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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted by how well the Drop-Off arrangements have gone this week. It has been lovely to see how many pupils have been happy to say goodbye to their parents at the gate and take themselves to their classrooms, enjoying developing their independence!

### **Adjustments to entry and exit points**

As the feared congestion inside the main gate did not materialise, we shall continue with the current Drop-Off and Pick-Up locations next week.

However, in response to requests from a number of parents we are going to **trial** an adjustment to entry and exit points. Please read carefully and note the following:

#### **Little WASPS gate on Lansdown Lane**

Entrance only, as now

But any parents and pupils may enter this gate, so long as they observe the existing one-way route on-site

#### **First gate on Broadmoor Lane**

Any parents and pupils may enter by this gate, as now. Parents from Little WASPS will continue to exit this way

#### **Main gate, second gate on Broadmoor Lane**

Year groups 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 *who live beyond the school along Broadmoor Lane and approach the school heading towards Lansdown Lane* may enter via this gate, drop their children, then leave by the same gate.

We hope that this new arrangement will bring some benefit to parents and make the drop-off a little more convenient. It is vital please that everyone continues to observe the One-Way route around the school site. If it transpires that this plan does cause congestion, we shall go back to the previous plan.

Parents of Year 5 and Year 6 are welcome to drop your child at the school gate and allow them to make their own way to their classroom.



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Please continue to do all you can to distance from other families when dropping off / collecting your child. Parents naturally are welcome to wear masks on the school site if you so wish.

Thank you for your patience and forbearance as we continue to try to improve the system in preparation for more seasonal weather.

### **Footwear for wet weather**

A reminder for all (except Reception and Year 1 children) as we prepare for wet weather, please ensure pupils have suitable footwear for wet weather and something to change into for indoors – for example: daps, slippers, other shoes.

### **Build-a-Burger Harvest-Themed Lunch – Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

We shall be having a special Harvest-Themed Lunch on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. We hope as many pupils as possible will join us, including any who normally bring a packed lunch. Please see the menu attached to this letter.

We would love **all of our Reception children** to join us. If you would like your child to stay for lunch on that day but they are only attending school on a part-time basis, let your class teacher know in advance and we can arrange for them to join us; you can collect your child at 1.00pm on that day.

### **Bike to School Week: 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

Please see the poster for Bike to School Week on our website.

We are really excited to invite your child to join in with Bike to School Week 2020. This is a great way to increase fitness, awareness of surrounding and well-being, whilst reducing pollution.

Simply accompany your child to school on their bike and then find one of our three cycle parking spots. Please park your child's bike (at your own risk) and ensure that they tell their teacher that they cycled to school.

To encourage cycling (no permit required this week only) the school caretaker will attach a golden padlock to a different bike each day. If your child's bike is chosen, they can pick a prize. There will also be an additional prize draw for the children who cycle every day.

Wishing you a safe, healthy and hopefully dry Bike to School Week.

Additional parking will be available on the fencing next to the main entrance and next to the adventure play equipment situated near to the log cabin. Please secure your bike as we cannot accept any responsibility for lost equipment.

### **Book Week - 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**

Book Week is fast approaching and staff are already busy planning a fun-filled week based around the theme 'Around the World in Five Days'. We plan to take the children around the world as they dip in and out of a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.



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Although we cannot have authors, poets and illustrators visiting this year, we aim to ensure our usual high standards will be met. The children will be immersed in books and have the opportunity to share recorded bedtime stories with staff.

Sadly, we cannot have our Book Fair in school this year, but we anticipate being able to run it remotely online. We are still very keen to fundraise for new reading books across the school. The children will be encouraged to support our fundraising by producing bookmarks at a small cost of 50p and making donations towards our book character dress-up day.

We will end our fun-filled week with a book character dress-up day. The children can come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters; a small gesture of a costume is fine, such as a hat or a cloak, if children would prefer not to wear full costume.

More details of Book Week will follow in the next few weeks.

### **Nut Free Reminder**

Please may I remind you that WASPS is a 'nut free' school as there are pupils attending WASPS with severe nut allergies. Therefore, please **do not** send nuts or anything containing nuts in your child's packed lunch or as a snack. Thank you.

### **Reading**

Being able to read well is the key to independent learning and enables a child to access the whole curriculum. The teaching of reading is, therefore, given top priority by all staff. Currently, teachers have allocated an 'easy reader' reading book to every child, to boost their confidence and self-esteem, ensuring they can comprehend the content without being too challenged by the reading itself. Some children have not read regularly since March and have, therefore, found re-establishing the reading process challenging. We are carrying out reading assessments of every child in school so that relevant reading material can then be matched to their reading age. Of course, we would always want to encourage a love of reading and if pupils are keen to select their own reading material to read at home, we fully support this. Over the next week or two, your child will have a book that will provide some challenge without being too difficult; these books will reflect their current reading level and will help them to meet the reading targets set.

Good progress in reading is made by those children who read at least three times per week with their parents, carer or guardian. When supporting your child's reading at home please remember:

- to set aside quality time to listen to your child read at least three times a week
- to log their progress in their reading record book
- to encourage them to read their book **twice** to develop fluency and develop good comprehension skills. Once your child reaches level 12, these books become much lengthier; we only expect them to read these books once before changing, providing they are fluent on the first read
- to ask questions about what they have read and encourage them to predict what might happen next

We regard the teaching of reading as a partnership between home and school. It is important, therefore, that our teaching is regularly reinforced at home through practice with you.



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## **National Recycle Week**

This week (21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September) has been designated National Recycle Week. We have attached a link for you to access and evaluate your current recycling levels and point us all towards ideas of what more we can be doing. <https://www.recyclenow.com/recycle-week-2020>

Further information can also be found on the B&NES website.

## **Year 6 parents – Secondary Schools**

The B&NES 'Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School' letter was sent home with pupils on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. If you haven't received the letter, please let us know.

The following secondary schools have sent us information for Year 6 parents with an eye on Year 7. Please see the links on our website for the following schools: **St Gregory's School, Hayesfield School, St Mark's School and Ralph Allen.**

**Beechen Cliff** have a link to their Virtual Prospective Parents' Evening 2020 on the home page of their website. Please click on the following link to access it: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/>

**Oldfield School** - Pupils were sent home with a Prospectus Pack yesterday, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Casual Catering Vacancy – Required Immediately**

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

**Casual Catering Assistant** – WASPS are currently looking to recruit a casual catering assistant to work for a couple of hours a month, on an ad hoc basis in our school kitchen. The ideal candidate will hold a catering qualification, such as a minimum of Level 2 Food Hygiene qualification, although not essential as training can be provided. The position will be paid at £9.36 per hour.

Please register your interest by contacting the WASPS School Office on 01225 421786 or email [westonallsaints\\_pri@wasp-school.org.uk](mailto:westonallsaints_pri@wasp-school.org.uk)

## **Requests for work for pupils who are isolating**

If your child is at home self-isolating because another household member has Covid-19 symptoms, do check the WASPS Website for work for your child to do at home.

## **Reminders:**

### **Important Reminder**

Please be sure to follow the government guidance for you and your child(ren) to **stay away from the school site if anyone in your household is showing signs of Covid-19 symptoms**, and for the person with symptoms to be tested.

Once the test result has been received, please notify the school office immediately. If the test is negative, we shall be delighted to see your child(ren) back in school straightaway, even if that is part-way through the day.



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I am aware that some families have experienced difficulty in getting a test.

These pieces of information, which I have not been able to substantiate, may help, though parents' experiences have differed:

- Appointments for testing for the following day open at 8:00 pm each evening. Phoning at or shortly after 8:00 pm will likely improve the chance of getting a next day appointment.
- A number of home test kits are released at 8:00 am each morning and other batch is released at 12:00 noon. Once these are gone that's it for the day!
- Another message said that new slots become available during the day when all other slots are filled

I understand the immense frustration associated with needing a test and finding it difficult to source one. Do please be persistent and supportive of our measures to do all we can to maximise the safety of the whole school community. Thank you for your support.

You will find on the website a handy leaflet called 'Covid-19 Information – A Quick Guide for Parents and Carers'

### **Parking and Safety**

You may have noticed the temporary parking restriction that has been introduced on Lansdown Lane. This will be in force until a more permanent measure has been implemented.

We are very grateful to those families who have heeded our request to come to school on foot or by cycle, or to park a little further away and walk the last part of the journey. We strongly encourage as many of you as possible to do this. Thank you for reviewing your arrangements and ensuring that you are not adding to the risks to our families.

If you haven't already, do take a look at StaySafeGetActive (link on our website), a recent local initiative to encourage everyone to create a 5-minute protective Walking Bubble around our school so that everyone can travel safely and actively to school.

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

We are currently making arrangements for parents to be able to have the usual 10-minute slot to discuss your child's progress in school, with your child's teacher shortly after the half-term break. This year we plan to do this online via Zoom. For any parents who don't have access to the technology, the teacher will make a phone call instead. Details of how this will work will be shared with you soon.

### **Snacks and drinks in school**

Please remember that as part of our Healthy School guidelines, pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to bring a piece of fresh fruit for snack and a refillable water bottle; please no fruit drinks, **no nuts** and no fruity biscuits or fruit bars. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to benefit from a free piece of fruit or veg funded by the government.



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### **Additional items in school**

Please remind your child(ren) not to bring anything into school but the essentials, so no 'trading cards', no conkers, nothing other than basic stationery, piece of fruit (KS2 only), water bottle, PE kit.

### **Book Amnesty**

As many of our pupils will have been reading a lot at home over the summer, and lockdown before that, we thought that you may be looking for an opportunity to clear out the books they no longer wish to read. We would love it if you would consider sending your second hand books in to school to top up our book corners and group reading sets. We would particularly like books in good condition, suitable for school age children. Picture books and longer chapter books would both be welcome. We would prefer not to receive annuals and books based on computer games and television programmes. Books can be handed to the class teacher at morning or afternoon drop off. Many thanks.

**May we extend a very big 'Thank You' to all those parents who have already donated some high quality books for the school – this is very much appreciated.**

### **ParentPay**

If you are a new parent to WASPS, you should by now have received a notification inviting you to activate "ParentPay", our system for accepting payments for school items, which also allows us to message you easily. Do please be sure to respond to the notification and activate it, so that you receive the regular letters and updates that we send out.

### **New Running Event - Bath**

The Secret Run is a brand new running event but with a twist. The twist is that you won't know where you are going until you receive an SMS message with your next location. A runner signs up to a distance – 5k, 10k or 21k, turns up to the start location and then from there, sets their own route as they navigate from checkpoint to checkpoint until they reach the secret finish line. Please click on the following link for more information: <https://www.secretrunseries.co.uk/>

### **Food On Our Doorstep**

Please see the link on our website for information about this valuable local initiative.

### **Rainbow Resource Scheme**

On our website you will also find a link to the Rainbow Resource Scheme which affords concessions to Rainbow Resource card holders.

**With our very best wishes for a peaceful and happy weekend,**

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Build a Burger Themed Lunch  
Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Locally Sourced Farm Assured Beef Burger in a  
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or  
Homemade Vegetable Bean Burger in a Soft Floured Bap

Served with the following fillings:  
Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Shredded Lettuce, Onions,  
Tomatoes, Cucumber, Gherkins, Cheese, Coleslaw and lots  
more..

All served with  
Herby Diced Potatoes  
Fresh Salad Bar

Chocolate Cornflake Cake  
Fresh Fruit Platter  
Organic Yoghurt



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