



Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are really pleased to report that our pupils have begun preparing for Christmas with many creative activities happening this week across the school. Hosts of heavenly angels are being made by our youngest reception pupils, narrators are busy learning lines in preparation for filming next week and the children have been busy planning and designing Christmas hats and tree decorations.

Teachers are also busy with fundraising ideas, planning exciting festive lessons as well ensuring the children are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.

Odd Socks Day Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated for our recent Odd Socks Day, we can confirm the total raised was £342.09. Half of the money raised was donated to the NSPCC. Given how challenging it is for us at the moment to do any of our usual fund-raising activities, we really appreciate all of your kind donations.

School Educational Visits

Normally at this time of year, we begin to let you know about the school educational visits that are planned for the summer term and to invite you to start paying in instalments. Since at this time, there is still a great deal of uncertainty about what may or may not be possible in terms of visits, we are not going to move anything forward at the moment. We have made provisional bookings for the residential trips for Y4, Y5 and Y6 (Isle of Wight, not France) in the hope that those trips will be able to go ahead. As things unfold in the early part of the spring term, we hope to be able to give you some clarification about whether these trips will be possible.

The non-residential trips for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 would not normally be booked at this early stage. We aim to make provisional plans for these in the new year, again in the fervent hope that they may be able to go ahead in the summer term. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Christmas Dinner Day – New Date – Thursday, 10th December

Please note that we are holding our usual Christmas Turkey Dinner on **Thursday 10th December** and not Wednesday 16th December as previously mentioned. So that we can order in the right amount of food and avoid any unnecessary waste, please could you click on the link below to confirm your child's Christmas Dinner Day choice, e.g. Christmas Turkey Dinner, Christmas Vegetarian Dinner or own packed lunch. The price is the same as a normal Thursday, and of course free of charge for KS1 pupils.

Please click on the following link to register your child for Christmas Dinner – **Please note the deadline for responses is Monday 30th November:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zZ6Ysabq00yP9KPU4ErasN7Rd51rmhIDmqny8BSULIxUM1VLODBNQUpUTzA0TUVOTTBRVfkwSTI1Wi4u>



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Class Christmas Parties

This year rather than asking you to send in food for the class Christmas Parties, we are asking our kitchen colleagues to provide a party lunch on the last day of term (Friday 18th December); the Christmas parties will then follow in the afternoon. We would like all our pupils to enjoy this together so would appreciate all children purchasing a school dinner (KS1 as normal are free) as this will ensure a real party spirit and avoids wasted food.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards can be posted in school from **Tuesday 1st December**, for a 2p stamp each (provided by the class teacher) – there will be a post-box located in each year group. We are 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 be **Monday 14th December**.

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

Parents of WASPS - WE NEED YOU

Raffle

Thank you for all the lovely raffle donations we have received so far - one of our top prizes is a beautiful necklace which retails at £85. We also have vouchers from: bookshops, butchers, Mission Burrito, Hair and beauty salons and Avon Valley with lots of other prizes too. Don't miss out - buy those tickets!

We would still welcome wonderful prizes for us to raffle or auction. Perhaps you can offer a prize, or maybe you have a business contact who could support us. 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.

As you know, 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 on Tuesday 15th December. A video of the raffle prize draw will be available to view on the school website.

Hampers

We now have five hampers up for grabs: chocolate, alcohol, traditional, fruit and one donated by Waitrose. Please can we ask you to keep donating items for the following hampers:

- **Chocolates** for the chocolate hamper
- **Alcohol** for our alcohol hamper
- **Christmas treats** for our Christmas hamper - **suggested donation items:** red wine, white wine, prosecco, mulled wine, biscuits for cheese, napkins, mince pies, Christmas cake, crackers, candles, Christmas pudding, ground coffee, tea, shortbread, cranberry sauce, etc.

Fundraising

Our truly wonderful WASPS PTA is passionate about fundraising and securing funds for the benefit of all of the children in our school. Many of you have been simply wonderful offering ideas, time and support to us over many years. With these challenging and uncertain Covid times, we have found it increasingly difficult to raise the sums of money we normally would. We estimate that, compared to last year, we may be just over £10,000 down on our usual fundraising, as a result of having no Summer or Christmas fair.

If you would like to support the PTA with a monetary donation *and are in a position to do so*, perhaps instead of spending at the Christmas Fair, we would gratefully accept. We are *fully aware* that many of you are unable to do so and do not wish to apply any pressure to any of you. However, unprecedented times have prompted us



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to explore all angles of fundraising available. Thank you for your support and your understanding. An item on ParentPay will be available shortly for any donations for the PTA.

Bigfoot pantomime – Sleeping Beauty

This year we have purchased, for the children from Year 0 to Year 6 to enjoy, a wonderful performance of Sleeping Beauty which has been filmed at the Royal Hippodrome. The experience has been personalised with photographs of our school.

The professional performers will be leaping directly from the stage into classrooms where children and staff can engage and participate in tricks and follow the actors on a magical journey full of wit, humour and discovery. The talented team have created a mix of traditional panto with modern music and dance tracks to bring the room to life!

Staff will ensure the recording is made available on the school website, so that in the holidays pupils can watch it again and again, as well as ensuring that any pupils isolating at home do not miss out.

We kindly ask that you make a small donation via parent pay to support the school in providing such a wonderful festive opportunity.

Lights! Camera! Action - It's Christmas!

As Father Christmas is unable to visit the grotto properly this year, the PTA would like to run a Christmas Film Trail around Weston and offer families the chance to purchase a treat bag (which includes sweets, chocolates, popcorn, a letter from Father Christmas and a map for the trail) to enjoy with your own Christmas Film Night-In. We need volunteers prepared to create a window display of a Christmas Film to run from 5th December until 20th December. Because this isn't running during a holiday period, we are asking you to host it for a little longer.

If you would like to create a display, it can be as simple as a film poster or as creative as a display worthy of a Selfridges window. Please contact Lucy Giffen via WhatsApp or text message (07967 811960) if you would like to decorate a window in your home.

Vacancies – Required Immediately

WASPS have the following vacancy to start as soon as possible, after the necessary background checks. Please register your interest in the post by contacting the WASPS School Office on 01225 421786 or via email at westonallsaints_pri@wasp-school.org.uk

Full-Time Catering Assistant – WASPS are currently looking to recruit a full-time 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.

Medical Appointments During School Hours

To save you from trying to access a medical form from the School Office or Website, if your child has a medical appointment during the school day, please email the Attendance email address, attendance@wasp-school.org.uk, stating the following information: child's name; child's class; date of appointment; time of appointment and a brief description of the type of appointment, e.g. hospital, dentist, optician. Thank you.



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B&NES Food Clubs

Please find some information from Bright Start regarding B&NES Food Clubs at the end of this letter.

Congratulations to Dillon (1ST), Thomas (3SS), Isaac (3SS), Ava (3R), Oliver (3R), Edward (4BF) and Emilia (6M) who entered the 'Bath at Christmas' competition to design a flag. We are delighted to let you know that the entries are now on display in the city centre! Please click the following link to take a look: <https://www.welcometobath.co.uk/christmas-bunting-display/>

The finalists for the competition will be announced shortly and the public will be able to vote for their favourites in each category on the following Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/BathBID/>

Next Thing Education – Christmas Holiday Tech Camp

Next Thing Education are excited to announce a **3-day Christmas Holiday Tech Camp** running on both **21st-23rd** and **29th-31st December** from **9am – 4pm** each day at **St Saviours School, BA1 6NY**. To check availability or to enrol simply visit: <https://www.nextthing.education>

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.

Information for Parents & Carers of Children Aged Under 14 Required to Self-isolate

Please see the following advice from B&NES Public Health re children isolating at home:

"A number of schools and settings have contacted us regarding advice for parents & carers who have a child at home who is required to self-isolate but have other children they need to get to get to school or early years setting. This situation could arise because one child is self-isolating having been a contact of a positive case at their setting and there is only one adult in the household who is able to take other children to and from their school or early years provider.

The NHS website provides guidance on when to self-isolate and what to do. This clearly states that you must not leave your home if you are self-isolating. For some parents and carers this may present a considerable challenge when it comes to taking siblings to school or early years provision. In such circumstances you could refer parents and carers to other options made possible by:

- *Guidance relating to household bubbles. This might enable a parent living on their own with children aged under 18 to ask an adult from their 'bubble' to take their children to and from school.*
- *Alternatively, families with children aged 13 and under are able to form a childcare bubble with another household which allows for an informal childcare arrangement that might be helpful.*



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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

School Premises during Winter

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has recently issued the following advice for schools on how to continue to ventilate buildings sufficiently during the colder winter months whilst being mindful of the workplace temperature. Their advice is as follows:

'Schools should do what is reasonably practicable in relation to ventilation. However, they need to balance thermal comfort and the level of ventilation. During colder days it is acceptable to have the windows closed at times, we would advise opening the windows prior to school starting, before and after every lesson, during break and lunch times and leaving them open at the end of the day for a time period. This is to allow a number of air changes throughout the day while maintaining an appropriate temperature that allows the pupils to learn comfortably'.

Our teachers will be following this guidance in balancing the need for a reasonable temperature in the classroom with the need to keep the ventilation up.

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
Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Badger
Deputy Headteacher



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****FOOD CLUBS now open at B&NES Children's Centres****

Bright Start Children's Centre Services, in partnership with Family Action, Fareshare and Radstock Town Council, are now running weekly Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) clubs across Bath and North East Somerset. The 3 clubs provide local families, with children under 11yrs, a range of affordable food every week. We receive weekly produce from Fareshare who redistribute food from manufactures to people who need it the most.

- Keynsham Children Centre - **Weekly Thursday afternoon, 2pm-4pm**
65 West View Rd, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 2UE Tel:01225 395400
- St Martins Children Centre (Bath area) - **Weekly Friday morning, 10-12pm**
150 Frome Rd, Bath, BA2 5RE Tel: 01225 396004
- Radstock Children Centre and Library - **Weekly Friday afternoon, 1.30pm-3.30pm**
Church street, Radstock, BA3 3QG Tel: 01225 396660

To join the food club (please see registration form below) **Families must meet criteria A and either B, C, D, E or F**

- A: I/we live or work within 15 minutes of the Children's Centre and have a child under 11yrs.
[We need PHOTO ID (e.g. Passport, Driving Licence) and proof of residency (e.g. Phone or Utility Bill) or headed paper from employer or Copy of payslip or Photo ID (Proof of work)]
- B: We receive free school meals or access Early Years 2-year funding
- C: I/we have recently been made unemployed or have loss of income
- D: I/we have been referred to the scheme by a Family Support Worker or another agency.
- E: I/we have: claimed asylum in the UK and awaiting decision, or been refused asylum, or leave to remain with 'no recourse to public funds' on family or private life grounds or the right to live in the UK as the main carer of a British citizen ('Zambrano Carer')
- F: Exceptional circumstances – please detail:

There is a £1 annual membership and for only £3.50 the families will receive £15 worth of shopping and there will be a range of different foods on offer.

If you are working with families who may be interested, please complete and return our registration form (**attached**) and we will make contact to explain more.

Further information about Food Clubs can be found at <https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/food-club/> or email: banesfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk or brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk



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FOOD club application form

(Somerset Valley, Bath, Keynsham and surrounding areas)

Centre Interested in: Somerset Valley Bath Keynsham Date Joined:

Title:	Name:
Address:	Postcode:
Telephone number:	Email address

1. About your family – Who will benefit from the FOOD Club?

Name	Age.....
Male/Female	
Name	Age.....
Male/Female	
Name	Age.....
Male/Female	
Name	Age.....
Male/Female	
Name	Age.....
Male/Female	

2. Eligibility You must meet criteria A, and either B, C, D, E, F – PLEASE TICK BELOW.

- A: I/we live or work within 15 minutes of the Children’s Centre and have a child under 11yrs.
[We need PHOTO ID (e.g. Passport, Driving Licence) and proof of residency (e.g. Phone or Utility Bill) or headed paper from employer or Copy of payslip or Photo ID (Proof of work)]
- B: We receive free school meals or access Early Years 2-year funding
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Agency referred by(Agency)

Name SignatureDate:

Signed by Agency Worker..... Date.....

3. **Signature.** I agree to follow all of the rules overleaf and understand that if I do not, I will be asked to leave the scheme and my place will be given to someone else.

Name SignatureDate:

Where did you hear about the Food Clubs, e.g. Facebook/poster?

Please send the completed form to: brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk ('Food Club Registration' in Subject line) or post to St Martins Children Centre, 150 Frome Rd, Bath BA2 5RE.

Rules for joining the Children's Centre FOOD Club.

- There will be a £1 annual membership fee.
- A weekly charge is of £3.50 per food bag. This will pay for a selection of groceries worth from £10-£15.
- A time slot may be given to you each week to collect your food
- All frozen and refrigerated food must be taken home in a chill bag (available to purchase for either £1 or £2 or bring your own)
- Food must be for your own use.
- The food must not be returned to any of the retailers.
- Places will be limited and demand is expected to be high. If you do not turn up for a number of weeks, you may lose your place in the scheme
- Only people over 16 named on the form can collect the food

Information you supply to join this scheme

Your personal information will not be shared with any other organisation without your permission. The information supplied on this form will only be used by Family Action, Bright Start Children Centre Services and Radstock Town Council:

1. Ensure staff are aware of food allergies.
2. Check that members of the public are signed up members of the scheme.
3. Produce anonymised reports of the number of people accessing the scheme.
4. Produce anonymised reports of the income of the people accessing the scheme.

If you stop accessing the scheme, your details will be deleted from all systems and your original paper membership forms will be deleted and shredded within 12 months of you leaving the scheme.

For any further enquiries,

contact: St Martins Children's Centre reception (Mon-Fri) 01225 39 6004,
email: brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk



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