

Dear Parent

Welcome back to Term 4 at WASPS!

#### Parent/Teacher Consultations

Please make sure you have made an appointment with your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time to meet during the Parent/Teacher Consultations taking place this week.

#### Year Group Assemblies

Please note the following dates and times for the remaining Year Group Assemblies. All Assemblies will take place in the Main Hall at WASPS at 2.30pm:

- Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 3
- Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March - Year 2
- Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4
- Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6
- Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5

Refreshments are on sale afterwards in aid of the year group charity chosen for fund raising. Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations.

#### Class 3S/S Visit to the Roman Baths – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Class 3S/S will be visiting the Roman Baths. Please make sure pupils in 3S/S **arrive promptly** for registration. The children will be transported to the Roman Baths by minibus and will walk back to school in time for a normal pick-up. Please refer to the letter sent home on 24<sup>th</sup> January for the finer details.

#### Book Fair & WASPS Literature Week

Next week is our annual Literature Week where we read and celebrate classic books. Although we tend to leave the fancy dress and visiting authors for our Book Week in October, we will have our Travelling Books book fair open every day from 8:30 – 9:00 in the morning and 3:15 – 3:45 in the afternoon in each of the halls (excluding Monday morning and Friday afternoon). Please come and buy some books from the fair as we are able to claim 60% commission to spend on books for our school libraries.

You may want to obtain a copy of the classic text that your child's class will be reading so that they can read along in class. These are as follows:

- Year 6 – The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier
- Year 5 - The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- Year 4 – The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
- Year 3 - The Story of Doctor Doolittle by Hugh Lofting
- Year 2 - George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl
- Year 1 - The Tale of Peter Rabbit and other works by Beatrix Potter
- Year 0 - Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

#### Years 4 & 5 Pilgrim's Progress - Monday, 4th March 2019

Also as part of our Literature Week, we are delighted to welcome Oddments Theatre Company to WASPS again on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March to undertake a performance of The Pilgrim's Progress written in the seventeenth century by John Bunyan. This highly regarded Christian-based theatre company will also run workshops for all the Year 4 and Year 5 pupils. We are sure your children will enjoy this experience. If you would like to research the story and background with your child, they may well benefit even more.

#### **Postponement of Parents' Meetings - Year 5 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight**

**Please note that the Parents' Meetings for Year 5 Isle of Wight Trip advertised on the WASPS Calendar for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March have been postponed due to changes at the Youth Hostel. However, please could you respond to the information letter coming out to you tomorrow and return the reply slip by FRIDAY please so that we can then reset the Parents' Meeting date.**

#### Little Feet – A Walking Activity for Early Years

The Reception classes are taking part in an initiative to encourage children and their families to walk more (and to school in particular). Called 'Living Streets, Little Feet', every time your child walks, scoots, cycles or uses a park and stride to get to school they can add a sticker to our journey map. The theme for this first activity is 'People Who Help Us' and the **attached booklet** provides information about the scheme and suggestions for activities you can do with your child. We will hold a celebration once we have successfully completed the classroom journey map.

#### St Patrick's Day Celebration – Save the Date!!

The WASPS PST are planning to put on an early Ceilidh evening on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March – it should be a really fun, family evening so please save the date, further details will follow soon.

### School Council News

In our most recent meeting, the School Council discussed which new charities to support and fundraise for, as a school. We looked at a selection of websites for humanitarian and environmentally focused charities to identify which would have the biggest impact. The School Council voted and decided to support two charities: Greenpeace due to the wide range of environmental issues they support and Comic Relief because of the global impact they have on poverty. Comic Relief Red Noses will be available for purchase from school councillors in the run up to Red Nose Day on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### Cake Sale

Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes, bought cakes, helped sell cakes and arranged the fantastic cake sale on the last day of the term. We raised a whopping £394.58 – which, as a first event of our new Parent and Staff Together committee is brilliant! Thanks again.

### Thank You

We have received a lovely letter from the Weston Free Church (Moravian) thanking us for our recent donation of £266.78 to the church funds from our Christmas Nativities held in the Church.

### Office Opening Hours

Please note that the opening hours for the main School Office at WASPS are from 8.45am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. The answerphone will be on to receive messages from 4.30pm prompt every afternoon until 9am the next school day.

### Bath Half Marathon

As promised, please find a list below of some people busy training for the **Bath Half Marathon** in support of a wide range of charities and really good causes:

- Miss Pope, Class teacher in 2P. Running the Bath Half in aid of Barnardo's. If you wish to donate then please place your donation in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled, and drop it in at the School Office.
- Emilia G, pupil in 4H. Running the 'Fun Run' in aid of Wessex MS Therapy Centre. Link for sponsorship <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/bath-half-family-fun-run/>
- Chris Masdin, parent of Cian & Finn in 4H. Running the Half Marathon in aid of Bath Rugby Community Foundation. Link for sponsorship <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChrisMasdin>
- Clare Carwardine, parent of Thalia in 0S. Running the Half Marathon in aid of Harmonie's Heroes (survivor of meningitis) for 'Time is Precious' charity. Link for sponsorship <http://www.justgiving.com/Harmonies-Heros>
- Abbie Davies, parent of Molly (3S/S) and Felix (2LH). Running the Bath Half and the Weston Super Mare Half for two causes:
  - a). Bath Area Play Project - Link for sponsorship <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abbie-gometz1>
  - b). For a friend with terminal cancer. Link <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/abbie-gometz>

### Casual Catering Assistant

WASPS and/or Abbot Alphege Academy require two casual Catering Assistants to cover maternity leave. The positions are for a fixed term contract and will be paid at the Living Wage, £8.82 per hour:

- ❖ Position 1 at WASPS – 20 hours per week in WASPS Main Kitchen.
- ❖ Position 2 at AAA initially and then serving at Roundhill School – 16 hours per week. Transport to Roundhill provided.

Please register your interest in either position by Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March by contacting the Office on 01225 421786.

### 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.

Yours sincerely  
Dr Anne Bull  
Headteacher

### **COMMUNITY LINKS**

**Bath City FC Annual Family Day**, 02.03.19. Bath City v Truro City – kick-off 3pm. **Under-16s £1 entry**. Family Tickets for only £20 (minimum one Under-16, maximum two Adults). Tickets online [www.bathcityfcshop.com](http://www.bathcityfcshop.com) or pay on the gate.

**Toybox Toy Library** has 2 vacancies: Toybox Library Worker & Assistant Library worker. The Toybox Toy Library is a thriving toy library service with a stay and play session based at Weston Hub, Weston, Bath. We are seeking to appoint 2 part-time workers. For info & application details contact: Anita Walker, Toybox Chairperson, [anita\\_e\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:anita_e_@hotmail.com).