

WASPS Newsletter 3 - Term 2 - Autumn 2019

Dear Parent

WASPS 'Bake Off'

What a fantastic turn out for the WASPS 'Bake Off'. We were inundated with delicious cakes and biscuits and I know that the judges had a very hard job picking the winners. Thank you to all of those who baked and/or bought!

Huge thank you to Dylan, School Council and Mr Waldron for planning and organising the event. The cake sale at the end of the day raised a magnificent £817.33 which will be split equally between the RUH Teddy Bear Appeal, Children in Need and the Wiltshire Library funds we need to pay each year for our fantastic artefacts, books and resources.

Year 6 Parents' Meeting re France Residential 2020

This is a reminder concerning the parents' meetings to discuss the Year 6 residential visit to France in June 2020. The meetings will take place on the following dates in the Main Hall at WASPS. A parent or adult representative for each child joining the France trip **MUST** attend one of these meetings. Pupils who are joining the visit need to be present with you please. Please make sure that you have returned your permission slip if you have not already done so:

- Thursday, 21st November 2019 – 8.30am in the Main Hall
- Friday, 22nd November 2019 – 5.30pm in the Main Hall

Each meeting will last a maximum of 30 minutes.

PST (Parents and Staff Together) Meeting – Friday, 22nd November at 2.30pm

There will be a PST meeting at 2.30pm in the Cafe Hall to discuss and make arrangements for the Christmas Fair. If you would like to come along it would be wonderful to see you. Many thanks.

Christmas Newsletter

Please look out for the Christmas Information Newsletter which will be sent home later this week with all the details of Christmas activities planned.

WASPS Christmas Fair – Friday, 6th December 2019

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

- **Mufti (Non-Uniform) Day in aid of the Christmas Fair, Friday 22nd November** - There will be a Mufti Day on Friday, 22nd 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.
 - a jam-jar filled with sweets for the Christmas Fair Sweet Tombola. **No nuts** in sweets please!
- **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, 6th December 2019 and the draw will take place at WASPS Christmas Fair on Friday 6th 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. 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.

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

This is a reminder that the PST would like to hold another pre-loved uniform 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 25th 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.

Reporting an Absence

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 the illness. Please **do not** just say "poorly" or "not well".

Please can I also remind you that 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.

Attendance Reviews

Where pupils have an attendance level below 90%, parents should note that a letter will be issued to sign, acknowledge and sometimes provide evidence for the reasons for low attendance.

Sports Report - Football

On Friday afternoon, members of WASPS Year 5 + 6 Football Club and WASPS Girls' Football Club represented the school in fixtures against King Edward's Junior School. The matches were played under floodlights at Odd Down Sports Ground. All of the children represented our school wonderfully and did themselves proud. Well done to all of those involved.

Congratulations to Luca in class 5T who came first in the 7-9 category of the B&NES Summer Reading Challenge Writing Competition 2019 with his entry entitled, 'The Frozen Galaxy'.

Yours sincerely
Dr Anne Bull
Executive Headteacher

COMMUNITY LINKS

Zenith Youth Theatre – My Son Pinocchio, Geppetto's Tale. 19th – 22nd February at Kingswood Theatre. Book Online at www.zenithytc.co.uk

Bath Philharmonia – The Snowman and Rupert and the Frog Chorus – Saturday 21st December, 3.30pm at the Forum, Bath. A double bill of film classics on the big screen with live orchestra. For info visit www.bathphil.co.uk