



Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

**Congratulations** to all the children who took part in 'England Does the Daily Mile' today in school. Every class had a timetabled slot throughout the day and thankfully it stayed dry! It was great to see many of the teachers taking part as well. In light of the events in the past year, children's mental health, and its relation to physical activity, is more important than ever. So, while we can't get together in person, WASPS joined over 1 million children across the UK in moving at the same time. Congratulations once again to everyone who took part.

### Parent-Teacher Consultations

We hope you have been finding the Parent-Teacher consultations useful this week and that the difficulties with technology have not been too inconvenient. Unfortunately we are not in a position to upgrade our internet service at present, so thank you for your patience. If you have not yet had one, hopefully you have a zoom or telephone call scheduled for next week. If not, please email your child's class teacher via the school office to make an arrangement.

### Class Photographs

Weather permitting, we are hoping to be able to have Class Photographs taken outside on the school grounds on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Fingers crossed for a dry day. Please ensure pupils come into school smart and tidy, in full school uniform, on that day.

### PTA WASPS Recipe Book

We are delighted to let you know that a small team from WASPS PTA are putting together a Recipe Book to raise money for WASPS. The PTA are calling for lots of culinary and artistic contributions from the WASPS Community towards this exciting project and hope to have a book printed and offered for sale in the coming months. Please see the ParentPay message sent yesterday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, for the full details. We very much hope you will feel able to support this venture in some way.

## Dates for the Diary

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

May Day Bank Holiday  
(School closed to pupils)

### **4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

(4pm to 6pm daily)  
Continuation of  
Parent/Teacher  
Consultations

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Class Photographs to  
be taken outside  
(weather permitting)

### **31<sup>st</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**2021** Half Term (school  
closed to pupils)

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

Family fund raising  
event (possible  
Summer Fair)



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## **Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies**

Most of the hoodies have now been delivered to school. We shall be sending these home before half-term so that Year 6 pupils may wear them in school with their school uniform from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Please confirm to your child that they should keep the hood down at all times in school and this privilege is linked with our expectation and hope that Year 6 pupils will continue to provide a fabulous role model for the younger pupils in terms of behaviour and politeness!

## **Parent-Governor Ballot**

Thank you to all those of you who have sent in your votes by today's deadline. The ballot to select two new parent governors will be counted next week and we shall announce the names of the successful candidates in due course.

## **Year 6 Swimming**

We are terribly sad to have to announce that we have just heard that Kingswood School pool is out of action, possibly until the end of term 6. Swimming will therefore not be taking place next week.

We are pursuing all possibilities to try to find an alternative venue and will let you know if we are successful. Very many apologies for this disappointing news.

## **National Survey – Air Pollution**

Please see the following information from the Air Quality Management Resource Centre in conjunction with the University of the West of England, Bristol:

*"We are contacting you to kindly request your participation in an important national survey (in conjunction with the University of the West of England, Bristol) to address air pollution at schools. The data collected from this survey will inform the development of strategies to reduce child exposure to harmful air pollution.*

*The questionnaire is entirely anonymous, and no personal or identifiable information will be requested or recorded at any point.*

*The link below will take you to the questionnaire, which should take no more than a few minutes to complete.*

[https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9ZD2i6fXjKPNCFD](https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZD2i6fXjKPNCFD)

*Thanks very much for your time"*

## **ParentPay Lunch Money Arrears**

Please make sure that your ParentPay account is credited with enough money to cover the cost of your children's school lunches. Please remember that school meals must be paid for in advance. Thank you.

**We wish you all a sunny and happy Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to seeing all our pupils back in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

Mrs Sarah Halls  
Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Badger  
Deputy Headteacher



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## Reminders

**Regular Covid-19 Testing for Adults** - Residents in Bath and North East Somerset are being encouraged to get into the habit of having a regular rapid Covid-19 test. Lockdown restrictions are slowly being loosened across England in line with **the Government's Roadmap**, and whilst these changes are really welcomed they also bring with them an increased risk of transmission. To reduce risk and keep everyone safe, it is vital to keep testing at home:

- adults test twice a week at home from now on (all those who can)
- report results online as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country

For all the ways you can get rapid COVID 19 tests including how to order home tests please see:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-schools>

Asymptomatic test kits are now available from the following sites in B&NES:

- The Apex Hotel, Bath (Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm)
- The Masonic Hall, Keynsham (Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm)
- The Centurion Hotel, Midsomer Norton (Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm)
- Carpenter House, Bath (Monday to Sunday, 2.30pm to 8.00pm\*)

\*times may vary, please check latest details: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

### **Wells Cathedral - Virtual Be a Chorister for a Day event**

Please see a flyer at the end of the newsletter from Wells Cathedral. If you would like further information or to register for a place, please contact Melanie Lawlor via: [musicoffice@wellscathedral.uk.net](mailto:musicoffice@wellscathedral.uk.net)

### **B&NES Child Weight Management Programme**

B&NES healthy weight course 'LEAP' is still running virtually and taking referrals. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

**Love Weston Library** - Love Weston Library reopened on Tuesday 13th April. Opening hours, **Tuesday and Saturday 10 - 12 noon and Thursday 2-4pm**. **Click on the link to find out more:**

<https://lovewestonlibrary.org.uk/>

**Veg Power – Lunchbox Hacks** - Please click on the following link for some ideas for "60-second lunch box hacks" to add more veg to children's lunchboxes: <https://vegpower.org.uk/our-campaigns/>

### **Message from B&NES - Applying for EU Settled Status (EUSS)**

We have been asked by B&NES to circulate the below message to schools from Cllr Kevin Guy:

*"Council members and officers are very concerned that there may still be EU citizens living in B&NES who have not yet applied for EU Settled Status (or EU Pre-Settled Status). The deadline for applying is 30th June 2021, which is now less than 3 months away.*

*EU citizens who are resident in the UK but who have not applied for EUSS (EUSS) by the end of June may face a whole host of difficulties, including continuing access to NHS health services, as well as potential issues with housing, education and employment, or even with travel. Note all this also applies to nationals from Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.*



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All EU citizens who are resident in the UK need to apply for Settled Status (if they've been living here for 5 years or more) or for pre-Settled Status (if they've been living here for less than 5 years), unless they are also British (or Irish) nationals. This applies to all children of EU citizens unless they have dual nationality, one of which must be British (or Irish). A separate application must be made for each person. Even EU citizens who are married to Britons and have been living in the UK for decades must apply for EU Settled Status. It is not enough to have a previously granted UK permanent residency card. These will no longer be valid after 30th June 2021.

So please spread the word, and make sure that everyone affected by this change in UK law knows about the deadline of 30th June 2021 and submits their application in good time.

The UK Government's website page about EU Settled Status: <https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus>

The B&NES website page about EU Settled Status: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/eu-settlement-scheme>

The following organisations provide useful information, advice and support to EU citizens who are going through the application process:

<https://www.the3million.org.uk/>

<https://settled.org.uk/en/>

<https://www.citizensadvicebanes.org.uk/>

EU citizens who live in Bath can also contact Wera Hobhouse MP for advice and support:

<https://www.werahobhouse.co.uk/>

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## WELLS CATHEDRAL - BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Wells Cathedral warmly invites boys and girls between the ages of seven and nine to this virtual event. Join in a rehearsal with current Choristers, meet the music team, and find out more about Chorister life.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

For more details, please contact: [musicoffice@wellscathedral.uk.net](mailto:musicoffice@wellscathedral.uk.net)



[wellscathedral.org.uk](http://wellscathedral.org.uk)  
[wells-cathedral-school.com](http://wells-cathedral-school.com)



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**LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight**

1-1 support via telephone or video call for children aged 5-10 (with family) and those aged 10-17 years **Covering topics around:**

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical Activity / active play
- The impact of screen time
- Why we make certain food choices

**To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub**

**t:** 0300 247 0050 **e:** BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk

**What are the referral criteria?**

**Any child referred needs to:**

- Either live, attend school or has a GP in Bath & North East Somerset
- Has a BMI above the 91st centile and has received school nurse support or has a BMI above the 98th centile

**In addition, parents/carers:**

- Must consent to the referral and attend each session with their child (5-10 year olds only)
- Need to commit to LEAP and be ready to make lifestyle changes.

**Who can make a referral?**

- School nurses, GP and other health professionals
- Parents and carers
- Schools
- Family support teams, Youth groups and other agencies

**For any concerns about your child's health, please contact your GP or child's school nurse.**

[www.bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk](http://www.bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk)



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