

WASPS Newsletter 1, Term 6, Summer Term 2019

Dear Parent

Welcome back to Term 6 at WASPS.

Vandalism and School Watch at WASPS

Sadly, over the half term break, we had a lot of low level vandalism on the school grounds which took a great deal of time for our Grounds Team to clear up. This is something that has been unheard of at WASPS for many, many years.

In previous years we had a small, dedicated team of families who regularly offered their help with a 'School Watch' scheme undertaken at weekends and in the holidays to help make our site more secure. The School Watch scheme was highly commended by the local police and this, along with our own in-school security systems, made a difference. Please look out for a School Watch letter which will be sent out shortly for you to consider offering your services at a weekend or over the Summer Holiday.

Mile running in June and NSPCC Fundraising Event

As you are aware, the children are taking part in a mile fun run this Friday during which they can dress up in superhero costumes if they like.

We would like to combine this event with a fundraising opportunity for the NSPCC. The charity came into school this week and presented informative and educational assemblies to all WASPS children. To support the wonderful work this charity does, we are asking for children to donate 50p or £1 for the fun run. Donations can be made via your class teacher on Friday. Please can pupils come to school in school uniform as usual and bring any outfits to change into if they would like to participate. Thank you.

Year 4 Beano Visit

On Thursday 23rd May, Year 4 were lucky enough to receive a visit from some very special guests from London. The illustrating team from the Beano came to visit WASPS and carry out some interactive workshops with Year 4 classes. The pupils had a fantastic time with the Beano, designing their own storyboards, talking about their favourite things and learning about the funny videos on the website. All pupils received their very own copy of the Beano as well as some fun stickers. Here are some thoughts from Year 4 pupils:

- Amber M: "It was really interesting, fun and funny"
- Tess: "It was a fun experience and they were very chatty with us"
- Bebe: "It was hilarious and they listened to all our ideas which was nice"
- Stanley: "What they did really pushed your imagination."

The team from the Beano contacted us to say how much they enjoyed their visit to our school. Here are some of their comments:

"It was great meeting you all and what a lovely school inside and out."

"So much space for the kids to have fun and explore in!"

"The kids were so well behaved and their energy, ideas and creativity was infectious!"

Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential Visit

As you know, pupils in Year 5 will be visiting the Isle of Wight next week. On your child's day of departure please assemble at the Roundabout at the bottom of Lansdown Lane **15 minutes before your child's departure time:**

- Monday 10.6.19: Class 5C leave for IOW at **7.30am prompt** from the Roundabout.
- Tuesday 11.6.19: Class 5T leave for IOW at **7.30am prompt** from the Roundabout.
Class 5C return from IOW **approx. 9.00-9.30pm** at the Roundabout.
- Wednesday 12.6.19: Class 5S/D leave for IOW at **7.30am prompt** from the Roundabout.
Class 5T return from IOW **approx. 9.00-9.30pm** at the Roundabout.
- Thursday 13.6.19: Class 5S/D return from IOW **approx. 9.00-9.30pm** at the Roundabout.

If you have not already done so, please can you make sure all payments have been made regarding the Isle of Wight residential trip and please make sure you have returned the blue medical form for your child. Please call in to the School Office if you have mislaid your blue medical form. Thank you.

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 Isle of Wight visits.

Year 2 Trip to 'We the Curious'

As you know, pupils in Year 2 will be visiting 'We the Curious' next week. On your child's day of departure please can you bring your child to school for registration as usual:

- Monday, 10th June 2019 - Class 2P
- Tuesday, 11th June 2019 - Class 2H
- Wednesday, 12th June 2019 - Class 2LH

Bridges and Castles Showcase

Year 4 are holding a Bridges and Castles showcase on Monday, 10th June to celebrate the amazing work that has been done creating them. The showcase will be in the Main Hall from 3.10pm to 4.00pm and models can be taken home from Tuesday, 11th June. All parents welcome!

Choir Performance at Bath Abbey – Friday, 7th June 2019

Pupils in Mr Bowers's WASPS Choir will be performing with children from Widcombe Junior School in a concert at Bath Abbey this Friday from 6.30-7.30pm. It promises to be an evening of beautiful choral music by composers such as Britten, Dove, Muhly and others. Tickets are available from the Bath Box Office (£10, concessions £5).

Friends and family of children performing - please remember to purchase your tickets for Friday evening's concert as soon as possible; do invite other family members and friends if you would like to.

Due to the works in the Abbey being a little behind schedule, the concert will now take place in the main space in Bath Abbey.

Wanted – New and/or Used Children's Shoes

We have had two requests for donations of second hand or new shoes as follows:

1. Oasis Hub Bath are trialling a pilot project to distribute second hand and new donated **school shoes** at a fraction of their cost. Oasis Hub are working with three schools (St Andrew's School, Twerton Infants and Twerton Juniors) to provide vouchers for specific families to ensure they have priority access to the shoes and can access them for free if they need to. Whilst WASPS will not benefit directly from this, if the project is a success, it may well be rolled out to benefit more schools next year. This is a fantastic way to ensure unused school shoes are recycled and given to people who really need them – what a fantastic way for the school community to make a difference across the city!
2. **All Primary aged used children's shoes, trainers and sandals** are needed for a charity in Gambia who support a school and a local community. Children in the Gambia play on dangerous ground resulting in cuts and, with a lack of medical care, this can result in ulcers and other life-long conditions. If you have no used shoes but do have some new children's socks, then these would also be most welcome.

There will be donation boxes for the above two projects at the School Office. All donations will go into one box to be sorted out by the WASPS parents connected to the above projects – Mrs Shearman, Mrs Williams and Mrs Hitchcock.

Yours sincerely
Dr Anne Bull
Headteacher

Message from Public Health England and the B&NES Director of Public Health Protecting your child against Mumps and Measles

We are currently seeing an increase in the number of cases of mumps across B&NES. Mumps is a viral infection, very contagious and is spread in the same way as colds and flu. We are, therefore, recommending that all children who are unvaccinated receive two doses of the MMR vaccine to protect them.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of preventing mumps and measles. It is easy to check if your child has had the vaccine by contacting your GP and asking if they have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to get your MMR vaccine by arranging a catch-up with your GP.

For more information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps/>

COMMUNITY LINKS

Shockerwick House Residential & Nursing Care Home will be holding a Summer Fete and Dog show on 08.06.19 from 2-5pm. Range of stalls, refreshments, fun activities for all ages, BBQ, entertainment and Dog Show in aid of the Parkinson's Society and Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge 2019. 13th July to 8th September at all B&NES and Community-Run Libraries this Summer. Join **FREE** at your local Library!