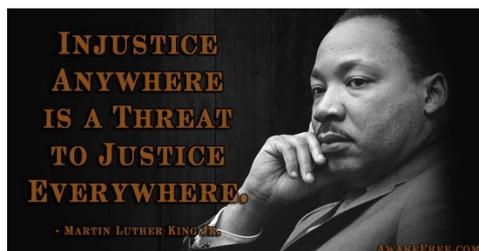
I hope you enjoy this newsletter- there's a lot in it this week!

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**

**Headteacher**

### Christian Values Our Value this term is ❖ JUSTICE

This term we will explore this weighty value and we began the term by reflecting on the story of Solomon from the bible.





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### CLASS NEWS



#### CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts have been busy finishing off their 'Out of this world' theme before we broke up for half term. Now we are focusing on 'Eric Carle' for the rest of this term. This week we started off with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have been making Caterpillars and going on a bug hunt in our role-play area. They have also started learning about the life cycle of the Butterfly.



#### WILLOW

This week we started our theme People Who Help Us. We had a visit from Sarah, a police officer, who showed us all her police equipment and talked about her job as a police officer. Before her visit the children wrote questions they wanted to ask her and after her visit they drew and labelled a picture of her then wrote about her visit. In Computing we have looked at what information technology the police use in their jobs. In R.E we learnt about Palm Sunday. We sang a song called Hosanna and made palm leaves. For DT, Police Officer Sarah asked us to design and make a police car. We learnt about axles and wheels and we experimented with dowelling and wheels. In Maths the year 1s have been partitioning 7 and 9. Reception have been ordering numbers up to 10.



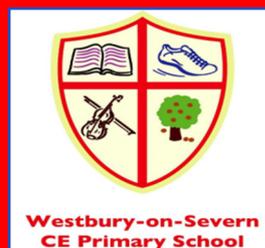
#### SYCAMORE

Sycamore class have begun to write a holiday brochure about Skara Brae. We are learning about persuasive features in writing, including rhetorical questions. In maths, Y3 are continuing their learning about fractions, including comparing and ordering fractions, whilst Y2 have been learning to divide. In our history lessons, we have entered the Bronze Age and we have begun to learn to sew in DT. In music, we are continuing to learn recorders and cannot wait to share our musical skills in a few weeks' time.



#### OAK

Oak class have had a busy week back. Our Netball team came second in their group in the tournament at the start of the week - well done team Westbury. In literacy we have started to explore our new book, 'Owl Moon' by Jane Yolen. We're focusing on the use of figurative language and are being inspired by the beautiful pictures to create our own adapted version in a few weeks' time. We've also started our new unit in RE looking at what Christians mean when they call Jesus a King.



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### Dates for your diary:

WORLD BOOK DAY: **14<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents Evenings: **22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March**- please make sure you have signed up.

WORLD MATHS DAY: **23<sup>rd</sup> March**

PGL school trip for Y5/6: **27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March**

End of Term: **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

First day of Term 5: **17<sup>th</sup> April**

Extra Bank Holiday: **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

### Attendance update

School Target

96%

Whole School: Sept 2022- March 2023= **93%**

### World Maths Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> March

At Westbury we LOVE maths!

This year we are going to celebrate by exploring the number **5** across the school. We will be exploring it in different ways across the classes, with subitising, the 5 times table and code breaking as a few examples. We thought it would be nice if we all dress up as something that represents the number **5**. This could be a sports shirt with the number 5 on, something with 5 things on, wearing 5 pairs of socks.

**Miss Wills- Maths Subject Leader**



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### *WORLD BOOK DAY* : 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We are asking for everyone to come dressed as a book character for **WORLD BOOK DAY**.

We will start the day with a **Bookish Breakfast at 8am-8.30am** to which parents, carers and younger siblings are warmly invited. Come to the hall to eat a FREE buffet style breakfast and share a reading book- we will supply a range of books, or bring your own.

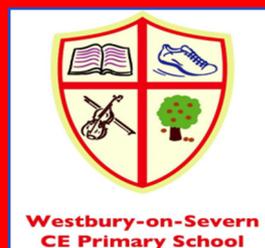
During the day we will be having a "book swap". We ask that every child comes to school with a book (or two) that they are willing to donate to someone in school. We will then arrange for everyone to choose a new book from these donations. It's a great and FREE way to have a new reading book.

Children will also be given a World Book Day voucher that they can use in book shops or towards a book at our school Book Fair.

Nathan Kift will be in school all day, running workshops in each class about being an author and sharing his stories.

At Westbury, we aim to inspire each and every child with a lifelong *love of reading* to feed their imagination and quench their thirst for knowledge.





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### SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

*Safeguarding Leads in School are Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Roseblade.*

Following on from our Internet Safety Day last term, here is some information from the **NSPCC** on children and their use of social media.

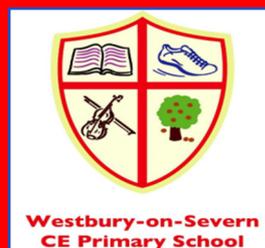
#### What are the risks of social media for children?

- Oversharing
- Sharing their location
  - Talking to people they do not know
- Sending or receiving inappropriate content
- Unrealistic sense of body image or reality
- Obsessive focus on likes and comments

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

*Follow this link to read more and to get advice on how to manage your child's use of social media.*





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## The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF will be returning this spring for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Click [here](#) to watch our latest HAF video to get a taste of what you can expect this spring!

**Between 3-14 April,** HAF eligible families will be able to access up to 4 days of free, fun activities in their district. To find out what days your district is delivering HAF, you can follow your [HAF district lead](#) on social media.

**What will be available at HAF this spring?**

- » Family days out
- » Football, basketball, cricket and more
- » Forest skills
- » Gymnastics
- » Music production
- » Sensory play
- » Delicious food
- » And more!



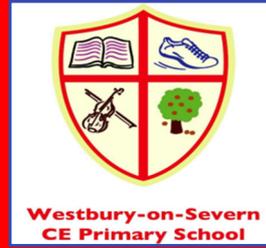
**Bookings open 16 March-  
Make sure you're HAF ready!**  
Sign up to our [HAF booking system](#).

**To stay up to date on all HAF news...**

Visit Gloucestershire's HAF website:  
[Gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF](https://Gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF)

or follow us on [Facebook](#)  
and [Twitter](#) for updates.





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**HAPPY EASTER!**

## Easter Half-Term Children's Active Camp!

Forest View Primary School, Cinderford  
Monday 3rd April until Thursday 6th April  
Tuesday 11th April until Friday 14th April

Open to all children aged 5-13!

Normal Day - 9.30am until 4.30pm!  
Extended Day - 8.30am until 5.30pm!

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

**Progressive Active Camps**  
*Be happy, healthy and active!*



**20+ Sports on offer!**  
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**Previous customers can receive up to 25% discount!**

**Colour Run will be back on Friday 14th April!**

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