

Newsletter 3, Term 3 – Spring Term 2020

Dear Parent

Early Arrivals

We have noticed children arriving on site well before the start of the school day recently. Please can we remind you that staff only take over responsibility for your child at 8.50am. If a child is on the school site prior to 8.50am (and not in Breakfast Club) they are your responsibility. We would like to clarify this as we want to avoid any confusion or potential accidents before school starts.

WASPS Clubs

It is lovely to see so many wonderful clubs on offer to our children. Now that the clubs are up and running, please can you ensure you collect your child from their club on time and that arrangements for Year 6 children going home alone are agreed with the leader of the club. Thank you.

Please note that clubs will be offered to our Reception children during the Summer Term.

Year 4 - Viking Day

On Tuesday 21st January, WASPS was invaded by some fierce looking warriors in Year 4's Viking Day! The day began with Hrothgar the Viking raiding and plundering the Year 4 classrooms. The Year 4 Vikings became expert warriors as they looked at different weapons, they heard and acted out Norse myths about the Viking gods, experienced fire-lighting, Viking games and even a Viking funeral. It was an amazing day enjoyed by all and the children used these amazing first hand experiences to inspire their own writing of Norse myths.

PST (Parents and Staff Together) Meeting – Thursday, 23rd January 2020

This is a reminder that the next WASPS PST Meeting will be held here at WASPS on Thursday 23rd January at 2.45pm in the Café Hall. All welcome.

Voting in new PST (Parents and Staff Together) Committee

On Tuesday 11th February in the Main Hall, between 6.00pm and 7.00pm, we will be electing our new committee for the WASPS PST. We would dearly love you to attend this meeting and also to consider if you would like to be part of the team. There are a number of roles available on the committee and they can be taken on individually or shared with a friend. The roles we are looking for are: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications, Project Management, refreshments, bids and grants.

There are brief outlines of these roles in the main school office if you would like to know more. Please do consider yourself for one of these roles or prompt a friend who you think would be perfect! For further information and/or if you would like to put your name forward please see Mr Snook or Jess Watson.

SMAG (School Meals Action Group) Meeting

We held our first meeting with the children last week to find out what they thought about the new school menu. The group are meeting again on Tuesday 4th February at 2.40pm - 3.15pm in the Café Hall so please come along and join us if you can. Following the SMAG meeting, our chef Stu will hold a tasting session where samples of the new menu will be shared with you so please come along and find out what is on offer next term. The minutes from the last meeting will soon be on the school website.

Class Timetables and Curriculum Webs

Please look out for class timetables and curriculum webs for this term on your child's year group web page which are currently being updated. These will be updated termly.

Absence Due to Illness

If you need to register your child's absence you can now either telephone the School Office on 421786 and leave an answerphone message or send an email to the school on attendance@wasps-school.org.uk. The email link is accessible via the website too.

Please make sure you have contacted the school by 9.15am at the latest on the morning of the absence, stating the reason and nature of the illness, or the symptoms. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept "ill", "poorly" or "unwell" without further detail. **Please note**, no symptoms given/confirmed for the absence will result in the absence being marked as "unauthorised". Please contact the school on the morning of each day of absence. Thank you.

Parking

Once again we are receiving complaints concerning inconsiderate and careless parking in Vernslade. Two cars parked obstructing residents' driveways recently were a white Peugeot, registration WN61 WWX and a black Volkswagen, registration WJ02 HHC. **Please remember to leave enough time to find a suitable place to park and to always park responsibly.**

We have also been passed evidence of a white van, registration R729 GRF, parked near school on double yellow lines and the pavement. This is clearly dangerous as well as inconsiderate.

Sports Report – WASPS Girls' Football Tournament

Last Friday WASPS Girls' football team travelled to Weston Super Mare for a regional football tournament.

There were 12 teams split into two pools of six. WASPS played 5 qualifiers winning four and drawing one. This enabled WASPS to proceed to the semi-finals which finished in a draw, 1-1. This meant penalties and, unfortunately, the luck went against us.

The girls performed fantastically throughout the day and were an absolute credit to the school. Pupils' reports to be posted on the WASPS website soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Halls & Mrs S Badger
Acting Co-Headteachers

Community Links

Bath Half - the closing date for all Bath Half entries is 7 February. Mentoring Plus only has 3 places left. If you would like to run for this great local cause please contact joanne.radway@mentoringplus.net. For info <http://mentoringplus.net/bathhalf/>

Last Chance to Sign up for the Bath Half, 15th March 2020. Run with 'Off The Record' (BANES) & help us support the mental health of young people in B&NES. For info email: Events@offtherecord-banes.co.uk or call: 01225 436590

Runners needed for Bath Half Marathon. Deadline is 7 Feb for signing up. Please visit www.genesistrust.org.uk for info or <http://entries.bathhalf.co.uk/ps/event/2020BathHalfMarathon?joincode=U81k2RQH3>. Please join us and support homeless and vulnerable people in Bath.

The Mamils (local rock band who cover songs by Killers/Stereophonics, etc.) are playing at the Bell Inn in aid of **Mentoring Plus** on Friday 20th March, 8 till late. Mentoring Plus is a local charity supporting young people who are struggling with school, family health and wellbeing. Tickets are £5 <https://buytickets.at/mentoringplus1/341545>

Black Swan Arts in Frome is proud to announce the launch of the Black Swan Arts Young Open competition for 2020. The Black Swan Arts Young Open has become the most successful and prestigious art competition for young people between 8 and 19 years. For more information and to enter go to www.blackswanarts.org.uk

Next Thing Education, February Half Term technology camp at St Saviour's C of E Junior School. For info please click on the following link, <https://nextthing.education/product/st-saviours-primary-school-february-half-term-camp/>. Parents who book before 24.01.20 will receive 10% off the booking with the code EARLYBIRD.

INSET DAY NEWS FLASH - Swainswick Explorers are putting on an adventurous Explorer Day on Monday 24th February. to coincide with one of the INSET days. The day will run from 9am - 3pm, with additional hours from 8am - 6pm available on request. £40 for the day with food provided. Details and booking online at www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk