

Dear Parent

Parents' Meeting – Year 3 Trip to Legge House, Avebury – Friday, 22nd March 2019

This is a reminder that the Parents' meeting for the Year 3 visit to Avebury is to be held at 8.30am on Friday, 22nd March in the WASPS Main Hall. Please join us if you can for a very brief meeting.

Mid Somerset Festival

Scenes from Shakespeare

Our Performing Arts Club performed part of our own version of Macbeth in the "Scenes from Shakespeare" last week and did so with considerable panache! Considering that the club only meets once a week for 45 minutes, they put in a sterling effort to learn their complex lines and get to grips with the play's very intricate plot. The club was extremely proud to achieve a very good second place and was 'Commended' by the adjudicator who gave very positive feedback. Well done to all those pupils who took part and a huge thank you for all the support we received from parents and families.

Primary Music Day

WASPS School Orchestra competed in the Mid-Somerset Festival last week, performing Haydn's Trumpet Concerto in front of a full house at the Pavilion in Bath. They were pitted against Paragon School, Bath. WASPS played exceptionally well and with huge amounts of maturity. Their stylish performance earned high praise from the adjudicator who was particularly impressed with the size of the orchestra, the dynamic contrasts and ambitious tempo. He also singled out the leader of the orchestra, Hester 6B, for individual praise for her exceptional performance. He decided that WASPS Orchestra had just pipped the Paragon School to the prize and we were awarded with the Batheaston Chairmakers Trophy and a certificate. Mr Hare would like to thank all the parent and staff helpers who encourage and support the orchestra so unfailingly.

28 Year 3 violinists represented the school in the afternoon non-competitive instrumental groups class ably prepared and led by Miss Ward. In their first public performance they performed with great enthusiasm and concentration. Well done to all of them.

Creative Writing Day

Three girls from Year 6, Lydia, Olive and Rhiannon took part last week in the Mid-Somerset Festival Creative Writing Day. They each entered a poem they had written with fabulous results: Olive was given a Commendation and Rhiannon and Lydia were awarded Distinctions. What a wonderful outcome – congratulations to all three!

Mile Extreme

Has your child come home talking about Mile Extreme? Have they chatted about running around the school grounds? Last Friday, WASPS launched their new Mile Extreme route around our school grounds for Years 2-6 (Years 0-1 will phase into this during the summer term).

Mile Extreme is a running route around the school; if the children complete 3 laps then they will have travelled further than a mile - hence Mile Extreme. The Mile Extreme route has been structured so that children can use it safely during their morning break times and lunchtimes. Class teachers will also be taking the children out as often as possible as we all look to get fitter, stronger and enjoy the wonderful grounds we have. The philosophy behind the national mile-a-day initiative is for children to jog/run at their own pace and enjoy seeing their own improvement. It is not a race, it is about being the best you can be on that day.

For those children who are encouraged by timings we will be collecting weekly fastest times for 1, 2 and 3 laps for girls and boys in each class.

School Uniform

Please make a note that www.myclothing.com has replaced the Tesco uniform service for WASPS. 'My Clothing' is actually the company that always provided the uniform with Tesco being the shop front. They are fully up and running to provide the same service as Tesco did. WASPS embroidered uniform is available and the school gets 5% of each order bought through their website.

Chewing Gum

We have received a complaint from a parent to say that their child has sat on chewing gum in school which has then got stuck to their child's clothing. Please can I make it clear that chewing gum is **NOT** allowed in school.

Prayer Support Group

In the past a group of parents has met regularly to pray for the school. This has of late stopped happening but we would like to bring it back. If you would like to be involved or attend, please contact phil@allsaintsweston.org.uk. This will start in the summer term. More details to follow.

Congratulations to

- William in class 5S/D, another one of our pupils who attended the Julian House, Bath Big Sleep-Out. William raised over £2000 to make a difference to those forced to sleep out every night. What an achievement!

Yours sincerely
Dr Anne Bull
Headteacher

PST (Parents & Staff Together) INFORMATION

Ceili Evening at WASPS - Message from the PST

Thanks so much to everyone who was able to support our Ceili evening on Friday last week. It was a great event and lots of fun was had by all. We are not sure exactly how much was raised but hope to have this information by our next meeting which is taking place **THIS FRIDAY**, 22nd March at 2.30pm in the Cafe Hall. Please come along if you can.

Message from the Headteacher

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rebecca Hills for her fantastic preparation and organisation for our Irish Ceili Evening last Friday. Rebecca's Irish dancers and her expertise as our "caller" made for a wonderful evening. The staff "Irish" band kicked off the evening and the PST (Parents and Staff Together) Committee provided food and decorations, along with a very well stocked bar. Many thanks to you all and, of course, the participants for joining in the dancing with great enthusiasm!

COMMUNITY LINKS

All Saints Church, Weston invite you to **The Big Egg Easter All Age Celebration** - All Saints Church, Sunday 7th April 10:30 - 12:30 10:30 - 11:30: Egg rolling, Egg Shy, craft, refreshments and more. 11:30 - 12:00: Songs, story and Easter Message followed by an Easter Egg hunt. For more details contact phil@allsaintsweston.org.uk

Swainswick Explorers, Bath BA1 8BU - A mix of adventurous days out craft 'at home' days. £40 for the day, food provided. Detail and booking online at: www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk or 07758 515092.

Bath City Farm Big Easter Fun Day 09.04.19, 12-3pm. FREE. Join us for our annual Spring celebrations on the farm. Enjoy a woodland Easter trail, have fun on the bouncy castle, join craft activities and get up close to some of our farm animals and sample delicious home-made treats from our community café. Some activities will have a small charge.

Bath City Farm Spring Plant Sale 27.04.19, 11-2pm. Our staff and volunteers have been working hard to bring you another of our popular plant sales crammed with great value and good quality annual and perennial flowers, vegetables and herbs.

Easter Painting with Coffee for children 6-12yrs. 09.04.19 & 16.04.19 from 10.30-12 noon - £15. Cake Café, George Street. Exciting novelty art – parents drink coffee whilst children paint with it! Booking in advance art.cent@hotmail.com Tel 079 5585 0755

Bath Strings Academy Strange Creatures Workshop. 28.04.19. Explore music from the animal kingdom including Saint-Saens 'The Carnival of the Animals'. Workshop is suitable for complete beginners to Grade 6 and players can attend a full or half day.

Bath Strings Academy - Intergenerational Community Orchestral Workshop using **BBC Ten Pieces**. 12.05.19. Orchestral instrumentalists of all ages and standards are invited to join us, as our star conductor **Patrick Bailey from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**, leads us on a trajectory through Holst's 'The Planets'. We will be playing the music from 'Mars' as well as developing our own creative response to Holst's masterpiece. For more info on the above two workshops visit www.bathstringsacademy.org