

WASPS Newsletter 4 – Term 1 – Autumn 2019

Dear Parent

Several parents have brought my attention to the problem of children waiting for school to open on very wet mornings. Therefore, on very wet mornings, class teachers will greet their pupils **in their classrooms** not outside. However, with our **very** limited indoor classroom areas, we would ask you to say goodbye to your child **before** they come into school. The doors will be open at 8.50am and registration will be at 9.00am as usual. Thank you for your help in making this system work.

Harvest Day

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Day last Friday and sending your donations towards our enormous collection of tinned foods for the local Foodbank. Please see the comments from each Year Group below:

- **Year 0** would like to thank all the parents and carers of reception children for their support with the harvest sale. All profits will be donated towards the wonderful work of NICU at the RUH.
- **Year 1** raised funds from their Harvest sale and will be donating their profits to Water Aid. Thank you parents.
- **Year 2** sold home-grown produce and bookmarks, raising a fantastic amount for Oxfam.
- **Year 3** raised extra funds by selling their produce in aid of the Genesis Trust.
- **Year 4** pupils worked really hard creating amazing harvest poems and collecting produce for their Harvest "Poetry and Produce" sale and will be donating their harvest money to the Genesis Trust.
- **Year 5** brought a wealth of tins for the Bath Foodbank and raised money for an environment focused charity.
- **Year 6** excelled with their tinned food donations for the Foodbank and all extra profits raised will be donated to Julian House.

Education Evening & WASPS PST Reports Presentation – Thursday 26th September from 6.00 – 7.30pm

This Thursday we will be meeting in the Main School Hall with wine and nibbles to catch up on the year with reports from our PST (Parents and Staff Together) Team.

After the PST open meeting, the Education Evening will take place in classrooms when you will also be able to meet your child's class teacher and the Year Group Team Leader and learn about your child's curriculum in their new year group.

Family Photographs – Monday, 30th September 2019

Our school photographer will be in school at 8.30am on Monday, 30th September to take family photographs. Please call in to the School Office to book an appointment as **only** family photos with prior booked appointments can be accommodated. Please note that parents will need to collect their children and accompany them whilst having their photos taken. If this is not possible then it will be the responsibility of the eldest child to collect siblings from their respective classrooms. WASPS cannot be responsible if photos are not taken.

SEND Coffee Morning – Tuesday, 1st October 2019

The SEND Team will be holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 1st October from 9.00am – 10.00am in the Nest (Castle Cabin). This will be an opportunity to catch up with the SEND Team. All welcome.

Reading and Phonics Sessions for all Parents of Reception Class Pupils & Parents New to KS1

Calling all parents of Reception Class pupils and parents new to KS1. Please join us for **one** of our Reading Sessions as follows:

- Wednesday, 2nd October – 9.15am, 2.45pm and 5.30pm in the Café Hall.

Please find time to attend **one** of these sessions and find out about how we teach your child to read! Each session will last approximately 30 minutes.

WASPS Inset Days

Please note the remaining inset days on your calendar:

- Friday, 31st January 2020
- Monday, 24th February 2020
- Friday, 26th June 2020
- Monday, 20th July 2020

No Nuts in School

Please may I remind you that WASPS is a nut-free school. Therefore, please **do not** send nuts or anything containing nuts in your child's packed lunch.

Mobile Phones

Please note that pupils are **not** allowed to bring mobile phones into school.

If your child is in Year 6 and walks to or from school **without an adult** and you want them to be able to carry a mobile phone for safety reasons, permission needs to **be requested** by completing a form held at the School Office. Your child will then be expected to hand their mobile phone in at the School Office at the start of the day and collect it at the end of the day. **Under no circumstances should children be keeping mobile phones with them during the day.**

Nasal flu vaccination – Electronic Consent

This year, the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to **all Primary aged children**. This will take place between October - December 2019 across Wiltshire/B&NES/Swindon and, as last year, the consent will need to be completed electronically.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/banes>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 7 – 14 days prior to the session in school. This link is secure, please **carefully** select your child's school from the drop down menu and this will ensure that the consent is in the right place. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQs, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

If your child is medically vulnerable, early clinics will be available; please contact the team to book in on 0300 247 0082. If you have any difficulties or queries with this process, please do not hesitate to contact the team on 0300 247 0082. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Parking

Parking continues to be a problem along Broadmoor Lane at drop off and collection times because of some inconsiderate drivers. Please can I remind you all to park safely and considerately and **not** to park on the yellow lines outside school or block access to our neighbours' driveways even for a short time. Please leave enough time for your journey and 'park and stride' where possible.

Yours sincerely

Dr Anne Bull
Headteacher

COMMUNITY LINKS

An invitation from BBC Radio Bristol - "Tune in to the Laura Rawlings show on BBC Radio Bristol this Saturday, 28th September, between 12 noon and one o'clock when she will be joined by inspirational Headteacher, Dr. Anne Bull, OBE, who will talk about her life and career in education."

Shine a Light for Mental Health Day – 10.10.19 - Join together and light the way as you walk from Victoria Park to the Abbey for an evening of fun and entertainment. Make a lantern workshop from 10am-3pm. Lantern procession at 6.45pm from the Royal Crescent and music, choir, food and mental health info from 7.15-9pm at Bath Abbey. For info telephone MIND on Bath 316199.

Spotters Hockey October Half Term 2019 - Camp runs on 28th & 29th October at Beechen Cliff school, Bath from 9am - 2pm. Two days costs just £45 if booked before 28 September. Age 7+. For info visit <https://doodle.com/poll/farhcwe38ruf5zyb>

LEAP is a free programme for families of children aged 5-10 years who are above a healthy weight. Group sessions cover topics around healthy food, physical activity, etc. Venue: St Andrew's Primary School from 3.45-4.45pm on 01.10.19, 08.10.19, 22.10.19, 05.11.19. For info contact B&NES on Tel: 0300 247 0203 or email BATHNES.thehub@virgincare.co.uk

GET Sported Oct 29-31 Multi Sport Day Camps at Ralph Allen School, ages 5-12 years. Enjoy Football, Cricket, Rugby, Basketball and many more sports! For info and booking please visit www.getsported.org

Bath Strings Academy Workshop – Strictly Tango, 29.09.19. Times: 9.45am–12.45pm & 1.30 – 4.15pm, Venue: Widcombe Junior School - for more info on workshops below visit www.bathstringsacademy.org

Fashion and Fairy-tale, a non-profit community competition and exhibition for the next generation of fashion designers! With a focus on sustainable fashion and love of nature, outfit designs are encouraged from KS1 and KS2 students by 31.01.20. For more info visit www.fashionandfairytales.co.uk and click on 'design competition'..

Monkton Combe Prep School – Open Morning 05.10.19 from 9.30am to 12.00pm.