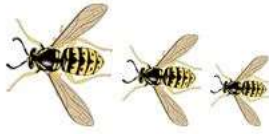


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Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for the many messages of support and appreciation that some parents have sent in to us this week. We can imagine that during the months of lockdown, having your children at home, working hard to sustain your jobs and careers as well as being full-time parents/carers and then educators too, will have been an extremely challenging phase. We're also aware that some of you have lost your income one way or another because of the current economic climate. If you now believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals, you may find it helpful to follow this link:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

There is also some information relating to a temporary extension of FSM eligibility that may be relevant for some families:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/guidance-for-the-temporary-extension-of-free-school-meals-eligibility-to-nrpf-groups>

We do understand the concern you may be feeling about your child's education, and the impact of those months when school was closed to the majority of pupils. As many of you are aware, in school our teachers and other colleagues are working extremely hard to support our pupils, to help them to get back into a good learning rhythm, to re-establish relationships, and to deal with feelings of anxiety and uncertainty. We would like to reassure you that we really are doing all we can to support our pupils, to assess where their learning gaps are, to plan carefully the best ways to support them to regain lost ground, as well as encouraging and supporting those pupils who are well on their way with the start of this year's curriculum. I hope you are able to be understanding and supportive of our teachers; for them also, this has been and remains a time of significant challenge.

Next week will be Week Four, the final week, of our 'Firm Foundations Focus', which you may remember we developed in order to focus on covering and checking the essential key objectives that would normally have been taught in the summer term. After that, we shall be using some high quality assessment materials, purchased specifically for the purpose, to help us to identify exactly where our pupils are now in their learning in English and Maths. The analysis of that information will then inform our planning for Term 2, after the half-term holiday. At that stage teachers will be sharing Curriculum Webs and Timetables with you, in the normal way.



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Drop-Off and Pick-Up

We are happy to report that the trial adjustment to entry and exit points set out in last week's newsletter has not appeared to cause any congestion. Therefore, the current Drop-Off and Pick-Up locations will continue, together with the adjustment to entry and exit points.

Little WASPS gate on Lansdown Lane

Entrance only

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. Parents from Little WASPS may 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.

Reception drop off

This week we have made the following adjustments, which now seem to have resolved the congestion that had occurred at Reception drop-off. Parents can now send their children down the ramp into the Little WASPS playground where a teacher or LSA will meet them. Teachers will stand at the far end of the playground nearest to the building in order to take groups of children inside rather than waiting outside in the cold and wet. Parents can then leave promptly using the one-way system.

Year 1 drop off

Arrangements for Year 1 will remain the same.

New markings for Reception and Year 1

We have introduced new markings on the path leading up to the staff car park from Mitzi's playground. This is to allow Year 1 parents to follow the one-way route but also to ensure parents who drop off older children can then come down the car park and join the system to drop off their Reception children whilst maintaining a one-way flow. We will monitor and review the effectiveness of this arrangement next week.

Distancing

As you know, and as mentioned above, we listened to a number of parents who requested that we open up the Little WASPS gate to all parents and the main gate as an entry point.

However, some parents have now contacted us concerned that a number of parents are not observing the social distancing guidelines on our school site. Can we please remind you and respectfully request that adults take great care, whilst following the one-way route through the school grounds and dropping off or collecting children, to maintain distance from others at all times, being patient and respectful of others' space.



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It is vital please that everyone continues to observe the One-Way route around the school site.

Parents naturally are welcome to wear masks on the school site if you so wish.

As always, thank you for your patience and your commitment to adhering to these important safety measures.

Test and Trace

From 28th September, **people in England are required by law to self-isolate if they test positive or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace**. This law has been introduced to ensure compliance with self-isolation rules and to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

You will find on the website a link to a handy leaflet called '**Covid-19 Information – A Quick Guide for Parents and Carers**' as well as a link to a letter from the **NHS about Test and Trace**.

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.

For your information, please note one parent's experience regarding accessing a test earlier this week:

“When selecting a ‘drive-in’ test I was directed to Newport. However, when I went back and changed my selection to ‘walk-in’ I was directed to Netham Park in East Bristol which had several same day appointment times (despite only applying in the afternoon) and was only a 20 minute drive away. The results arrived the next day and it was all very efficient.”

Flu Vaccine

Please see the following important messages from the Flu Immunisation Team:

Message One - The Flu Vaccination Team have been made aware that a letter from NHS England is being sent to all parents/carers of children eligible for the flu nasal vaccination. The letters have already started to cause some confusion around the process of consent. Please be reassured that, at this time, you don't need to sign and return the NHS letters and as long as you have completed the consent link provided by Virgin Care Services then your child will be vaccinated at the planned school session.



Any changes to this process will be clearly communicated from ourselves (Flu Immunisation Team) if/when changes are made.

The letter being sent home is not something the Vaccination Team have control of locally, it is a national NHS drive to ensure parent and carers of all eligible children are aware of the flu vaccination programme.

Again, we would like to stress that the localised consent process is all you need to do at this point.
School Age Immunisations Team, Virgin Care Services Limited.

Message Two - "Thank you to all of those who have completed a consent form for your child with regard to the Flu Vaccine. If for any reason you need to change any information or consent **please do not complete a second form**, alternatively please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082 (9am to 4pm) or via VCL.immunisations@nhs.net where we can manually change any information and avoid any duplicates and/or errors. **This is particularly important if you wish to decline the consent having already given a positive consent.** In this case we ask that you also inform your child's school that you have declined consent in order that they can inform the Immunisation Team when they attend.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter. The Flu Immunisation Team."

Schools Fruit and Veg Scheme

Please note, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **do not** need to bring in a morning snack; a piece of fruit or vegetable is provided to **all KS1** pupils via the government Fruit & Veg Scheme for schools.

Build-a-Burger Harvest-Themed Lunch – Thursday, 1st October 2020

How lovely to see so many pupils choosing and enjoying our harvest-themed lunch at school. Look out for a special Book Week menu coming soon!

Bike to School Week: 28th September to 2nd October 2020

What a wonderful sight it has been to see so many children cycling to school during Bike to School Week. We have been bowled over with your support for this event and saw close to 100 children cycling to school on the first two days of the week. Including the children on scooters, we calculate that over 25% of our pupils have arrived via self-propelled wheels!! Fantastic work all round.

If you have found cycling to be a practical way to travel to school, please do apply for your school cycle permit via the main office email, westonallsaints_pri@wasp-school.org.uk

Book Week - 19th - 23rd October 2020

This year our theme for book week is 'Around the world in five days'. The children will take a journey around the world over the course of five days as they dip in and out of a variety of high quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry.



We are thrilled to be able to organise such an amazing literature-rich week for your child(ren) and know that they will enjoy the activities planned.

THEMED BOOK WEEK LUNCH - An exciting international themed Book Week lunch will be provided throughout the week. If your child does not usually have lunch during the week, it can easily be arranged. Reception parents - just let your child's class teacher know. More details of the menu to follow.

BEDTIME STORY - We usually sell tickets for this event and our children would normally be invited to come back to school in their pyjamas to share bedtime stories with their teacher. This year staff will share bedtime stories, virtually, on Thursday evening via the school website. Our Staff will snuggle up in the Log Cabin and share their favourite stories. You can then share these with your child and **hopefully make a donation** to school via Parentpay. All donations gratefully received will go towards new books for each class.

DRESSING UP - The children have the opportunity to come to school on Friday 23rd dressed as their favourite book character. Children **do not** need to come to school in full costume if they do not want to, just a gesture is fine, for example: a hat or a cloak.

BOOK FAIRS and BOOK WEEK BOOKMARK - Book fairs will be held online so please do purchase some early Christmas presents – please see the link to the Travelling Books leaflet below. As a school we earn commission for every book sold and all funds raised will go towards new reading books for each class. As a memento of a very busy, fun filled week the children will be able to purchase a bookmark created by some of our very talented WASPS artists. Please donate 50p via Parentpay.

<https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/58/fb/travelling-books-pre-browse-order-form-autumn-2020-1966481.pdf>

Please only select books from this leaflet, in order to ensure we receive commission. Once you have paid over the phone for your order on 0330 088 5756 you will be asked for the school ID number, this is 20100756

and you will be given a unique reference code. Once your order is complete, school will be notified and books will be sent to the school address. Teachers will then hand these books out to the children after half term.

Diocese of Bath & Wells Harvest resource

Please see the following information from the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

“Dear friends. We know that it is that time of year when you would normally be gathering Harvest produce and possibly visiting your parish churches to share their Harvest displays before distributing gifts to the community. Harvest will be different in schools and churches this year but we know many schools are looking for interesting and relevant ways to mark this important festival in the Christian year.

We would like to offer this eight-minute Harvest video, prepared by Rob Waldron our Rural Affairs Adviser and a Somerset farmer.



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We do hope you find it useful and your children enjoy it: <https://youtu.be/TiI2Z7NcaQo>

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

Reminders:

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.

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.

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.

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.

Year 6 parents – Secondary Schools

The B&NES ‘Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School’ letter was sent home with pupils on 22.09.20. 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 – click on link for Virtual Prospective Parents’ Evening: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/>
Oldfield School - Pupils were sent home with a Prospectus Pack on 24.09.20.



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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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