

WASPS Newsletter 3, Term 5, Summer Term 2019

Dear Parent

Year 4 Residential Trip to St Briavels

Year 4 are visiting St Briavels this week. On your child's day of departure please assemble at the Roundabout **15 minutes before** your child's departure time:

- Wednesday 8th May: Class 4H return from St Briavels – Approx. 4pm at Roundabout.
- Thursday 9th May: Class 4B leave for St Briavels – Leave at 8.30am PROMPT from Roundabout.
Class 4G return from St Briavels – Approx. 4.45pm at Roundabout.
- Friday 10th May: Class 4B return from St Briavels – Approx. 4pm at Roundabout.

For your information, the telephone number in case of emergency is 07375 533 430 and this will be held by Mrs Badger for the duration of the St Briavels visits.

Swimming at WASPS

All classes will be having swimming lessons each week in the school pool starting Wednesday, 8th May 2019. A letter and swimming timetable was sent home yesterday to all pupils.

Year 5 and Year 6 will have some swimming lessons at Kingswood School. Individual classes will be advised regarding the dates and times.

Please note that we do not allow jewellery in school and especially earrings which on **no account** should be worn in the pool. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs Week - Monday 13th to Friday 17th May, 2019

The Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday, 13th May 2019, to Friday, 17th May 2019. May I remind parents that it is a statutory requirement that all Year 6 pupils must be in school during SATs week.

Please find below a breakdown of the Statutory Assessments:

- Monday and Tuesday – English
- Wednesday and Thursday – Maths

SEND Coffee Afternoon - Tuesday, 14th May 2019

The SEND Team will be holding a Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday, 14th May from 2.15 – 3.15pm in the Nest (Castle Cabin). This will be an opportunity to catch up with the SEND Team. All welcome.

WASPS Summer Calendar

The WASPS Summer Calendar has recently been sent home. Please note that the Calendar comes with a 'health warning' that sometimes dates, events and timings need to change so please do keep an eye on our website, outdoor noticeboards and weekly newsletters.

Absence/Attendance at WASPS

This is a reminder that you have a choice of how to register your child's absence from WASPS. You can either telephone the School Office on 421786 to leave an answerphone message or you can email the school on attendance@wasp-school.org.uk. The email link is also available on our website. Please make sure you have **telephoned or emailed the school by 9.15am at the latest** on the morning of the absence.

May I also remind of the following:

- 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 their illness. Please do not just say "poorly" or "not well".
- When bringing your child in late, or returning from a medical appointment, it is very important that you report to the School Office so that your child can be properly registered at school.
- 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.

Parking and Safety Concerns

The following concerns have arisen recently and have been reported to WASPS by concerned parents:

- Our neighbours in Broadmoor Park have reported some dangerous and inconsiderate parking on the entrance to their cul-de-sac. Please make sure you have enough time to find a suitably safe place to park your car. Thank you.
- For health and safety purposes, please may I remind you that pushbikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the school premises. Please make sure that you and your children **push** any bikes and/or scooters whilst on the school grounds. Thank you.

WASPS Vacancy - Catering Assistant

WASPS require a Catering Assistant to cover maternity leave. The position is for a 20 hour fixed term contract until April 2020 and will be paid at the Living Wage, £8.82 per hour. Please register your interest by Friday, 17th May 2019 by contacting the WASPS School Office on 01225 421786.

Yours sincerely
Dr Anne Bull
Headteacher

Community Links

Chippenham May Mile – if your child has been enjoying the ‘Mile a Day in May’ then they may wish to try a competitive race. The May Mile has run for over ten years and it is for children of all ages. £5 entry fee. For more info visit www.maymile.co.uk

All Stars Cricket - a National Programme run at local cricket clubs this summer for 5-8 year old boys and girls. For info please visit <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Girls cricket has been rapidly growing in Somerset with a number of clubs running U11 and U13 teams. For info please visit www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk

PST Newsletter

Many thanks to everyone who attended the various Easter activities that we held last week. They were a real success, despite the weather trying to derail things, and we hope that the children all enjoyed parading their bonnets, solving clues as well as eating chocolate!

Our next fundraiser is going to take place on **Tuesday 21st May** from 3.20pm and will be a **Cake and Plant Sale**. We have done these before and they have always proved to be really popular. In order to try and keep chaos to a minimum we are going to hold the sale at both Little Wasps and Middle/Upper Wasps where both cakes and plants will be available for you to buy. We will be looking for donations of cakes and plants as well as volunteers to help with setting up, selling and clearing away so if you are able to contribute, please do.

The Summer Fair – Saturday 6th July, 11am – 2pm

This year we feel that the theme of the fair should be all about the environment so we will be holding an Eco-Festival Fair! This is a hugely important and current issue that we hope everyone can get behind and support. We've got some ideas but would welcome your thoughts for stalls, activities and other ways we can be a bit greener this year.

For example:

- no single-use plastics
- bring your own (cups, plates, cutlery)
- making bug hotels, sowing seeds ... there are so many possibilities.

If you have any ideas about activities or ways that we can be an environmentally-friendly fair, then please email us at pst@wasp-school.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.