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Thursday 13th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is still much to do in school, despite it being the last week of term soon (bar the final Monday...). We are looking forward to our final drop in of the year for parents and carers tomorrow morning. You are welcome to come into school and have a look at all the work pupils have been doing this term. This will be followed by a Farewell assembly for the Year 6s. Bring tissues! It's sad to say good bye but they are ready to move on to secondary.

Reports will be emailed out on Monday 17th July and with them, results of any statutory assessments (end of Key stage SATs and phonics screening). If you would like to discuss your child's report with the class teacher, please make an appointment with them before the end of term.

This is the final newsletter of this academic year and so I wish you a restful and enjoyable summer break.

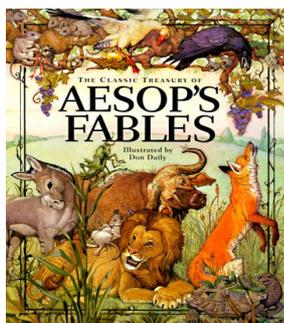
Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

Christian Values
Our Value this term is

❖ **TRUTHFULNESS**

We read a story from Aesop's Fables *The Crow and the Fox* and asked

"Is it always best to tell the truth?"





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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

Wow, here we are in July! Can't quite believe it's that time of year when we have to say goodbye to the children as they get ready to move onto the next phase of starting school. We look forward to seeing all the children and parents/carers on Friday at 2 pm when we will celebrate their time with us. This week the children have finished their bike ability sessions and the progress across the 10 weeks has been amazing! Both Mrs Trigg and Mrs Betty would like to wish you all the best of luck and hope you all have a super summer holiday.



WILLOW

In English, Willow class have been looking at the book, 'What the Ladybird heard at the seaside'. The children created a Wanted poster and wrote a plan to save the mermaids hair. We have also been reading, 'Julian is a Mermaid'. The children drew a picture of what they would transform into if they could and wrote about what they would need to change into it. In Maths, the children have been learning about money. They looked at the values of the different coins and then ordered them. The Year 1 children have been learning to tell the time with o'clock and half past. The Reception children have been practising odd and even numbers. In PSHE, the children have learnt about why sleep is really important for our health. They also learnt about the differences between a secret and a surprise.



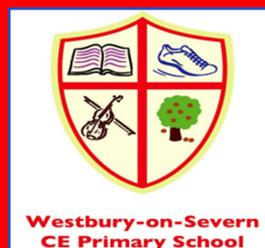
SYCAMORE

A busy final few weeks as we approach the end of term. We had a super day baking bread rolls, which I hope you enjoyed! We have been comparing human and physical features in London with Brasilia during geography. We had a great game of rounders in PE and have written about if we think London was better before or after the Fire. Our abstract art looks great and we look forward to sharing our learning with our families tomorrow. We wish you a lovely summer holiday!



OAK

Oak class has had a very different few weeks. The year 6's have now all enjoyed their taster days/week at their new school and raring to head off. Last week, everyone worked really hard during production week and art week. Mrs Noad and Mrs Crompton held the fort at school and the children have created some amazing 'steam punk' inspired pieces which are now on display. Mary Poppins was a roaring success and the children all did Westbury proud! We're finishing off our Indian theme with a bit of cooking, creating our samosa inspired snacks over the next few days, and publishing our Deity origin story next week.



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Attendance update

School Target - 96%

Whole School Sept 2022- July 2023 = 94.05%

Individual children's attendance will be recorded on their report.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

End of Year Church Service: Friday 21st July 5.30pm followed by Friends of Westbury drinks and snacks in the school hall afterwards. Everyone welcome.

REPORTS – Your child(ren)'s report will be emailed out to you on **Monday 17th July.**

END OF THEME DROP IN- Friday 14th July. Everyone welcome to come into classrooms between 8.30am- 9.00am and see pupils work in classrooms.

At 9am there will be a quick farewell assembly for Year 6 in the hall.

Everyone welcome- priority given to Year 6 parents.

LAST DAY OF TERM- 24th July. The ice cream van has broken down! But we will still be serving a range of ice creams to everyone on the last day. Let's hope the sun shines.

First day of Autumn term is **Tuesday 5th September.**



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Message from the Board of Governors –

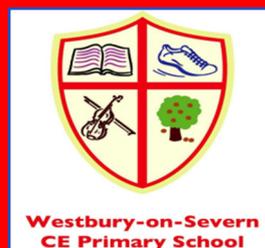
On behalf of all the governors we would like to thank the staff and pupils for all their hard work throughout the academic year. We wish children, parents and staff a restful and happy holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back in the autumn.

Gill Western and Frances Down

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We had an assembly on this and it was explained to the children all of the exciting stages of the challenge they could complete. Lots of them are interested and Cinderford library is hosting some special FREE events too. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/the-library-challenge/>
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>





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PIANO LESSONS at WESTBURY



Piano lessons will be offered at Westbury on Severn Primary School from September onwards. These will be delivered by **Ms Fiona Crawley**, a very experienced teacher and musician and will take place at the school on Tuesday afternoons.

These lessons are available to children in years 2-6. Lessons will be 20 minutes long and there will be ten per term. The cost per term is £100 and this is payable in advance please, either by cash or online. It is advisable for students to have access to a piano or electric keyboard at home; progress is much faster. However, this is not a necessity and students may still take lessons without an instrument at home. Please email Fiona directly for questions, queries and bookings

fiona.crawley@yahoo.com

The brass band are performing today in school!



Come along and try a Brass/
Percussion instrument for free

Open

September 2nd

Day

CINDERFORD
Open Day
10am - 2pm

Register your interest
before August 6th to:
cinderfordband@outlook.com

Foxes Bridge Centre
Cinderford
GL14 2LJ

ALL AGES/ ABILITIES | SAFE ENVIRONMENT | FREE TUITION/ INSTRUMENT HIRE | DBS CHECKED | REFRESHMENTS



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The Big Forest School Clear Up - Sunday 30th July

Mrs Trigg and Mrs Sim have made some very exciting plans to improve the amazing Forest School area that our children enjoy and **we need your help to make it happen!** A covered shelter and large outdoor kitchen are due to be installed before the new school year but there's a lot of work to be done to accommodate them.

We would love you to come along on Sunday 30th July (that's the first Sunday of the summer holidays) to lend a hand, or a wheelbarrow.

As a thank you for your efforts the friends will provide lunch and refreshments on the day.

We want to make this session as accessible as possible so we are planning to have some parent volunteers in the playground to look after any children who need to accompany you on the day. Of course you will still be responsible for your child's behaviour and safety but we will provide entertainment while the adults get to work.



If you are able to offer your services please speak to one of the Friends team or email friends@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk
thankyou!



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Download our Autumn programme here...

<https://artspacecinderford.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Artspace-Autumn-programme-2023.pdf>

Visit our website for more information www.artspacecinderford.org





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 **THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL 2023**
GLOUCESTER 22-29 JULY

FAMILY EVENTS



The world's **longest running** music festival returns to Gloucester, and with it comes a variety of family events which are sure to inspire and excite!



MAGIC AND MISCHIEF

Art, music and storytelling come together in this enchanting event, perfect for all the family!
Featuring live illustration by captivating storyteller **James Mayhew** and dramatic music performed by the **Flowers Band**.

James Mayhew 

IDEAL FOR AGES 5+ £15/£10 ADULTS, £10/£5 CHILDREN SUN 23 JUL 1:00PM BACON THEATRE, CHELTENHAM

BOOK NOW 3choirs.org/events/magic-and-mischief

DREAM JOURNEYS

Build a journey through your dreams with the help of live piano, an enormous patchwork quilt, physical theatre and some of Shakespeare's best-loved words from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Join us for this interactive and inclusive workshop led by actor, musician and poet **Edward Derbyshire**.



£10 ADULTS, £8 CHILDREN UNDER 5S FREE SAT 22 JUL 3:30PM CHAPTER HOUSE

BOOK NOW 3choirs.org/events/dream-journeys



STRINGTASTIC

Join festival regulars the **Lilliput Duo** for an adventure into the wonderful world of stringed instruments. Marvel at the ridiculous array of sounds that can be drawn from a wooden box, some wire and a horse's tail! Dance and sing along with favourite tunes and have a go on their junk instruments and miniature violins.

IDEAL FOR BABIES/TODDLERS & SIBLINGS £8 UNDER 5S FREE TUE 25 JUL 2:30PM CHAPTER HOUSE

BOOK NOW 3choirs.org/events/stringtastic



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THE HAPPY PRINCESS

The golden statue of the Happy Princess stands above the wintery city. A swallow, left behind during migration, shelters by her feet. The Princess tells the bird that she longs to help her suffering people... Based on the timeless story by Oscar Wilde, The Happy Princess is an opera written especially for young people and is performed here by children from schools around Gloucestershire, alongside members of the **Philharmonia Orchestra**.

Philharmonia

IDEAL FOR AGES 7+ FROM £12 FRI 28 JUL 11:00AM GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

BOOK NOW

3choirs.org/events/the-happy-princess

MAYRON QUARTET FAMILY CONCERT

Join the Mayron Quartet for a fun and interactive concert exploring the art of chamber music. Including dramatic works by Shostakovich and Dvořák.



IDEAL FOR AGES 5+ £8 UNDER 55 FREE FRI 28 JUL 4:00PM CHAPTER HOUSE

BOOK NOW

3choirs.org/events/mayron-quartet-family-concert



THREE LITTLE MAMMOTHS

Hear the story of the Three Little Mammoths brought to life by the **Maryas Trio**, with music by **Robin Haigh** and text by acclaimed children's author **Eoin McLaughlin**, as the three little mammoths migrate to far-off lands.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-11 £10 ADULTS £8 CHILDREN UNDER 55 FREE SAT 29 JUL 11:30AM ST MARY DE CRYPT, GLOUCESTER

BOOK NOW

3choirs.org/events/three-little-mammoths

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