



Dear parents,

## WASPS Christmas Newsletter 2019

I am delighted to give you details about our forthcoming Christmas activities at WASPS and hope that you are able to join us for those that are relevant to you and your family:

### Mufti (Non-Uniform) Day – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

There will be a Mufti Day on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019, when pupils can come in to school in mufti clothes in exchange for one of the following options:

- a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) for the bottle stall at the Christmas Fair.
- jam-jar filled with sweets for the Christmas Fair Sweet Tombola. **No nuts** in sweets please!

### Advent Service at The Forum, Bath – Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

As the Abbey is undergoing major building works, Bath City Life Church (The Forum) has kindly agreed to host our Advent for all Bath Primary Schools to take place there instead. This year WASPS presentations will be from our Orchestra and a Little WASPS Choir

### Christmas Cards

From **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December** Christmas post boxes will be in position near the classrooms. Pupils are asked to use the postal system and not hand cards to other pupils or members of staff without first having them stamped via your child's class teacher. Please remind your child to write the pupil's full name (including surname) and class on envelopes. The cost of a stamp is 2p purchased via your child's class teacher and this money will go to the Christmas charities we support, chosen by the children through our School Council.

### Christmas Fair – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December: **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME - 4.30pm to 6.30pm**

The whole School Christmas Fair will take place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December **between 4.30pm and 6.30pm.**

Please support your class stall with donations and sign up to help at your child's stall. Your class parent representative and your child's class teacher are responsible for the sign-up sheet. Thank you; your continued support is very much appreciated.

Class	Name of Stall	Location of Stall
0B	Hook the Bauble	Class 3T
0D	Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar	Class 3T
0S	Pin the Nose on the Reindeer	Class 3T
1J	Hoopla	Class 2LH
1T/S	Hot Food	Café Hall
1W	Raffle	Main Hall
2LH	Mulled Wine and Mince Pies	Main Hall
2P	Sweet Tombola	Class 2P
2R	Guess Where Santa has Hidden the Presents	Class 2R
3S/S	Toys and Books	Class 3S/S
3T	Tea and Cakes	Café Hall
3W	Christmas Music and Carol Singing	Pencil Canopy or Class 3W
4G	Bottle Tombola	Class 4G
4S	Chocolate Shy	Class 4S
4W	Lucky Dip	Class 4W
5M	Pluck the Turkey	Class 5M
5S/D	Skittles	Class 5S/D
5T	Knock Down the Grinch	Class 5T
6B	Slide the Penny	Class 6B
6Br	Stocking Fillers	Class 6Br
6M	Snowball Sweep	Class 6M
SEND	Christmas Crafts	Main Hall
	External Stall Holders	Main Hall

Please keep selling your allocated raffle tickets and remember to send the counterfoils and money into school via your child's class teacher. If you would like more to sell please call into the School Office.

Donations of Books and Toys in good condition would be most welcome as well as anything you could donate as a raffle prize.

### Christmas Fair - Parents' Stalls

If you would like to have a stall at the Christmas Fair, it is £10 per stall. Please send any requests to the School Office. Thank you.

### WASPS Christmas Hamper

Our Christmas Hamper will be one of the raffle prizes again at this year's Christmas Fair and we rely on our parents for donations towards this. Please find below a list of suggested donations but this is just a guide – in fact any Christmassy donations would be greatly received but no perishable items please. The list will be held in the School Office with effect from Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. We would be very grateful if you could please pop into the School Office and put your name down against one of the donations. Many thanks for your support.

**Suggested Hamper Donations:** red wine, white wine, prosecco, chocolates, mulled wine, biscuits for cheese, napkins, mince pies, Christmas cake, crackers, candles, Christmas pudding, ground coffee, tea, shortbread, cranberry sauce, etc.

### Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes

We wonder if you, as parents at WASPS, could help by requesting your employers or companies to offer a raffle prize, no matter how small, to help make the Christmas Fair a big success? Your help would be greatly appreciated and would share out the necessary tasks.

### Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets

A book of raffle tickets has been sent home via your child which we hope you will purchase or sell in aid of our Christmas Fair. Counterfoils will need to be returned to school by noon on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and the draw will take place at WASPS Christmas Fair on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like more raffle tickets to sell, then please call in to the School Office.

### Father Christmas in the Log Cabin

Father Christmas will be visiting the Log Cabin after school on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019



Father Christmas will read a story to pre-booked groups of children and his helpers will distribute presents. More details regarding booking to follow early next week.

### Christmas Performances for the Pupils

The PST usually pays for these superb live experiences for your children, so we need your help at the Christmas Fair to raise funds to pay for them. Thank you.

The performances are as follows:

Year Group	Date	Time	Performance
Year 6	06.12.19	2.15pm - 4.15pm	A Christmas Carol performed by <b>at Kingswood Theatre</b>
Yrs. 0, 1 & 2	13.12.19	Afternoon	A Christmouse Tale performed by Pendle Productions <b>at WASPS</b>
Yrs. 3, 4 & 5	06.01.20	Afternoon	Peter Pan Pantomime performed by M & M Productions <b>at WASPS</b>

### Bristol Old Vic Theatre School - A Nativity Play for Pupils in Years 1-6

A very special performance of 'While Shepherds Watched' will be performed by Bristol Old Vic Theatre School on the afternoon of Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December to pupils in Years 1 - 6. A small voluntary donation of £1 towards the cost would be appreciated via Parentpay.

## WASPS Nativity Performances 2019

This year each **class** will perform a nativity for parents. There will be retiring collections at all of the performances in aid of Save the Children. Please see dates, venues and times below:

Date / Performance	Class	Time	Location
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December Carols and Nativity	0B	9.30am	WASPS
	0D	10.00am	
	0S	10.30am	
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December Carols and Nativity	1W	9.30am	WASPS
	1J	10.00am	
	1T/S	10.30am	
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December Carols and Nativity	2H	1.30pm	WASPS
	2R	2.00pm	
	2P	2.30pm	
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December Nativity Performance	3T	9.10am	WASPS
	3W	9.50am	
	3S/S	11.00am	
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December Nativity Performance	4G	1.00pm	Weston All Saints Church
	4S	1.45pm	
	4W	2.30pm	
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December Nativity Performance	5T	9.10am	WASPS
	5S/D	9.50am	
	5M	11.00am	
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December Nativity Performance	6B	1.00pm	Weston All Saints Church
	6Br	1.50pm	
	6M	2.40pm	

## Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

This Christmas our School Council has requested to support 'Save The Children' and hold a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Pupils can wear a Christmas jumper all day, contributing a minimum of £1 per family to this excellent charity via Parentpay.

**NB:** The official Christmas Jumper Day date is 13.12.19. However, we are holding ours on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December as this fits nicely with our Christmas dinner day. Please note that there is no need to buy a Christmas jumper!

## Christmas Lunch – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

It is our tradition and we hope that **ALL** our children will stay for this special lunch so please make sure you return your order (on a letter sent home recently). Please find attached a copy of the menu.

## Class Christmas Parties – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Class Christmas Parties will take place during the afternoon of Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Children will need to bring a small named sock to hang up in the classroom the day before, so that Father Christmas can make his usual present drop-off before the Christmas parties. Pupils can come to school in party clothes if they wish, but please remember they have a whole day of school so sensible clothes and shoes are needed.

Sign-up lists for contributions of party food will appear on classroom doors nearer the time.



### Christmas Gifts – Our Advised Policy

As is usual at this time of year, here is our guidance about present giving to WASPS children and staff. We do not allow gifts for children other than as donations e.g. a prize to go in the 'Pass the Parcel' or a class book for the class library. Obviously it is assumed that individual parents know that they must not hold names and addresses of other pupils (unless as friendship groups) as this could contravene confidentiality protocol.

Whilst we really appreciate gifts for staff, we feel that we need to emphasise that it is not expected at all. However, if you really would like to give something, small is best! We do not appreciate parents combining to buy a bigger present and certainly no parent should approach another asking for donations. This has caused embarrassment in a previous year when a number of parents came to see me as they were upset by being approached. I hope this helps and thank you for your consideration.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas,

Dr Anne Bull  
Executive Headteacher

## WASPS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019



Locally Farmed Free Range Turkey

or

Roasted Veggie Loaf with a Mushroom Sauce

served with:

Roasted Potatoes, Medley of Seasonal Vegetables,  
Stuffing Balls, Pigs in Blankets,  
Rich Veggie Gravy

Christmas Tree Choc Ices

or

Fresh Fruit Salad

or

Mini Iced Shortbread Biscuits

