

Dear Parent

Cake Sale – Thursday, 14th February 2019

WASPS PTA/PST are holding a Cake Sale at WASPS after school on **Thursday, 14th February**. If you are able to support this event by **bringing in some cakes or biscuits** on the day or by coming along after school to buy from the stalls we would be very grateful. **Please remember that we are a nut-free school.**

Inset Day – Friday, 15th February 2019

Please note that this Friday is an 'Inset Day' and, therefore, school will be closed to pupils.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Please make sure you have returned your reply slip to your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time to meet during the Parent/Teacher Consultations taking place from Monday 25th to Thursday 28th February, the first week back after half term. If you have mislaid your letter, please ask at the School Office for a copy.

Year Group Assemblies

Please note the following dates and times for Year Group Assemblies taking place the first week back after the Half Term break:

- Reception : Tuesday, 26th February at 2.30pm in the Main Hall
- Year One : Wednesday, 27th February at 2.30pm in the Main Hall
- Year Three : Thursday, 28th February at 2.30pm in the Main Hall
- Year Two : Friday, 1st March at 2.30pm in the Main Hall

Refreshments are on sale afterwards in aid of the year group charity chosen for fund raising. Dates for the forthcoming Assemblies for Years 4, 5 and 6 are on the WASPS Calendar on the website.

Reporting an Absence

When you report your child absent from school due to illness please can you make sure you leave a message with the **actual symptoms** that your child is suffering from so that we can log the illness. Please **do not** just say "poorly" or "not well".

Please can I also remind you that if your child is absent from school due to sickness and/or diarrhoea, your child must be free of these symptoms **for 48 hours** before returning to school. Thank you.

SMSA (School Meals Supervisory Assistant)

WASPS require an SMSA for 1½ hours per day to start as soon as possible (after the necessary background checks). The hours required are on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, term time only, from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm and the position will be paid at the Living Wage, £8.82 per hour. Please register your interest by contacting the WASPS School Office on 01225 421786.

Minute Taking for WASPS Governors' Meetings

WASPS are looking for someone who would be willing to take the minutes for 5 or 6 Governors' Meetings per academic year. Two hours per meeting plus 'writing up' time, £9.16 per hour. Please contact the School Office on 01225 421786 if you are interested.

Bath Half Marathon

Lots of parents and staff are busy training for the **Bath Half Marathon** – many of them in support of a wide range of charities and really good causes. Some people have asked if we can highlight them in this newsletter with a view to seeking sponsorship, but to make sure it's fair on everyone we would like to put a complete list in the next newsletter (after half term) and on the school's website. Families can then choose who they would like to support and make contact directly. Please can you let us know your name, email address and chosen charity if you would like to be listed. Thank you.

Cars Idling

As you know, mainly out of respect for our neighbours along Broadmoor Lane, we encourage pupils to either walk to school or "park and stride". We have received some complaints about parents waiting outside the school in their cars with the engines running - often for quite a long period of time before the end of school. This has caused some concern about the noise and potential air pollution and we would all be very grateful if this didn't happen – thank you.

Parking

Once again I am writing to please ask for your consideration when parking your car to drop off or collect your children. Our neighbours in Brookfield Park have reported some dangerous and inconsiderate parking along their road. Please make sure you have enough time to find a suitably safe place to park your car. Thank you.

WASPS Lunch Menu for Term 4

Please find the new WASPS Lunch Menu attached which will run from Monday, 25th February 2019. May I remind you that any dinner money outstanding on your child's Parentpay account **MUST** be paid by the end of this week! Any debts outstanding will run the risk of being transferred to B&NES Debt Recovery.

Booster Seats

If anyone has a booster seat they would like to donate to WASPS, then we would be most grateful.

WASPS Sport Reports

- **Football** - Our fantastic WASPS girls and boys football teams made the long trip to Oxford on Monday to compete at the National League South West Regional Finals, where they represented Bath City Football Club. Both the boys' and girls' teams competed against other schools from all over the south west of the country and represented both themselves and Bath City Football Club admirably. The boys team unfortunately did not qualify to the knockout round, however the girls team reached the final where they eventually finished runners up. Well done to all of our footballers on their brilliant achievements and they should all be extremely proud of what they have accomplished so far this year.
- **Badminton** - Jamie, Alfie, Frankie and Delia from Year 3 took part in the Bath Primary School Badminton Festival held at Ralph Allen, where they were competing against other Year 3 and 4 pupils from 6 different local schools. The children were required to complete a number of different badminton challenges and activities in which they were trying to score as many points as possible. Our brilliant badminton players achieved a wonderful 2nd place finish and performed fantastically throughout the whole competition. Very well done!
- **WASPS Swimmers the fastest in Bath** - Yesterday 24 children from years 5 and 6 represented WASPS in the Bath Schools swimming Gala. Competing in individual and relay events WASPS competed against 11 other local schools in 17 scoring races.

After a steady start our swimming soon got into the competitive spirit and seemed to get quicker and quicker as the meet went on. With 16 of the events complete there were still three schools in with the chance of winning the overall trophy. The final event was the mixed cannon freestyle relay where 4 boys and 4 girls each swim 25m. After finishing in the top three for that event WASPS had to wait as the final results were called out. Each of the events had points from 1-12 allocated depending upon finishing position. The final results were called with WASPS finishing with 155 out of 204 and claiming **FIRST** place by a slender 4 points overall.

Well done to all of the girls and boys for representing their school so well and for such wonderful support from the balcony; it was much appreciated.

Congratulations to Lydia, Olive, Jule, Daniel L, Daniel R and Sam, from Year 6, who represented our school recently at the Bathavon Rotary Club speaking about their Debating Competition experience and really did us proud. They looked smart, were polite, and performed their talks beautifully. The Rotarians were amazed and impressed by their eloquence and confidence. The speakers, Daniel L and Lydia, were amazing, having learned their 4 minute speeches pretty much by heart! How many of us could do that?

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing half term break. Pupils are due back in school on Monday, 25th February 2019.

Yours sincerely
Dr Anne Bull
Headteacher

COMMUNITY LINKS

Weston Rec Community Tree Planting Day - 11am on Friday 22nd February 2019 - Meet at the play area. Come along and make a contribution to your local and global environment by planting trees in this well-loved public space! No need to book – just turn up. Wear warm waterproof clothes and boots/sturdy shoes. Bring gloves, a picnic and a spade if you have one. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. This is a family-friendly event but children should be accompanied by an adult.

The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust are seeking the following:

Finance Officer - Grade M £23,111 - £25,463 (pro rata). Actual Salary £20,654. 37 hours per week term time only (+ 10 days during holidays). Starting asap. Details & application form at www.thepartnershiptrust.com/vacancies
Closing Date: Midday, 25th February 2019.

Receptionist with Administrative Responsibilities for The Mendip School. Grade O £18,672 - £19,446 pro rata. Actual Salary £14,028.50. Permanent, Term time only + 5 inset days. 32.5 hours per week. Details can be found at www.themendipschool.co.uk Closing Date: Monday, 4th March 2019 @ midday.

Holiday Childcare and Adventures for 4-14 yr olds. Half term week 18-22 February at Swainswick Explorers, Bath BA1 8BU. £40 for the day including all food. For info and booking please visit: www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk

'The Junior Lawyers' Club - workshops take place in the children's activity room at Bath Central Library on 02.03.19 & 16.03.19 - 9.30-10.30 or 10.30-11.30am. £12.50 per session. Email to book a place: info@juniorlawyersclub.co.uk

Bath Tennis Club have teamed up with WASPS to offer wonderful tennis taster sessions for free. Your child can attend a Saturday morning session for free and also attend one (whole day) kid's tennis camp during any holiday. The next available dates are 18/2/19 or 21/2/19. Please contact Richard Little 07970 438907 for more details.

We also have cards you can pick from the office with details of how you can receive 6 coaching sessions, a racket and ball set and a t shirt all for £30. Sponsored through the LTA.

WASPS MENU - Term 4, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN IN Yr 0 – Yr 2 ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS. THEREFORE, THE £2.20 CHARGE DOES NOT APPLY.

	MEAT FREE Monday £2.20	Tuesday £2.20	Wednesday £2.20	Thursday £2.20	Friday £2.20
Main Meal	Organic Roasted Vegetable Swirls (V)	Mild Spiced Cajun Chicken in a Pitta Pocket (GF, DF)	Farm Assured Roast Chicken or Free Range Roast Pork (GF, DF)	Chef's Beef Pastitsio (Greek Lasagne) (GF, DF)	MSC Jumbo Cod Fish Finger (GF, DF)
Vegetarian Option	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Beans and Cheese (GF, DF, V)	Mild Spiced Cajun Roasted Organic Vegetables in a Pitta Pocket (GF, DF, V, VG)	Roasted Quorn Fillet topped with a Mushroom Stuffing (V, GF)	Chef's Vegetable Pastitsio (DF, GF, V, VG)	Roasted Vegetable and Bean Burritos (V, VG)
Alternative	N/A	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (GF, DF, V)	N/A	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Chicken Curry (GF)	N/A
All of the above served with	Potato Wedges Fresh Salad Bar Freshly Baked Bread	Wholegrain Rice Fresh Salad Bar Seasonal Organic Vegetables	Roasted Potatoes Seasonal Organic Vegetables Veggie Gravy	Served with Fresh Salad Bar Garlic Bread Slices Sweetcorn	Chips Baked Beans and Sweetcorn
Homemade Soup	Vine Tomato Soup Served with Crusty Bread (GF, DF, V, VG)	Mulligatawny Soup Served with Crusty Bread (GF, DF)	N/A	Butternut Squash Soup Served with Crusty Roll (GF, DF, V, VG)	N/A
KS1 Lite Bite	Egg Salad served with Pasta and Fresh Bread (GF, DF, VG, V)	Ham Salad served with Baby Potatoes and Fresh Bread (GF, DF)	Cheese Salad served with Pasta and Fresh Bread (GF, DF, V)	Tuna Salad served with Baby Potatoes and Fresh Bread (GF, DF)	Chicken Salad served with Pasta and Fresh Bread (GF, DF)
KS2 Lite Bite	French Baguette filled with Egg and served with Fresh Salad (GF, DF, VG, V)	Tortilla wrap filled with Ham and served with Fresh Salad (GF, DF)	Wholemeal Sandwich filled with Cheese and served with Fresh Salad (GF, DF, V)	Floured Soft Roll filled with Tuna and served with Fresh Salad (GF, DF)	French Baguette filled with Chicken and served with Fresh Salad (GF, DF)
Dessert	Chocolate and Orange Cookie (DF, GF, V, VG) Organic Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Pots	Lemon Cheesecake (V) Organic Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Pots	Iced Apple Sponge (DF, GF, V) Organic Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Pots	Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	Various Ice Cream Pots (GF, V) Organic Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Pots

Key: DF = Dairy Free GF = Gluten Free V = Vegetarian VG = Vegan

Please Note: Any child with food allergies or intolerances will be offered an alternative Main Course and Dessert to meet your child's needs.

Please contact Chef Stu or Chef Mandy should you have any concerns.

Water available with lunch every day.