

## WASPS Newsletter 2 - Term 2 - Autumn 2019

Dear Parent

### Changes to Nativity Performances

Further to our newsletter sent last Wednesday, there are a couple of changes to the Nativity Performances due to the Moravian Church being unavailable:

- **Year 3 Nativity Performances 2019** - Due to the Moravian Church being used as a Polling Station on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we have rearranged timetables in order to hold the Year 3 Nativity Performances here **at School** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** as follows:

Class 3T	9.10am – WASPS Main Hall
Class 3W	9.50am – WASPS Main Hall
Class 3S/S	11.00am – WASPS Main Hall

- **Year 2 Nativity Performances 2019** – The Moravian Church have been in touch to inform us that the Church will be unavailable on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December due to a long term booking. Therefore, we have rearranged timetables in order to hold the Year 2 performances **here in school** on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December as follows:

Class 2H	1.30pm – WASPS Main Hall
Class 2R	2.00pm – WASPS Main Hall
Class 2P	2.30pm – WASPS Main Hall

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

### WASPS 'Bake Off' – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, children are invited to bring in a cake or cakes/biscuits baked at home with a donation of £1.00 to enter WASPS 'Bake Off'. On Friday morning, a panel of School Council pupils and staff judges will assess the cakes/biscuits and the chosen few will go through to a special Friday morning School Council Assembly where the judges will choose a WASPS 'Bake Off' winner who will receive a prize to help them with their future baking.

A cake sale will then take place after school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3.20pm in the playground (or Main Hall if wet) selling the children's cakes and biscuits. **Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school.**

All of the money raised from the donations and the cake sale will be split evenly between the Royal United Hospital's Teddy Bear Appeal, Children in Need and funds for the school.

### Year One Coffee Morning Re-arranged Date – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The Year One Coffee Morning postponed today will now take place this Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, from 9.00am to 9.45am in the Little WASPS Hall. The Coffee Morning will be an opportunity to catch up with Year One Staff Team. All welcome.

### Bedtime Story and Book Week

After a very busy exciting Book Week, the children came back to school on Thursday evening, 24<sup>th</sup> October, in their pyjamas for their bedtime story. The children were greeted by their class teacher wearing slippers, pyjamas and dressing gown and were welcomed into their classroom to share stories by fairy lights. The children snuggled up with their favourite teddy bear and settled down to share picture books and fictional stories. Hot cocoa was served and was very well received before the children said 'Goodnight' and headed home.

Book sales from Book Week have earned commission for the school; in total we raised £2309.71 which earns us £1336.24 in book purchase commission for our libraries and book corners. The staff and children would like to thank you all for your support during our Book Week activities.

### WASPS Christmas Fair – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching! Please can we ask for your help:

- **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.

- **Christmas Fair 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 Fundraising. What Are We Aiming For** - as you know, twice every year at the Christmas and Summer Fairs, we work towards fundraising for resources for the school that need larger financial support. In recent years, together we have successfully raised money for more computers, additional staging and the school minibus. Profits from the Christmas Fair generally fund the wonderful live theatre events that professional educational theatre companies bring to our pupils over the Christmas period. The costs for these total approximately £1,400. This year we would like to fundraise once again to pay for these live theatre shows and of course any additional profit will go towards the purchase of four badly needed Interactive Whiteboards and library payment to Wiltshire Library Service who provide us with exceptional resources but obviously at a cost.

#### PST (Parents and Staff Together) - Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Following the recent success of the Pre-Loved Uniform Sale at the Bedtime Story event, the PST would like to hold another sale at the Christmas Fair, with the intention of raising additional funds for the school/PST.

The PST would like donations of good quality, new and used uniform; in particular, logo-ed polo shirts and sweatshirts. Please do not send light grey, non-logo polo shirts, soiled clothing, shoes, coats, tights or socks. Donations are required by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest, the PST will be unable to accept donations after this date. Please can donations be left in the boxes placed in Little, Middle and Upper WASPS Halls or your children can hand them to their class teacher or classroom assistant if it's easier. Thank you.

#### After School Centre Collaboration with WASPS and 103

We have listened to our parents and have met with the management of 103 After School to further assist parents with wrap-around childcare during school term time as our demand for after school child care has increased over the years; we now run at full capacity most days. Therefore, 103 have offered to accept any WASPS children currently at WASPS After School Centre where:

- a 6pm finish would be preferable
- a flexible finish (including billing) would be preferable
- location for pick up may be more convenient
- hot meal option provided may be preferable

To make any changes please email [afterschoolclub@wasp-school.org.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@wasp-school.org.uk)

#### REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY for WASPS x 2 Cleaners

WASPS have two vacancies for cleaners as follows:

- Post One - Two hours per day, Monday to Friday inclusive, term time only from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at an hourly rate of £9.55.
- Post Two – Two hours from 3.30pm to 5.30pm term time only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week at an hourly rate of £9.55.

Please register your interest by contacting the School Office on 01225 421786 to leave your details.

Yours sincerely  
Dr Anne Bull  
Executive Headteacher

#### **COMMUNITY LINKS**

**St Stephen's Allotments** – Enjoy gardening but don't have a garden? St Stephen's Allotments are located just east of St Stephen's Millennium Green off Richmond Hill. Plots available of varying sizes. Rental cost depends on the size of the plot but typically between £25-£45. For info please contact Mark Dawson on [mark@mdd-land.co.uk](mailto:mark@mdd-land.co.uk)

**Bath Strings Academy** – Sparkling Strings Festive Workshop for string players of all ages. Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019. For info please visit [www.bathstringsacademy.org](http://www.bathstringsacademy.org)

**Royal High School** Food & Design Workshop, 16.11.19 at Cranwell House for Girls from Years 2/3 for a morning of baking and design fun. If you would like to register please email [ThisGirlDoes@rhsb.qdst.net](mailto:ThisGirlDoes@rhsb.qdst.net)

**Royal High School** Design & Food Tech Workshop, 16.11.19 at Royal High Senior School for Girls from Years 4/5 to hone your skills and become a star baker. If you would like to register please email [ThisGirlDoes@rhsb.qdst.net](mailto:ThisGirlDoes@rhsb.qdst.net)

**RUH Hydro Pool** – Group and private lessons available, 2+ years, 4+ years and adult lessons. For a free trial visit [www.swimcentral.org.uk](http://www.swimcentral.org.uk)