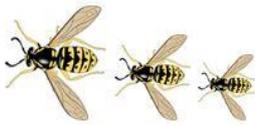


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Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are really pleased to report that our pupils continue to settle back into the routines of school. We are looking carefully at how we can celebrate the Christmas season in school this year given the constraints. We are working hard to make it as exciting and meaningful as we can. Some activities are included in this letter - more to follow in the coming weeks.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We hope that you found your parent/teacher zoom or telephone call regarding your child(ren)'s recent assessments helpful and informative. It was a challenging time for our Wi-Fi signal; thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

Anti-Bullying Week: 16th - 20th November

We are looking forward to seeing pupils in their mismatched socks/clothes on Monday 16th for '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 or cash which will be divided between anti-bullying charities and our school fund. This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is 'United Against Bullying'.

Christmas Trees for WASPS

We would like your help in appealing for donations of three real Christmas trees, one for each hall, minimum five foot would be ideal. Maybe you know of someone who may be kind enough to support us in this. Our pupils will be making the decorations to place on the trees to help make our site look and feel festive. We would also appreciate the loan of any Christmas tree lights to add some extra sparkle. If you have any lights you are willing to loan, please drop them off at the School Office where they will be stored safely in a Covid-19 compliant manner.

Ideally, we would love to have trees in school by Monday 30th November, but we would appreciate a 'promise' for the trees as soon as possible please. Thank you in advance if you are able to help.

Christmas Cards

We will be inviting pupils to send Christmas cards to each other through our internal Christmas postal system, as usual, but in order to give time for the cards to be quarantined before they are delivered, the final posting date in school will need to be **Monday 14th December**.



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Christmas cards can be posted in school, for a 2p stamp each (provided by the class teacher), **from Tuesday 1st December** – there will be a post-box located in each year group. Last collection will be on Monday 14th December and the cards will then be delivered in school during the last week of term.

The funds raised through this venture will be shared between the NSPCC charity and WASPS.

Christmas Raffle

Sadly, another casualty on our normal school calendar is our Christmas Fair. We are, however, looking carefully to see what is possible this year, albeit in different, maybe unusual ways!

We have a small number of prizes already donated for our Christmas Raffle – thank you. However, this year we want our raffle to be just as big, just as exciting and with just as many prizes available to win and **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 quarantine 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, any donations 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. 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 if you can by donating prizes and purchasing tickets. Money raised for the school this Christmas will be used to provide some exciting Christmas activities for our pupils.

Weston Café

The Weston Welcome Café and Food Club are remaining open during November. The Café is serving takeaway meals (no charge, but donations are welcome). The food club is open as normal (Pay £3 per family, and do your food shopping) every Monday 12 noon to 2.00pm.

Café location - Weston Hub, Penn Hill Road - next to the rear entrance of the Royal United Hospital.

WASPS Inset Days

Please make a note of the remaining inset days for the 2020/21 academic year as follows:

- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 22nd February 2021
- Friday 28th May 2021
- Wednesday 21st July 2021



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Wellies for Winter

As we head into the damper phases of the calendar, we would like to remind 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.

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.

Year 6 – Lifeskills Video Subscription

Year 6 parents, if you haven't already, we would really appreciate a contribution of £8.00 towards the hugely beneficial Lifeskills learning experience. 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!

Any 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.

Drop-off in Broadmoor Lane

Please do not stop in your vehicle across the school driveway, or anywhere near it, to drop off your child(ren) in the morning. It can pose a risk to other families and can cause an obstruction to other road-users.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our families safe.

Staying Safe on the School Run

Please find some useful information regarding staying safe on the school run from Sustrans, a charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2020/everyday-walking-and-cycling/how-to-stay-safe-on-the-school-run-during-lockdown/>

Get Set to Eat Fresh

Please find some useful information below on healthy baking ideas from the Get Set, Eat Fresh website:

https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/resources?utm_campaign=2020561_GSTEF%20NEWS_Primary_Nov2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Aldi%20-%20Get%20Set%20to%20Eat%20Fresh&dm_i=3J01,17B2P,44C3CG,4AQZ1,1



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Pre-Loved School Uniform Sale

As we are currently in lockdown, we are unable to hold another popular pre-loved uniform sale. However, if you would like to donate any surplus WASPS uniform, there is a collection point located near the School Office. When restrictions are lifted we hope to be able to hold a sale to fundraise for the school.

Vacancies – Required Immediately

WASPS have the following vacancies 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 £9.62 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 are providing those children with feedback on their completed work 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

The Flu Vaccination Team will be visiting WASPS on **Monday, 16th November**. For your child to be eligible for the free nasal childhood flu vaccination, you must have completed the on-line consent form – please click on the following link for access:

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

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

*“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.**”*



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Book Fair Thank you

We are pleased to say that donations received during Book Week from Bedtime Story, Dress Up Day and Bookmarks totalled £638. Thank you to everyone who donated.

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.

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/>

TikTok Account

A number of children at WASPS claim to have TikTok 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>

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.

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.



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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, 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,

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