

Newsletter 5, Term 3 – Spring Term 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Please see the message from the Department of Education regarding the Coronavirus at the end of this letter.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week started with an Assembly celebrating Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Find your Brave'. The children are following this up in circle time and activities in their classrooms.

Safe Footwear in School

It is essential that all our pupils have some suitable footwear for wearing indoors. This is important to minimise the wear and tear on the flooring. In an evacuation of the building, the children will be expected to leave the building in whatever footwear they are wearing at that time; they will not stop to change their shoes! Since there are some heavy fire doors in the buildings, indoor footwear needs to have closed toes for protection. In the absence of anything else, daps can be worn. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children safe.

Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day - Tuesday, 11th February 2020

Please refer to the letter sent home recently via your child concerning the Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day. If you have mislaid your letter, please ask your child's class teacher for a copy. Thank you.

Year 3 Celt Day – Wednesday, 12th February 2020

On Wednesday 12th February, Year 3 will be having a Celt Day where all the children will be immersed in Iron Age life! The children will learn skills across the curriculum on this day through topic themed activities. If possible, we would like children to dress up as a Celt; checked, tartan and natural coloured materials work well. Some children may want to use blue face paints to resemble the blue woad tattoos on Celtic Warriors, however, no battle equipment is required!

Cake Sale - Friday, 14th February 2020

Some of our Year 6 pupils are holding a special Valentine Cake Sale after school on Friday, 14th February under the Pencil Canopy at 3.20pm. The pupils are raising money for Cancer Research UK and will be selling many different types of cakes and maybe some chocolates too. Please visit the stall and help the pupils raise some money.

WASPS Sports Organising Crew

In December 2019, our newly formed 'Sports Organising Crew' planned and delivered 'The Bleep Test' for pupils in Years 2-6. Please click on the following link to view the report and photos

<https://www.getset.co.uk/community>

Help for UK Air Ambulance Services

The UK's Air Ambulance Services are charities which receive no government funding and rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergencies.

We would like to help raise funds through the recycling of postage stamps. Whether the stamps are British, overseas, new or used they can all be donated to raise funds. Look out for the boxes in Little WASPS and the main School Reception where you can post your stamps for us to collect. Thank you.

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.

Reminders:

- **Parent Teacher Consultations** - You should have received a letter from your child's class teacher with their availability for Parent Teacher Consultations to be held next week, 10th to 14th February 2020. Please make sure you sign and return your slip to the class teacher requesting your preferred time. If you have mislaid your letter, please call in at the School Office for a copy.

- **Parents' Meetings - Year 4 Residential Trip to St Briavel's – Friday, 7th February 2020** - Parents' meetings for the Year 4 residential visit to St Briavel's are to be held on Friday, 7th February 2020 at the following times:

- **8.30am in the WASPS Main Hall**
or
- **5.30pm in the WASPS Main Hall**

A parent or adult representative for each child joining the St Briavel's trip **MUST** attend **one** of the above meetings and pupils who are joining the visit need to be present with you please. Thank you.

- **Voting in new PTA (formerly called PST) 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 PTA. 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.

Parking and Speed Limits

We have received complaints concerning inconsiderate and illegal parking recently in Brookfield Park. The following cars have been spotted parked illegally on double yellow lines at the entrance to Brookfield Park:

- Black Mercedes, registration LJ68 VCD
- Silver Qashqai, registration DN57 EKM

Please remember to leave enough time to find a suitable place to park and to always park responsibly.

May we also encourage you to remember that the 20 mph speed limit was introduced to help keep all of our children safe. A number of parents have been observed speeding in the local roads! Do please remember the importance of driving carefully and within the law where we have so many children crossing the road. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully
Mrs S Halls & Mrs S Badger
Acting Co-Headteachers

Community Links

Next Thing Education - Holiday Tech Club at St Saviours School, 17th to 21st Feb, 9am to 3pm. From £40 per day. For info visit www.nextthingeducation

Bath City FC Holiday Camps – 19th & 20th February at Culverhay Leisure Centre, 10am to 2pm for age 6-12 years. £10 per session if booked before 17.2.20 or £15 after. For further info email info@bathcityfoundation.org

University of Bath, Team Bath AS Performance Swimming – Take your swimming to the next level on the Talent ID Day at. The University of Bath 50m pool - Sat 22nd February. To apply, contact membership@teambathas.co.uk

Message from the Department for Education – Coronavirus

Advice for parents/guardians:

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the following links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

What action can you take:

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

The latest information and advice can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>