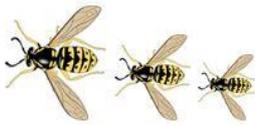


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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move into Lockdown 2, we all find ourselves with another phase of additional challenges. We know it is tough for many of you and very much appreciate your positive responses to all of our safety measures. Happily, the pupils seem to have settled back really well after half-term.

Following the "Firm Foundation Focus" and our assessment week, we are now making progress with this year's curriculum and working hard to enable those who need to, to catch up. We are currently in the planning process for making best use of the government catch-up fund.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

As you know, Parent-Teacher zoom meetings (telephone-calls for those without the necessary technology) are being arranged for the week commencing 9th November so that teachers can share with you the outcomes of assessments recently carried out.

Please note that once you have entered the meeting code and passcode sent to you, you will wait in the virtual waiting room until your child's teacher lets you in. Please ensure you are **waiting five to ten minutes before** your scheduled time so that your appointment can start promptly. Please test your technology in advance as there will not be another chance if the technology lets you down. It would really help us if your child's name is included within your screen-name to avoid confusion. If two parents wish to attend the meeting from separate locations, please let the school know via email so the teacher knows to admit you both.

Please be aware that the zoom slots are ten minutes in length and will be ended automatically after a one-minute warning, at nine minutes. If the zoom fails, the class teacher will telephone you at a later stage. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation, as we all endeavour to make this completely new system work for us all.

Black History Focus

Please see below a summary of what is happening in each Year Group with regard to our Black History focus:

Year 0 We will read and discuss the books: 'The Skin You Live In' and 'The Colour of Us'.

Year 1 We will be learning about Paul Stephenson, the civil rights campaigner.

Year 2 We will be learning about Walter Tull, a black footballer and WWI army officer.

Year 3 We will be looking at the work of artist Faith Ringgold, activist Rosa Parks and Blues music.

Year 4 We will be learning about the Roman Emperor, Septimus Severus.



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Year 5 We will be learning about actor, singer and author, Floella Benjamin.

Year 6 We will be learning about Martin Luther King and Heilie Selassie.

Most of our classes will pair up remotely with a class in another year group to share what they have learned. Keep an eye on our website for some information from each year group sharing with you what they have been learning.

Anti-Bullying Week: 16th - 20th November

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is 'United Against Bullying'. We are inviting pupils to begin this week by participating in 'Odd Socks Day'. Children are invited to wear anything mismatched to school, from socks to shoes, to a whole mismatched outfit! We are inviting donations via ParentPay (available shortly) or cash which will be divided between anti-bullying charities and our school fund.

TikTok Account

A number of children at WASPS claim to have Tik Tok accounts. TikTok is a social media app that allows young people to create and share their own short videos. However, TikTok has a minimum age of 13 and requires a date of birth at the point of registering. Please click on the following link from Childnet for more information: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/tiktok-an-updated-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

Christmas Raffle

WASPS are proud to announce the exciting plans for this year's Christmas Raffle.

This year we want our raffle to be just as big, just as exciting and with just as many prizes available to win. However, we need your help for this to happen.

We would love for you to donate wonderful prizes for us to raffle or auction. Prizes can be donated by you personally or through a business contact you have. Vouchers, meals out and unique gifts or experiences will all be gratefully received by the school office staff who will store them in a Covid 19 compliant manner.

Prizes for hampers are also desperately needed as we would like to have three separate hampers again this year: a traditional hamper, a chocolate hamper and an alcohol hamper. Again, these can be placed on the table at the main school office.

We will be holding the raffle virtually this year and you will be able to purchase a set of five tickets for £5 via ParentPay, available shortly. Your tickets will be entered into our Tombola in the traditional way and drawn 'live' online. A video of the raffle prize draw will be available to view on the school website.

Please support this year's raffle by donating and purchasing tickets. Money raised for the school this Christmas will be used to provide some exciting Christmas activities for our pupils.

School Uniform

As the weather gets colder, we are happy for pupils to wear additional layers of clothing, since we shall be maintaining high levels of ventilation in our buildings. We are happy with plain black or yellow tops, black/grey skirts/trousers/leggings/tights, school sweatshirt or cardigan.



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Information for Parents – British Dyslexia Association

The British Dyslexia Association are holding a series of **free** webinars dedicated to helping parents and carers who are supporting children with dyslexia. The next session, 'Simple and Effective Multi-Sensory Techniques' is on Thursday 12th November at 7pm. Please go to <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/news/free-webinars-supported-by-the-jj-charitable-trust> for more details and to sign up.

Your Child's Half Term Optional Activities:

- 1. PTA Christmas Design Project – Christmas Card Fundraiser**
The Christmas card artwork has now been collected from school by a representative of the PTA. It was lovely to see so many festive entries.
- 2. Weston Wildlife Walks, Local Nature Competition** (see flyer at end of newsletter)
Please note that the deadline for this competition is Friday 27th November. Completed entries should be passed to the child's teacher with their name, age and school on the back.
- 3. Weston Scarecrow Trail**
We hope that you and your family enjoyed the Weston Scarecrow Trail run by Weston All Saints Church Centre through the half-term break.

Reception Parents

As we are unable to hold our normal meetings for Reception parents to let you know about your children's learning, we have placed some information on the website which we hope you will find useful <https://www.wasp-school.org.uk/year-groups/reception/>

Year 6 – Lifeskills Video Subscription

Normally our year 6 children visit the Lifeskills Centre in Bristol in early September. As this is not possible during the pandemic the Lifeskills Centre has produced an online resource that we can access from school, for the same fee as our normal visit would cost. Naturally the cost of a coach is avoided!

This is a hugely beneficial learning experience for our year 6 pupils. The actual cost per pupil is £8.00 for Lifeskills. We would, therefore, really appreciate you contributing £8.00 towards this. The payment should be made through ParentPay, our online payment system. If there are any concerns with the payment, please contact the Headteacher in writing by emailing westonallsaints_pri@wasp-school.org.uk.

The online resource we have purchased covers many of the same situations as have been covered in the past. The aim is to enable our Year 6 pupils to consider situations they may encounter as they become more independent in the world and help them to look at ways to keep themselves safe.

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal – Poppies on Sale

We are supporting this annual appeal at WASPS and we will be continuing to sell poppies and other merchandise on Monday and Tuesday next week. If you would like your child to buy a poppy or make a donation, please send your contribution in to school via your child.

Vacancies – Required Immediately

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



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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 £9.62 per hour.

School Meal Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) – WASPS have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisory post, term time only, 12 noon to 1.30pm. The position will be paid at £9.81 per hour.

Please register your interest in either of the above posts by contacting the WASPS School Office on 01225 421786 or via email at westonallsaints_pri@wasp-school.org.uk

Work for Pupils Isolating at Home

If your child is isolating, work for each day is provided for them via the school website. We have been looking into ways to provide those children with feedback on their completed work and have decided to do this via 'Class Dojo'. When our office team is notified of your child's absence, they will email you with information about setting up a parent account on 'Class Dojo'. You will also receive a link to connect with your child's teacher via Dojo. Once this is set up, your child will be able to send work to their teacher and receive feedback on it. For parent enquiries, please continue to contact us by email via the school office.

Flu Vaccine

Please note that the date for the Flu Vaccination Team to visit WASPS is **Monday, 16th November 2020**. For your child to be eligible for the free nasal childhood flu vaccination, **please make sure** you have completed the on-line consent form – please click on the following link for access:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/banes>

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



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that they can inform the Immunisation Team when they attend. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter. **The Flu Immunisation Team.**”

Donations of Bulbs

A huge thank you to those of you who have already sent in spring bulbs for our pupils to plant at school! We are planning to plant some bulbs on the school grounds so that we can look forward to a colourful Spring. Please send in any donations of bulbs you can spare with your child to give to their teacher. Thank you.

Reminders:

Test and Trace

From 28th September, **people in England are now 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.

Wellies for Winter

As we head into the damper phases of the calendar, we would like to advise parents to send children into school with wellington boots. Many of our exciting play zones are heavily grass-based and on rainy days it is essential for children to be appropriately dressed to access these areas safely and comfortably.

Please name your child’s wellies inside the leg holes in permanent marker and send them into school as soon as possible. The wellies can be left in school, stored in cloakrooms.

Footwear for wet weather

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

Additional Items in school

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

Prospective Parents

Do you know any families with a child due to start school in September 2021? As we are not currently able to host our usual Open Mornings, we have made a short video to tell prospective parents a little about our school,



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which can be found on the Home Page of our website. Please click on the following link to access: <https://www.wasp-school.org.uk/> Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.

WASPS Book Bags, WASPS PE Bags and Handwriting Pencil Grips

We are pleased to offer a number of items for sale - WASPS Books Bags at £5.00, WASPS PE Bags at £3.50 and Handwriting Pencil Grips at £2.00. You will find each of these items available to buy via our on-line payment system, ParentPay. Once payment has been made items will be distributed via the class teacher.

Information on Handwriting Pencil Ultra Grip - carefully researched, large, soft and comfortable, the grip offers the user greater writing control. The Ultra Grip is ambidextrous, with the letters 'R' and 'L' showing the user where to position their thumb; it is suitable for children learning to write or experiencing handwriting difficulties.

School Orchestra

Please see the following message from Mr John Hare:

“Although the orchestra is not able to rehearse at the moment, I would like to prepare a short video-recorded piece that can be played over the Christmas period. If your child has been a member of the orchestra in the past and would like to take part, please could you email westonallsaints_pri@wasp-school.org.uk for the **attention of Miss Ward** with the name of your child, the instrument they play and their approximate standard and I will email you some sheet music for them to practise. Once everyone has practised, I will ask you to video-record your child playing their music at home. I will then piece all the little videos together and we will hopefully have a Christmas Number One on our hands!”

Food On Our Doorstep

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

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Halls
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Art Competition for Weston Schools

Weston Wildlife Walks

Where is your favourite walk?

**Through the village? Up one of the hills? Into the woods?
What makes it so special?**

**Draw an illustrated map or picture
of your favourite family walk.**

**Please include 3 interesting/attractive things you see on the way (e.g. a
robin/a fallen leaf/a tree).**

Write a few words about where your walk is, and why you like it.

It doesn't have to be a long walk!

**Please draw on A4 paper (portrait, not landscape),
write your first name and your age on the drawing itself,
and then write your full name and school and year group on the back.**

**Completed entries to be passed to your child's class teacher by
Friday, 27th November 2020**

The competition is in year groups.

Nursery & Reception - Years 1 & 2 - Years 3 & 4 - Years 5 & 6.

**The winning drawings will be displayed in Weston High Street
early in 2021.**



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