

WASPS Newsletter 3, Term 4, Spring Term 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Absence/Attendance at WASPS

You have a choice of how to register your child's absence from WASPS. You can either telephone the School Office on 421786 to leave an answerphone message or you can email the school on attendance@wasp-school.org.uk. The email link is also available on our website. Please make sure you have **telephoned or emailed the school by 9.15am at the latest** on the morning of the absence.

May I also remind of the following:

- When you leave a message or send an email to report your child absent from school due to illness, please be sure to state the **actual symptoms** that your child is suffering from so that we can log their illness. Please do not just say "poorly" or "not well". Please don't just say 'sick', we need to know whether your **child has vomited or not**.
- 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.
- When bringing your child in late, or returning from a medical appointment, **it is very important** that you report to the School Office so that your child can be properly registered at school.

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.

Year 0 Group Assembly

Year 0 will be holding their Year Group Assembly on Friday, 13th March at 2.30pm in the Main Hall at WASPS.

WASPS Literature Week – 9th to 13th March 2020

By the end of this week, each class will run a homework competition based around the classic text which they have been focussing on during their literacy lessons. 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.

The texts each year group have been focussing on are as follows:

Y0 Rosie's Walk, Pat Hutchins	Y4 The Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling
Y1 The Tale of Peter Rabbit, Beatrix Potter	Y5 The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis
Y2 Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne	Y6 The Silver Sword, Ian Serrailier
Y3 The Story of Doctor Doolittle, Hugh Lofting	

Spring Concert – Wednesday 25th March 2020

We are planning a Spring Concert on Wednesday 25th March 2020, to run after school. Approximate timings are 3.00pm to 4.30pm but we shall give you more details nearer the date. There will be several venues in Middle and Upper WASPS, where a number of different performances will take place on a rolling basis to give parents the opportunity to move between venues and see the performances of your choice. More details nearer the time.

Message from the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) re World Book Day

As you know, sighted children receive a £1 book token they can exchange in a shop for one of the listed titles for that year in a standard format. However, the RNIB provide all 13 books in both braille and large print, free of charge with no token needed. This means all sight impaired children can enjoy the simple pleasure of reading along with their friends, without feeling excluded.

You can find all the info you need on the RNIB website: www.rnib.org.uk/worldbookday

Book Fair - Literature Week

Please don't forget to visit our Book Fair, open every day this week from 8:30 – 9:00 in the morning and 3:15 – 3:45 in the afternoon in each of the halls (excluding 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.

Parents' Meetings re Y5 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight – Friday, 13th March 2020

Parents' meetings for the Year 5 residential visit to the Isle of Wight are to be held on Friday, 13th March 2020 at the following times:

- 8.30am in the WASPS Main Hall; 5.30pm in the WASPS Main Hall

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

Parents' Meeting – Year 3 Trip to Avebury – Friday, 20th March 2020

The Parents' meeting for the Year 3 visit to Legge House, Avebury is to be held at 8.30am on Friday 20th March in the WASPS Main Hall. Please join us if you can.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding another pre-loved uniform sale at WASPS on Wednesday 25th March 2020 after school. Please could we request donations of good quality, new or used uniform to be left at the school office by Friday 20th March. No tights / underwear / footwear / soiled or damaged items please. Thank you.

Sports Report

Congratulations to the girls and boys who represented WASPS in a B&NES 7-a-side football tournament at Odd Down. The team consisted of four girls and three boys and they were magnificent. Playing 6 games and only losing one match (3-4) they showed just how good a team they were. Olivia and Alfie were the top scorers for WASPS with Danielle on form throughout in goal and everyone else really playing well and proving great ambassadors for the school.

Required Immediately for WASPS

WASPS have the following vacancies to start as soon as possible (after the necessary background checks). Please register your interest by contacting the WASPS School Office on 01225 421786.

- **Cleaner** – WASPS requires a cleaner for 2 hours per day, three days a week (days to be confirmed) term time only, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The position will be paid between £9.36 - £9.55 per hour.
- **School Meal Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)** – WASPS requires an SMSA for two days a week (Thursday and Friday) term time only, from 12 noon to 1.30pm. The position will be paid between £9.36 - £9.55 per hour.

Parking

Once again we have received complaints from neighbours concerning inconsiderate driving/parking:

- Broadmoor Lane, close to the school entrance. Cars recently parked over a neighbour's driveway blocking access to property include a black Volvo, registration WN63 RXX and a grey Polo, registration WM16 YWH.
- Vernslade – cars driving too fast, especially considering there are lots of children using the road to walk to school. One car repeatedly parks in front of a garage in Vernslade - black Vauxhall, registration WM07 ZRF.

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

Congratulations and thank you to Reggie and Jacob from Class 5SD who took part in the 'Big Bath Sleep Out' on Friday night (6th March) to raise awareness and money for the Bath homelessness charity, Julian House. So far the boys have raised an impressive £880. We are really proud of their efforts on what was a very cold night. Donations can still be made, if anybody wishes to do so, by following the link below

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?pagelid=1138250#>

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Halls & Mrs S Badger, Acting Co-Headteachers

Community Links

Bristol Old Vic – Easter Workshops for children aged 7-11 who love drama. For info visit oldvic.ac.uk/course/easter-workshops/

Next Thing Education Holiday Tech Club, 5-11 years. For more info and to register please visit www.nextthing.education

Bath Community Big Band Spring Concert – 7.30pm on 18.03.20 at St Michael's Without Church, Broad Street. A mix of big band, latin and swing numbers in aid of Designability.

The Curly Hair Project – Autism Workshops in Bristol. 25.03.20 ASD & Executive Function, 6.30-9.00pm & 07.07.20, ASD & Anxiety, 6.30-9.00pm. Venue for both workshops – Stoke Gifford Retirement Village, BS16 1YF. No diagnosis necessary. Suitable for parents, professionals and autistic adults. For more info visit www.thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/events

Bath Strings Academy, Musicianship for Beginners - 29th March, 9.45am – 12.45pm at Widcombe Junior School. Half day workshop for beginners, Grades 0 – 2 who sing or play piano, strings, wind, brass or percussion. www.bathstringsacademy.org

Bath Strings Academy, Irish Folk Music Workshop - 29th March, 1.45pm – 4.45pm at Widcombe Junior School. Half day workshop for string players of Grades 2 – 8 who play violin, viola, cello or double bass. www.bathstringsacademy.org

Perform, Drama4All - WASPS were pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](http://www.perform.org.uk) on 10.03.20. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Around The World](http://www.perform.org.uk) using drama, dance & singing to help develop their confidence and social skills. Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of WASPS if they come along for a free trial session before 31.03.20. To claim your discount, book online at www.perform.org.uk