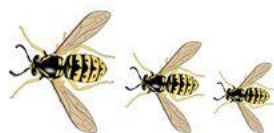


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Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Class Photographs

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

**Please note** - If your child has PE on Monday, please can you send their PE kit into school with them in a bag as a one-off. Thank you.

## PTA WASPS Recipe Book

Please note that the deadline for any of your wonderful WASPS Recipes is Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. There is a collection box on the table in the school office reception foyer for Middle and Upper WASPS children to place their drawings. Little WASPS children's drawings should be handed in to their teacher.

To remind you, 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 on 29<sup>th</sup> April, for the full details. We very much hope you will feel able to support this venture in some way.

## Parent-Governor Ballot

Following our recent election for two new Parent Governors, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Emma Haines and Mr. David Phillips.

We would like to thank all those who put their name forward and took the time to complete candidate statements and those of you who voted. Details of the number of votes cast can be obtained on request. Please contact the school office in the first instance.

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
Class Photographs to be taken outside (weather permitting)

**10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
Mental Health Awareness Week

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
Deadline for WASPS PTA Recipe

**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)

**Last Inset Date 2020/21**  
Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

### **School Term & Holiday Dates 2021/22**

<b>Term 1</b>	02.09.21 to 22.10.21
<b>Term 2</b>	01.11.21 to 17.12.21
<b>Term 3</b>	04.01.22 to 18.02.22
<b>Term 4</b>	28.02.22 to 08.04.22
<b>Term 5</b>	25.04.22 to 27.05.22
<b>Term 6</b>	06.06.22 to 22.07.22

**Inset Days for 2021/22**  
Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
\*Further inset dates tbc for 2021/22



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## **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week and the theme of the week is Nature. How can spending time in nature help our mental health? As we all know, parenting children can be tough at times, so it's important to look after your own mental health too. You might find the following websites useful to support you and your family:

[www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk) for information about Mental Health awareness week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/> for resources to help conversations about mental health and the things in our daily life that can affect it.

## **Coats in School**

As we all know, the British weather is variable and this week some of the pupils were caught out with the rain as they did not have their coats in school. Please ensure your child has a coat in school on days when the weather looks variable.

## **Year 6 Swimming**

As you know, we were disappointed to announce that the Kingswood School pool is out of action. We are pursuing all possibilities to try to find an alternative venue. We are aware that we are holding a fee of £12 for some of you at present. This will be refunded if it is not possible for swimming to go ahead in Term 6. Thank you for your patience.

## **The Big Pedal Campaign**

Many thanks to all of you who got involved with the Big Pedal campaign throughout the first two weeks of this term. At WASPS we recorded an average of over 68% of pupils travelling to school by bike, scooter or on foot each day. This is a fine achievement and helps to start the day in a great way for those children. Well done if you were able to support this initiative and please carry on your fine work.

When compared to all the other schools across the country taking part, WASPS finished in 286<sup>th</sup> place. The top school had an average of 99% - something to aim for! Mr Snook and Mrs Davies.

## **OKGo Music Video Project**

Just after the children came back to school from lockdown, children in year 6 were given the opportunity to collaborate with people from across the globe in creating a new music video for the band OKGo. Each participating child was given a single image to colour in. These were gathered together along with thousands of others from all over the world and used to create the finished animation.

The finished video of the song 'All Together Now', which celebrates togetherness during a time when many people felt particularly isolated, can be viewed by visiting OKGo's YouTube channel or by clicking the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvhVTLk431U>

## **School Lunch - Menu Change**

Please note that the school lunch menu for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May have been swapped, i.e.:

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May will be Fish and Chips or Vegetable & Bean Sausage
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May will be Pizza or Jacket Potato

## **School Term and Holiday Dates – Academic Year 2021/22**

Please find the School term and holiday dates for the academic year 2021/22 in the Diary Dates panel on the front page of the newsletter. A copy of the dates is available on the WASPS website.



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## **Threadworms**

We have been asked to draw your attention to the signs and symptoms of threadworms. Please click on the following link and read the advice on the NHS Choices website which covers symptoms and provides guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in your poo. They look like pieces of white thread and usually come out at night when children are sleeping. They're common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing a GP. Please note if you or your child has threadworms there is no need to stay off school.

To avoid catching them, it is really important that children wash their hands really well, especially under fingernails, before eating and after using the toilet.

## **Sun Safety**

Hopefully we will experience some warmer weather soon and we would like to remind you of a few important requirements should we have a mini heatwave:

- When outside in sunny weather, pupils are encouraged to wear wide-brimmed hats that provide shade for the ears, face and neck and tops that cover their shoulders.
- Pupils are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses.
- Sunscreen should be applied at home before school (high SPF and 8-hour if possible) and pupils will be encouraged to re-apply if necessary. Please write a request if your child is unable to do this themselves and an adult will help them.
- Parents whose children are allergic to sunscreen should either try to find an alternative or ensure that their child is adequately covered with long sleeved, long legged clothing.

## **IMPORTANT: Requests to Take Pupils on Holiday During School Term Time**

At WASPS our aim is to prepare pupils for their future lives and careers. With this in mind, we ask parents to observe the school holidays as prescribed. We do appreciate that things have been tough with much disruption and we are all looking forward to a holiday. However, as Headteacher I am unable to authorise holidays during term-time. Given how much schooling many pupils have missed over the last year, it is more important than ever that any absence is limited to reasons of genuine illness or other circumstances of an **exceptional** nature. In those cases, a 'request for absence' should be forwarded to the Headteacher.

**Please note** that if a holiday is taken without authorisation then the details may be passed to the Children Missing Education Officer and a fine may be incurred.

## **IMPORTANT: Absence due to Illness**

If your child is poorly and due to be attending school, please do not forget to register your child's absence either by telephoning the School Office on 421786 and leaving an answerphone message, or by sending an email to the school on [attendance@wasp-school.org.uk](mailto:attendance@wasp-school.org.uk) The email link is accessible via the website too.

**Please make sure** you have contacted the school by 9.15am at the latest on the morning of the absence, stating the reason and nature of the illness, or the symptoms. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept "ill" or "poorly" without further detail. If your child is suffering from vomiting and/or diarrhoea, **please note** that your child needs to be clear of all symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.



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## **Get your child's voice heard and make a difference**

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is launching a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives. It is called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children. In this survey, the Children's Commissioner is asking children and young people what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children and young people tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives.

It is an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard. WASPS will be carrying out the "Big Ask" survey in school in the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May for children aged 6 and up in Year 1 and above.

**Please note:** parents of Reception children are invited to complete the survey on a device at home, as there is a section in this age category where parents are asked a few questions. Please access the survey on this link: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/> and click "age 4-5". Many thanks for your support.

## **Next Thing Education - Tech Holiday Camp**

Next Thing Education are holding a Tech Holiday Camp at Kingswood School from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for information.

**We wish you all an enjoyable weekend.**

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Deputy Headteacher

## **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/>



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**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.

**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"

**MAY HALF TERM**  
TUESDAY 1ST - FRIDAY 4TH JUNE 2021

Example weekly theme:

- Tuesday** Ingenious Inventors
- Wednesday** Skillful Scientists
- Thursday** Expert Engineers
- Friday** Media Madness

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Jane Baker (Hemdean House School)

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