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Thursday 1st December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas Fair. It was such an enjoyable event with so much talent and creativity in the room! I do hope you and your family enjoyed it, if you came along.

We are entering the last few weeks of this term, and we will slowly start putting up Christmas decorations and making the school look festive for Advent. The tree was donated to us from the Christmas Fair and Chestnuts have already decorated it- Thank you!

A big thank you to all the SHOEBOX donations- much appreciated.

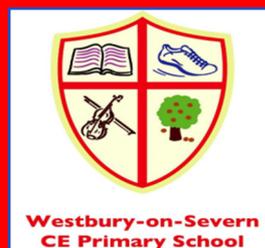
*Don't forget- **Christmas jumper day** on December 8th! We are raising money for SAVE THE CHILDREN. If you would like to send a donation of 50p-£1 with your child on that day, it will be much appreciated.*

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

Christian Values
Our Christian Value this term is
TRUST

We have been talking in Worship and classrooms about
"The Westbury Way"
and how it links to our value of TRUST.
The Westbury Way is:

- ❖ Ready to Learn
- ❖ Respectful to Everyone
- ❖ Safe at all Times



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After School CLUBS FOR THE SPRING TERM 2023

Here is the line up, you will receive an email from Anna Cox to sign up.

MONDAYS: Mr Knight will be running a Multi Skills Sports club, with 18 places available, for all YR, Y1 and Y2 pupils.

TUESDAYS: Mrs Roseblade, Mrs McCartney, Mrs Landon will all be running the Drama Club for Y3- Y6 .

Mrs Henry will be running a Country Dancing club for Y1s, 2s and 3s.
Places limited to 12.

WEDNESDAYS: Mrs Noad will continue to run her Kindness Club.

THURSDAYS: Karate will continue as usual (paid club)

Mrs Sim will be running her Eco Warriors club on Thursdays
at lunchtime.

PLUS

Mrs Armstrong will be starting up a Magazine club with a view to publish a schoolmagazine on a regular basis. We need artists, writers, designers, comedians, budding journalists and sports reporters to work on pages for the magazine, which we will sell to raise money for the school. Everyone welcome to join from Y2-Y6.

Whole school
attendance this term:

94.4%

Whole school target =

96% +



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 7th December

*Don't forget to get your child's order in
ASAP if you haven't already.*





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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts joined Willow for their farm visit this week- thanks to the parents who volunteered! They learnt how to milk a cow and what food they eat. They have started making Christmas decorations and also decorated our school Christmas tree very well. Chestnuts have started learning phonics too, with a sound a week. This week's sound is **i**. Their current favourite nursery rhymes are Incy Wincy Spider and Polly put the kettle on which they sing every day.



WILLOW

Willow Class had their trip to a working farm this week to see their theme "On the Farm" in action. Do check Tapestry for some lovely photos of the animals they met. They have been continuing to write their own version of the story of the Little Red Hen in English. In Maths, alongside their daily number work, the children have been learning direction vocabulary in relation to shapes and geometry. They have also been rehearsing the Nativity in preparation for their upcoming performance.



SYCAMORE

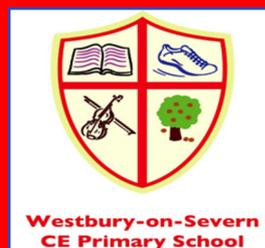
In Maths, Y2 have been adding using equipment, including partitioning and recombining. In Y3, the children have continued learning their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. In English, we have published our biographies about Beatrix Potter, we cannot wait to show you them during our celebration morning at the end of term. We are now writing our own Beatrix Potter style narrative and creating some fantastic characters for our stories. In outdoor learning, we continued our art learning by creating totem poles and also creating Mr McGregor's Garden. We love using computers to present data and have begun learning classroom instructions in French. We have been learning a dance with Miss Wills in PE, whilst in science we have further explored different animal habitats.



OAK

Oak class had their impressive Clarinet concert yesterday- thank you to the parents and families who attended. The teacher made a point of saying what a talented bunch of musicians they were. In Maths Y4 have been working on telling the time, Y5 have been plotting shapes on graphs and translating and reflecting them and Y6 have been working hard on converting measurements between Imperial and Metric. In English, the children have been creating their own characters, inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate factory by Roald Dahl.

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Most of you have logged into our whole school app TAPESTRY by now.

We are sharing photographs and films of children learning in school across all year groups on here, linked to all areas of our curriculum, particularly practical activities. If you are having trouble logging on or can't find the link in your emails, please contact your class teacher and they can resend a link for you to get connected.

As a parent or carer, you can comment on photographs and films and even upload your own from home, to share with the teacher.

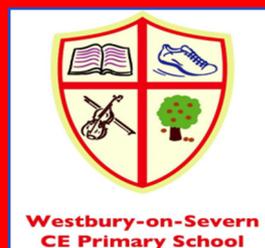
It is a fantastic resource and we want all families to enjoy it.

PUPIL PREMIUM

This is a payment paid to schools for all Free School Meal children. 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)
- **You can apply directly via this link to check your eligibility:**

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>



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Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?



Any child born between the above dates can start school in the school year starting from **1 September 2023**. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary or infant school therefore you must apply to us to receive a school place for your child by the closing date **15 January 2023**

If you have not heard from us by 1st December you must contact us so we can send you the information you will need to apply for a school place. If you do not apply on time you may not get a place at the school you want.

Key dates

November 2022 – You should receive a letter from us advising you how to apply for a school place

15 January 2023 – Deadline for making your application

17 April 2023 – Allocation Day (find out which school we can offer your child)

If you have any queries about applying for a place at primary or infant school for your child, please contact Co-ordinated Admissions.

Co-ordinated Admissions,

Shire Hall, Westgate Street,
Gloucester, GL1 2TP

Email: school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Web: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Apply Online!

- It's quick and easy to use
- Confirmation when your application is received
- You will see the school allocated on 17th April
- Environmentally friendly

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/>