

Dear Parent

#### Year 4 Viking Day

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, WASPS was invaded by some fierce-looking Viking warriors in Year 4's Viking Day! The day began with a raid on each Year 4 classroom, followed by an amazing day learning about and living Viking life first hand, led by Hrothgar the Viking. Children became expert warriors as they learned about the weapons, storytellers as they acted out Viking Myths and legends, and they even experienced a Viking funeral. They also got the chance to play a Viking board game "Hnefatafl" and create fire. All children thoroughly enjoyed the day and are now real experts on Viking life.

#### Year 3 Celt Day

The mighty Year 3 Clan welcomed members of the Abbot Alphege Tribe and enjoyed a great Celt Day together on Monday. In a day packed full of experience and learning the children created Celtic knot artwork using clay, performed forms of Celtic poetry, learnt how to weave, dyed fabric using natural dyes, did a war dance and sang Celtic songs. Despite their ferocious looks the children all embraced the day, behaved wonderfully and relished the experiences it gave them, and they all look forward to continuing their learning on The Celts for the rest of this term!

#### WASPS PST (Parents and Staff Together)

We had a really good meeting last Thursday where we discussed the setting up of a new PTA which we are calling 'WASPS Parents and Staff Together'. This new group will be responsible for all of the fundraising across the whole of WASPS and everyone is welcome to come along to what will be regular meetings. We are going to share all the committee roles between staff and parents and, in the interim, a number of people have agreed to take on the roles until the AGM. We look forward to a new chapter of collaboration for the benefit of all.

#### Parents' Meetings - Year 4 Residential Trip to St Briavel's – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Parents' meetings for the Year 4 residential visit to St Briavel's are to be held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the following times:

- **8.30am in the WASPS Main Hall**
- or
- **5.30pm in the WASPS Main Hall**

A parent or adult representative for each child joining the St Briavel's trip **MUST** attend **one** of the above meetings and pupils who are joining the visit need to be present with you please. Thank you.

#### Year 6 Residential Trip to France

If you have not already done so, please can you return the necessary paperwork for the France residential in June **as soon as possible**? Please call in to the School Office if you have mislaid any paperwork. Thank you.

#### Year 4

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Haycock and Miss Gray will be joint Team Leaders of Year 4 with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 until the end of the academic year. Mr Haycock and Miss Gray would both like to take this opportunity to let you know they are available at the beginning or end of the school day should you wish to speak to either of them.

#### School Meals Action Group (SMAG) Meeting – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Please note that the next SMAG meeting will be held at 8.30am on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the Café Hall. All welcome.

## Sports Reports

- **Sportshall Athletics** - After winning the Level 2 B&NES Sportshall event, WASPS travelled to the University of the West of England on Monday to compete against 11 other winning schools from North Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucester. The morning consisted of 27 of our year 6 girls and boys running, jumping and throwing to the best of their ability in over 12 events.  
WASPS performed superbly and acquitted themselves excellently throughout the morning. In each event children received points based upon the speed they ran or distance they jumped/threw. The top school scored 670 points with the lowest 336 points. WASPS finished in an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> place with 562 pts (20 pts behind 3rd, 6pts ahead of 5th!)  
Well done to all of the children for their effort and behaviour throughout the day and a big thank you to the many parents who came and supported the children.
- **Badminton** - Last Wednesday, four pupils from years 5 & 6 participated in a mixed badminton tournament at Wellsway. They performed brilliantly in the group stages beating Oldfield Park Juniors, Chew Stoke, and Midsomer Norton. WASPS eventually reached the semi-finals where they were unlucky to lose out by only 2 points to Chew Stoke. A fantastic effort by all four children, who represented the school exceedingly well.
- **Gymnastics** - Children from year 6 took place in the local gymnastic competition at Baskervilles on Tuesday performing with confidence and control. Each child had spent the previous two weeks attending break-time practice with Mr Snook to learn the floor routine and vaults required for the competition. WASPS entered two teams, one at Level 1 and one at Level 2. The children were brilliant and rose to the occasion performing to the best of their ability in front of a large group of their peers.  
Our children in the Level 1 group finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams, a mere 1.0pts behind 3rd place. The children competing in the level 2 event finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 13 teams, a tantalising 0.2pts behind the winners.  
Well done to all of our competitors for representing the school so well.

Yours sincerely  
Dr Anne Bull  
Headteacher

## COMMUNITY LINKS

**Oldfield School** – Mary Poppins. 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 7pm. £5 adults, £3 concessions. Tickets available on the door.

**Lion TV** is casting for a new CBBC Series “The Restaurant Dream Team”. Do you have a passion for cooking; are you good at coming up with cool designs? Are you in School Year 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9? You and some friends could have what it takes! Email [restaurantdreamteam@liontv.co.uk](mailto:restaurantdreamteam@liontv.co.uk) for application form. Deadline for entries 08.02.19.

**Junior Lawyers' Club** - Sat morning workshops for 8-13 yrs in Bath. Boost confidence in public speaking, problem solving & creative thinking. Next workshops on 09.02.19 & 02.03.19. Cost £12.50. Email [info@juniorlawyersclub.co.uk](mailto:info@juniorlawyersclub.co.uk) to book.

**Weston All Saints Messy Church** - You are invited to Messy Church at 11am-1pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February at All Saints Centre, Weston. Messy Church is fun, interactive, energetic, noisy and messy with things to make and food to share together! £1.50 per child (accompanying adults are free) including crafts, games and lunch. All welcome

**Spotters Easter Hockey** @ Beechen Cliff – High quality, fun coaching. 7-15 yrs. For info email [spottershockey@yahoo.com](mailto:spottershockey@yahoo.com)