

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to Term 4 at WASPS!

Times Table Week – 2nd to 6th March 2020

Next week we will be embracing 'Times Tables Week'. Children will be taking part in daily times table singing, chanting and practice within their classrooms, as well as being presented with problems in and around the school.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

From next week onwards WASPS will be trialling a range of exciting new ways to celebrate and reinforce positive behaviour. These will be explained to children in whole school and class assemblies by the end of this week. Please ask your children about them and we would welcome any feedback as we trial these new initiatives.

Year 3 Celtic Day

On Wednesday 12th February, Year 3 enjoyed a fabulous Celt Day. The children looked fantastic and ferocious dressed in woad and tartan, and the day was packed full of learning. The children are looking forward to sharing this with parents and carers in their year group assembly this Friday afternoon at 2.30pm in the Main WASPS Hall. All welcome.

Year Group Assemblies

Please make a note of the following dates and times for Year Group Assemblies. **All Assemblies will take place in the Main Hall at WASPS at 2.30pm:**

Year Group	Date
Year 0	Friday, 13 th March
Year 1	Tuesday, 10 th March
Year 2	Thursday, 27 th February
Year 3	Friday, 28 th February
Year 4	Tuesday, 3 rd March
* Year 5	Wednesday, 4 th March
* Year 6	Thursday, 5 th March

* **Please note** the change of date for the Year 5 and Year 6 Year Group Assemblies. The Year 5 Assembly will take place on Wednesday 4th March and the Year 6 Assembly will take place on Thursday 5th March.

Handwriting

To raise the profile of handwriting across the school and to encourage correct joining, we have pencil grips available from the school PTA for £3.00. From Year 3, when your child has **persevered** and is consistently demonstrating the best handwriting they can achieve in all their written work, they will be awarded a pen licence certificate. This will enable them to write in pen for all appropriate lessons. Children may use a blue ink fountain pen of their choice or purchase a uni-ball air micro handwriting pen from the school office for £1.50. The pen licence certificate will be available from class teachers. We anticipate that some children will achieve this in Year 3 and that all will by the end of Year 4.

Year 3 Roman Baths Visit

Please refer to the letter sent home on the 28th January for the details concerning the Year 3 visit to the Roman Baths. If you have not already signed and returned the reply slip, please can you do so as soon as possible. If you have mislaid your copy of the letter, please call in at the School Office for a copy. Each Year 3 class will be visiting the Roman Baths on different days as follows:

- Class 3W – Wednesday, 4th March 2020
- Class 3S/S – Friday, 6th March 2020
- Class 3T – Monday, 9th March 2020

If you have not already done so, may we gently remind you, we would be very grateful if you could make a contribution of £3.90 (payable via ParentPay) to cover the cost of the teaching sessions at the Roman Baths and the cost of the coach.

WASPS Literature Week – 9th to 13th March 2020

During this special week each year group will focus Literacy work around a classic text. There is no requirement to purchase the set text, however if you would like your child to read along in class then please purchase the correct text from the list below:

Yr0	Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins	Y4	The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
Y1	The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter	Y5	The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
Y2	Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne	Y6	The Silver Sword by Ian Serrailier
Y3	The Story of Doctor Doolittle by Hugh Lofting		

By the end of Literature week each class will run a homework competition based around the class text. Children should create, draw or write something in response to the text. Entries should be in by **Friday 20th March**. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries.

Literature Week - Book Fair

During Literature Week, where we read and celebrate classic books, we will have our Travelling Books book fair open every day from 8:30 – 9:00 in the morning and 3:15 – 3:45 in the afternoon in each of the halls (excluding Monday morning and Friday afternoon). Please come and buy some books from the fair as we are able to claim 60% commission to spend on books for our school libraries. Look out for a leaflet coming home shortly with your child.

World Book Day – Thursday, 5th March 2020

On this day, we encourage children to dress up as a book character or to wear a token item to demonstrate the character. We invite everyone to donate 50p towards the purchase of some new books for our reading schemes.

Veg Power

Riverford (the organic veg box delivery scheme), have kindly sponsored WASPS to take part in the Veg Power campaign **Eat Them to Defeat Them** which encourages children to eat more vegetables. Each pupil will receive a **reward chart and sticker pack** which will be sent home shortly. A range of colourful resources have been provided to be used in school. Chef Stu and his team will be focussing on a different vegetable each week and encouraging pupils to love their veg!

Valentine Cake Sale

Thank you so much to everyone who bought cakes from the Valentine Cake Sale arranged by some of our Year 6 pupils on Friday 14th February. All money raised will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

Pupil Data Sheets

Please make sure that you sign and return your child's data sheet as soon as possible so that we can make any necessary amendments on our records. The data sheet was sent home just before half term via your child. Many thanks.

Sports Report – Girls' Football

Congratulations to the ten WASPS girls from Year 5/6 who represented Bath City in the NLT Football tournament on Tuesday at Odd Down. Playing teams from Weymouth, Oxford, Eastleigh and Torquay, WASPS finished one point away from the finals. The weather was dreadful but the girls' football was terrific!

School Dinners Price Increase

We would like to give you some notice that due to rising food costs, the school governors have approved a 10p increase on the price of a school dinner. From the start of the summer term, Monday 20th April, the price of a school dinner will be £2.35.

Required Immediately for WASPS

WASPS have the following vacancy to start as soon as possible (after the necessary background checks):

- **Cleaner** – WASPS requires a full time cleaner, Monday to Friday term time only, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The position will be paid between £9.36 - £9.55 per hour.

Please register your interest by contacting the WASPS School Office on 01225 421786.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Halls & Mrs S Badger
Acting Co-Headteachers

Community Links

Weston Village Grow Your Own and Seed Potato Day – Saturday, 29th February. 10.30am to 1pm at the All Saints Centre - Admission 50p. 60 plus varieties of seed potato for sale by the single tuber, spring planting and a vast selection of heritage seeds plus so much more.

Stamp Music School – rock band workshops for all ages and abilities. **FREE** taster session 8th March from 12 til 4pm. All instruments and voices welcome. £25pp for 2 hr session. For info email stampmusicschool@gmail.com

Message from B&NES School Travel Plan Officer - local people are being encouraged to give their views on new plans to substantially improve walking and cycling in the West of England. The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) is running consultations on a regional Bus Strategy and a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) between 3 February and 15 March 2020.

The West of England Combined Authority, together with Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, is also simultaneously consulting on its Bus Strategy which outlines how the West of England authorities intend to double bus patronage by 2036. Both consultations can be accessed via travelwest.info/transportconsultations