



Friday, 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 4 Medieval Day

Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous day when they engrossed themselves in a Medieval themed day. The children learnt how to roll candles using sheets of beeswax, designed coats of arms or flags and created stained glass windows. In the afternoon the children learned how to play medieval games such as 9 Men's Morris, Jailbreak and Skittles. A highlight of the day was the medieval lunch that the kitchen staff specially prepared (thank you to everyone in the kitchen!). The children ate chicken drum sticks, potatoes and roasted carrots, followed by an apple and honey cake. The meal included entertainment for the Lord and Lady of each table, no cutlery and plenty of raucous cheering. Hurrah!

Covid-19

Please remember, it is really important, due to the reported transmissibility of the delta variant, that if your child is coughing or has a raised temperature or experiences a change in their taste or smell, that you book a PCR test without delay. The household is required to isolate until a negative result is received. Please be clear that the Lateral Flow home tests are intended for testing asymptomatic people, i.e. people without symptoms.

Anyone with symptoms needs to ring 119 to book a PCR test.

Public Health England recommend that children with non-COVID specific symptoms of acute respiratory infection don't go into school if they are unwell as a general rule, and get tested if they (or their families) progress to COVID 19 symptoms whilst unwell.

We believe this is because some people who have caught the Delta variant of the virus recently, have reported feeling 'as if they had a summer cold, with headache, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing' for the first few days. Only a few days later have the 'typical' Covid symptoms become apparent.

Dates for the Diary

Extra-Curricular Clubs

~~Clubs will run from
14.06.21 to 16.07.21
CANCELLED~~

Tuesday, 6th July 2021
Y0 Vision Screening in school

Thursday, 8th July 2021
Year 1 Activity Day

9th & 10th and 10th & 11th July
Year 6 Camping Experience

Wednesday, 14th July
Year 2 Activity Day

Friday, 16th July
Reception Activity Day

Last Inset Date 2020/21
Wednesday, 21st July 2021

School Term & Holiday Dates 2021/22

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

Inset Days for 2021/22

Thursday, 2nd September
Friday, 3rd September
*Further inset days tbc for
2021/22



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IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE

ANY close contacts of Covid cases who have been asked to isolate (including siblings who attend other schools and who are isolating) are NOT permitted to come onto the school site for any reason, including the drop-off or collection of pupils from WASPS. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Sadly, we have now decided we must revert to class bubbles outside. This means we have had to cancel the remaining clubs this term. We are adjusting the plans for the remaining Activity Days which will still go ahead, all being well.

Polite Reminder - Face Masks

In light of the rapid increase of Covid cases at the moment, may we encourage all those of you who are willing and able to, to wear a mask on the school site at school drop off and collection time. Thank you.

WASPS Family Favourites Cook Book

Following the sale at Little WASPS for Year 0 and Year 1 parents today, the Recipe Book Team are pleased to announce that they will be holding another book sale next Tuesday, 6th July, at 3.20pm in the main playground.

The recipe books are priced at £12 each, or two for £20! (Why not buy a copy for a friend too!)

Please bring cash on the day.

The books are also now available to purchase via ParentPay.



Young Carers

We are currently trying to find ways of supporting the Young Carers we have in our school and would like to highlight the great work that the Bath and North East Somerset Carers' Centre are doing. If your child or children are young carers, or if you too are a carer for a child, partner or family member who can't manage without your support, you can get help for the whole family from the Carers' Centre.

Please email: - banescarerscentre.org.uk or telephone 0800 0388 885. You will find the criteria for support attached at the end of this newsletter.

They do not inform school that your child attends however we would very much like to support these pupils so if you would like to discuss this with someone please email the school with the heading '*for the attention of Mrs Badger.*'

Respect

We do understand just how frustrated many people are feeling right now. We have all been looking forward to the Covid restrictions easing and yet we are hearing about rising numbers of cases again and so we are still faced with much uncertainty. However, we must ask for your support in maintaining good role models for all of the children. We try very hard to instil the Christian values into our pupils particularly teaching them to respect each other. Unfortunately, we have had a few parents who have not been showing respect to others on the school ground and on the way to school.

We politely ask that you model respectful behaviour to each other, to support our pupils' learning and understanding of how to be a good citizen. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



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Climate Heroes

Congratulations to Class 6B who have been made Climate Heroes by Blue Peter. The class had to make one large pledge and two smaller pledges. For their small pledges, they decided to ensure all lights and screens are turned off when leaving the classroom and to make an effort to bring less plastic to school. For the plastic that has been brought into school, children have been using this to make eco bricks. For their large pledge, the class planted 100 trees in the outdoor learning area. Each child received a green Blue Peter badge and a letter congratulating them on their achievement. A special well done to Tess who had the idea to apply and organised the effort.

Activity trackers

Year 6 are currently taking part in research led by The University of Bath. Children are wearing activity bands throughout the day to track their levels of activity. For two weeks, children are not allowed to see their data. We will then be given ideas to increase our activity and to encourage us to move more. For the second stage of the research, starting next week, we will be able to see our activity on a daily basis and see if we can make adjustments to our daily routine to be still less.

Pre-Loved Uniform

The PTA are hoping to hold the next Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on Wednesday 7th July at the end of the school day on the drive to the main car park.

The PTA would welcome donations of any surplus WASPS uniform ready for the sale. Please drop any uniform at the School Office. This is a fantastic way to raise money for the school. Please remember to respect social distancing guidelines.

Bath Area Play Project (BAPP)

Targeted for families in receipt of Free School Meals, BAPP are running a variety of sporting, creative and play-based activities over the holiday period, whilst providing free nutritious meals, all free of charge, at our Covid-19-safe community sites. For more details of the sessions or to book a space please see the BAPP website (www.bapp.org.uk). Sessions run daily Monday to Thursday from 26th July to 19th August 2021.

Morning sessions 9-1pm: Junior BreakOut – Parents/Guardians can book to drop their children aged 5-11 years of age to one of our morning hubs where children will be able to enjoy 4 hours of fun, supervised activities followed by a delicious and nutritious lunch. Hubs are available in: Keynsham, Twerton, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Peasedown St John, Snowhill, Paulton and Odd Down. Email gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk for more details.

Afternoon sessions 2-4pm: Family BreakOut– These fun outdoor sessions will be based in local parks and offer a variety of play opportunities such as den building, waterslides, paint bikes, tie dye, team games and so much more, enabling families to enjoy fun and valuable time together. Up to 50 places per session for children aged 5-12 years of age with places prioritised for families eligible for free school meals. Available in parks in: Twerton, Whiteway, Keynsham, Southdown, Weston, Odd Down, Foxhill, Midsomer Norton, Peasedown St John, Radstock, High Littleton and Combe Down. Email gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk for more details.

BAPP are also running a special family play session on Thursday 22nd July at the Archery field, in Weston 1.30 to 4pm - please see BAPP website to book!

Free Summer Spaces at 103 club

In addition to the above activities, the Bath Area Play Project are able to fund 2 spaces per day at the 103 holiday club in Weston for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals where the parents are unable to get to any of the other HUBs we are running.



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If you are interested in applying for one of these FREE spaces please email gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk

GET Sported Summer Camps

For more information on GET Sported multi sports and cricket camps during the summer, please click on the following link:

<https://www.getsported.org/Groups/316965/Bath.aspx>

BBC One – Eat Well for Less

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter from the BBC Eat Well for Less casting team.

We wish you all a healthy and relaxing weekend.

Mrs Sarah Halls
Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Badger
Deputy Headteacher

Reminders

Updated Information re Testing in Schools

Please note that there has been no change in the national guidance issued around testing, tracing and containment in schools.

Please note the following:

- All adults in families/households with children aged under 11 - please continue to undertake LFT testing at least twice a week
- In the event of a positive LFT **or** the onset of COVID symptoms, **a PCR test** must be taken to confirm the case, and the individual and their contacts **MUST** self-isolate straightaway
- Contacts of a positive case are now also encouraged to take a PCR test, even without symptoms, to quickly detect secondary cases. **If the PCR test is negative, contacts must still continue to isolate for the remainder of their isolation period as they could still be incubating the virus**

Please also note ***PHE recommend that children with non-COVID specific symptoms of acute respiratory infection don't go into school if they are unwell as a general rule, and get tested if they (or their families) progress to COVID 19 symptoms whilst unwell.***

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

People who are isolating because they are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 are now encouraged to take a PCR test. This is recommended for contacts who don't have any symptoms as well as those who do.



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Close contacts of a confirmed case, can book a PCR test via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119. If the test is positive, you will be provided with further advice by the NHS Test and Trace service. Please also advise the school of the positive result at the first opportunity.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- Those who are isolating should not go to work, school or public areas.
- Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.
- If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms - The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19
Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Please refer to Covid-19 A Quick Guide for Parents and Carers:

<https://www.wasp-school.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Covid-19-A-quick-guide-for-parents-and-carers-04.01.21.pdf>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



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WASPS Drop-off and Pick-up Times - Please note, the drop-off and pick-up times continue unchanged:

- **Drop-off between 8:45 and 9:05am.**
- **Pick-up between 3.15 and 3.30pm**

Children to be in school by 9.05am. All routes and arrangements for drop-off and pick-up remain unchanged.

Nut Free Reminder - Please may we remind you that WASPS is a 'nut free' school as there are pupils attending WASPS with severe nut allergies. Therefore, please **do not** send nuts or anything containing nuts in your child's packed lunch or as a snack. Thank you.

Recycle Charity – Ink Cartridges - Please bring your empty ink cartridges to school and we can raise a little bit of money for the school as well as helping the environment by recycling them: www.recycle4charity.co.uk

Regular Covid-19 Testing for Adults - Residents in B&NES 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)

My School Fund - WASPS has registered with the above initiative. Anyone linked to the school can register on this website as a parent/carer/grandparent/teacher/friend to help raise funds for the school. The person spending will earn vouchers for themselves and WASPS with every transaction. WASPS will then choose to redeem vouchers with either Sainsburys or Argos depending on items required such as technology, arts and crafts, IT.

Please read the following message from My School Fund: "When linking a card to your My School Fund account, we want to assure you that your card is protected using bank level encryption. We do not ask you to provide any card information that will allow us to make a payment on you card - i.e. we do not ask for CSV and CVV. Please note, you are unable to earn Card-Linked Rewards for you and your school unless you register a credit/debit card to your My School Fund account."

We hope you will consider supporting this initiative as it could be a great fundraiser.

Please click on the following link for more information: <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/home>

BAPP are running Summer BreakOut sessions in conjunction with Bath Rugby Foundation, Youth Connect South West and Fareshare Southwest



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**BBC One's
Eat Well For Less?**

**is back on the hunt for households looking
to save on their food shop!**

**Email:
eatwell@rdftv.com
0117 9707632**

We are looking to represent the whole of the UK and will consider all applications.

Any information you give us will be processed in accordance with our privacy notice, a copy of which is available on request.

Eligibility Criteria for Bath and North East Somerset Young Carers Service

Please read through these guidelines before making a referral. We understand the complicated dynamics of some families, so please feel free to contact us if you are unsure whether or not a referral is appropriate.



Eligibility criteria:

BaNES Young Carers Service is proud that we are able to offer an inclusive service. Anyone identified as a young carer, regardless of the intensity of the caring role, is eligible to register and access our activities and breaks programme and have an individual assessment of their needs. More than one young carer can join the Carers' Centre from the same household.

A child is considered a young carer if they are between 5-17 years of age and they having caring responsibilities for a family member who has;

- A long term physical illness or disability
- Mental health issues, learning disabilities or additional needs
- Alcohol or substance issues

What do we mean by 'caring responsibilities'?

We understand the impact that living with any of the above issues can have on a child, including emotional impact, therefore if they meet the above criteria and their caring responsibilities include any of the following they are considered a young carer;

- Helping with chores at home, maybe shopping, cleaning or other household tasks due to a parents illness or disability or because the illness or disability of another member of the household significantly reduces the parents ability to do day to day household tasks.
- Helping to support the person emotionally
- Helping the person physically, when out and about or at home
- Helping the person to stay safe
- Helping the person by overseeing daily tasks such as taking medicine
- Supporting other family members due to the person's health needs
- Being heavily emotionally affected by the needs of the cared-for person

Children and young people may not be eligible if:

- their caring responsibilities are due to parenting issues or neglect (e.g. caring for siblings because parents are working or inattentive) Children who are caring due to parental issues would need to be referred to the appropriate social care team.
- They translate for family member due to language issues but there is no other caring responsibility.
- There is no parental consent and the parent is unwilling for the child to engage with our service.

Referral process:

Referral is preferred via our secure web link

<https://banescarerscentre.org.uk/youngcarers/for-referrers/refer-a-young-carer/>

The referral will be prioritised and added to the waiting list and the parent will be contacted to arrange an initial home or school visit. At the visit, we will introduce the service and complete a **needs assessment** and create a **support plan** for that child. The child will then be able to access our services, including holiday activities, groups, counselling and family events. Access to all our services is assessed on a fair use basis and the appropriateness of that activity for the individual child. Some of our services give priority to Young Carers with a high level of need.

Children with their own additional needs and also carry out caring responsibilities are eligible to access our support services and to have a needs assessment. We will endeavour to support these children to access activities with us where appropriate.

Any queries contact the Young Carers Team on 0800 0388 885 or email joanne.grobler@banescarerscentre.org.uk



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