

Thursday 14th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Road Safety

On Tuesday 12th October, there was an incident in Broadmoor Lane, at the end of the school day, where a cyclist was knocked off his bike by a motorist. This incident has been reported to the police and we have been asked to request that anyone who may have witnessed it, contacts the police to share information.

May we take this opportunity again to remind parents of the importance of negotiating the local roads with the utmost care, in order to keep all of our families safe.

Black History Month

Black History Month was introduced to our pupils this week in our Senior Leadership assemblies.

We are pleased to tell you that the children in every year group will be looking at Black History and Literature as a part of their Book Week in the last week of this term. We are currently also implementing a new curriculum where we have woven Black History into a number of topics rather than simply teaching it as a stand-alone subject in Black History Month.

We are delighted to report that the grandfather of Jacob (5SC) and Anna (1ST) has just been announced as the Nobel Prize winner for Literature for 2021. He is only the second black African to ever win this illustrious prize. Please click on the link below to access an article published by the Guardian:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2021/oct/07/abdulrazak-gurnah-wins-the-2021-nobel-prize-in-literature>

Harvest

We hope you enjoyed your child's Harvest Assembly video which was shared with you via Class Dojo last Friday.

Dates for the Diary

School Term Dates 21/22

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	07.06.22 to 22.07.22

After School Clubs

20.09.21 to 26.11.21

Book Week

18th to 22nd October 2021

Wednesday 20th October

Open Session for
Prospective Pupils
10am to 11am

Thursday, 21st October

Bedtime Story

Friday, 22nd October 2021

Rags2Riches donation
deadline

Friday, 3rd December

Christmas Fair
(to be confirmed)

Monday, 13th December

Flu Immunisation Day.
Consent Link to follow in
November.

Monday, 6th June 2022

School closed in lieu of extra
Bank Holiday to mark the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Remaining Inset Days

Monday, 1st November 2021
Monday, 28th February 2022
Friday, 22nd July 2022



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Thank you to everyone who has sent in a harvest donation. As a school, we are asking for donations of food in aid of The Bath Foodbank who are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year:

<https://genesistrust.org.uk/news/bath-foodbanks-10-year-anniversary/>

We shall be glad to accept donations until Wednesday 20th October. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter which lists items needed.

WASPS Book Week - A Journey through Time

18th to 22nd October 2021

We are thrilled to be able to organise such an amazing literature-rich week for your child(ren). We know that they will enjoy all the activities planned. Various books will be shared throughout the week and Thursday will be dedicated to poetry; the children will share and perform a range of poetry to celebrate Black History Month. This year our theme for book week is 'A Journey through Time'. Your child will have the opportunity to experience the usual high standard of activities as well as surprise visiting readers from around the school. During this week school lunch will be themed around the stories shared to add a surprising twist and fun element to lunch.

Book Fairs and Book Week Bookmark

Book fairs will be held throughout this week in the Little WASPS hall and the Upper WASPS hall, so come along and purchase some early Christmas presents. We guarantee they won't be on the bookcases for long! The books are all high quality and age appropriate. The book fair will be run from Monday – Friday morning from 8.30-8.50am and 3.30-4.30pm by our Year 6 pupils and staff. We would prefer you wear a face mask when you come along to visit our book fair unless you are exempt.

You can access the Scholastic catalogue ahead of visiting the fair by following the link:

<https://www6.scholastic.co.uk/3dissue/catalogues/SchoolsCatTBF19/>

As a memento of a very busy, fun-filled week the children will be able to colour a bookmark as part of the planned activities. We would very much appreciate a voluntary contribution of 50p for these bookmarks, via ParentPay.

Bedtime Story

Don't forget, on Thursday evening the children are invited to come back to school dressed in pyjamas and slippers for our bedtime story evening. Class teachers will be eagerly awaiting their arrival in classrooms. Please use the external doors leading into classrooms rather than entering via the hall. All classrooms will be clearly labelled to help you to navigate your way. Children can bring along their favourite well behaved teddy bear and a named mug for hot chocolate. Bedtime story tickets will be on sale via ParentPay for 50p. Whilst your children are being entertained in their classrooms you can browse through the fantastic range of books at our book fair in the Main Hall or Little WASPS Hall and enjoy some refreshments from the Café Hall. We receive fantastic commission on everything we sell over £500.00. The commission raised will purchase new books for the children's classrooms. A uniform sale will be set up in the Main Hall for you to purchase second hand school uniform.

Dressing Up

The children have the opportunity to come to school on Friday 22nd October dressed in a costume related to our theme 'A Journey through Time'. This doesn't have to be full costume. It can be a gesture such as a hat or mask. As a finale to Book Week the children will parade around the playground showing off their costumes to pupils in their building; this will provide the children with the opportunity to show off their creative ideas. We are asking for donations which can be paid via ParentPay. Thank you!

We are all really looking forward to Book Week and the wonderful activities we have planned for the children.



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- ✓ **Bedtime story ticket via ParentPay – 50p**
- ✓ **Consider contributing 50p for a Book Week bookmark via ParentPay**
- ✓ **Bedtime Story on Thursday 21st at 5.30-6.15pm Little WASPS children and 5.45-6.30pm for Middle and Upper WASPS children**
- ✓ **Create a costume (or gesture) to fit in with our theme, A Journey through Time for Dress-Up Day on Friday.**

Special Book Week Lunch – Monday, 18th October

Please see the menu for the special Book Week 'A Journey through Time' lunch at the end of the newsletter.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ – COVID TESTING – LATEST ADVICE

Please read this important message from the Director of Public Health, B&NES:

"As you may know, the UK Health Security Agency have been made aware of some areas reporting positive LFD (lateral flow device) test results with subsequent negative PCR tests and are currently looking into the cause.

We are aware that the current situation is making it difficult for parents to determine when their child should return to school, and would like to remind you of the following national guidance:

If a child still feels unwell after a negative PCR test, they should stay at home until feeling better. Where a child tests negative via a PCR test but goes on to develop Covid-19 symptoms after the test, they should have another PCR test.

Please see the following for further information:

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

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/test-results/negative-test-result/>

Whilst the investigation is underway, where a child has the following markers, we advise that they are more likely to have Covid-19 than not, and are treated as potentially infectious for Covid-19.

Where they...

- *Have displayed Covid-19 symptom/s OR have been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member), AND*
- *Have tested positive via an LFD test (even if they subsequently tested negative on a PCR)*

we recommend they isolate and remain out of school for 10 days. The isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day of the test, if the child had no symptoms) and the next 10 full days. It should be noted that this is advisory and as such parents are unable to claim the additional Covid payments without a positive PCR test result.

We will provide further information as and when it becomes available.

Kind regards, Rebecca Reynolds, Director of Public Health and Prevention, Bath & North East Somerset Council"



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Reporting Positive Covid Cases

Please note that when reporting positive Covid results we require the following information:

- The date symptoms started.
- The date of the positive Covid test and whether LFT or PCR.
- End of isolation date (to work this out - the date of first symptoms or Covid test is day zero. Pupils can return to school on day 11).

Changes to One-way system and Pick-Up areas

From Tuesday 2nd November, after half-term, we shall be removing our one-way system and opening up the tarmac path that runs across the site beside the lower edge of the field.

We ask parents to continue to stick to the bark paths and the tarmac areas, in order to cut down the footfall on the grassy areas, as we move towards the winter months.

Year 3 will move to the upper Middle WASPS playground for pick-up at 3.20, with Year 2 on the lower part of the Middle WASPS playground, by the ramp.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be handed over (or dismissed, in the case of Year 6 pupils who make their own way home) on the main playground beside the Upper WASPS building.

Procedure for raising informal concerns or queries

For parents who are new to WASPS, as well as those who would like a reminder, the process for raising a concern in connection with your child, or a query, is:

- raise it with your child's class teacher in the first instance, via Dojo or in person at the end of the school day at pick-up time
- the vast majority of concerns are resolved quickly and satisfactorily in this way
- should that not be the case, then parents should make contact with the relevant member of the Senior Management Team, who are:
 - For Year 6, Mr Brinkworth (Year 6 Lead)
 - For Year 5 and Year 4, Mr Treble (Assistant Headteacher)
 - For Year 3 and Year 2, Mrs Hammond (Year 2 and Year 3 Lead)
 - For Year 1 and Reception, Mrs Trim (Assistant Headteacher)
- should you still feel that your concern has not been satisfactorily been resolved, parents should then make contact, via the School Office, with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Trim, Mr Treble, Mrs Badger (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Halls

School Uniform

May we please remind you that we require all our pupils to wear school uniform each day, except on their PE days, when we request that they come into school in their PE kit, a white top and black shorts or joggers, with a school sweatshirt on top.

Unfortunately, a number of pupils are wearing different colours or tops with logos or glittery patterns. All tops should be black or yellow, preferably with the school emblem on.

We believe that school uniform is important in maintaining the right ethos in school and also helps to improve behaviour and a sense of belonging and identity. You may already be aware that there are regular second-hand



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uniform sales (there is one next week on Thursday at Bedtime Stories) at which good quality used uniform can be purchased for very reasonable prices.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed for school.

Monday 1st November - Inset

Please remember that Monday 1st November is an Inset Day at school for staff training and, therefore, school will be closed to pupils on that day.

PTA Mufti Day

The PTA is running a fund-raising event on Friday 5th November. Please see the attached poster.

As always, we are very appreciative of the time and effort that our PTA parents offer in order to fund-raise for all our pupils.

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

This is a reminder that we have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items towards fundraising for the school and we would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home.

We have a collection booked on Friday 22nd October 2021 so please donate good clothing to us.

Clean and reusable items that can be donated next week via the School Office:

Good quality clothes and accessories.

Adult, children and baby clothes such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

Please DO NOT send:

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.

Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books.

Personalised items.

Work uniform, School uniform or school sports kit.

WASPS School Meals – Supply Issues

Please note that we are experiencing occasional supply issues affecting our catering provision at WASPS. For this reason, there may be occasional substitutions on the WASPS menu. Thank you for your understanding.

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal – POPPIES ON SALE from Tuesday, 2nd November

As always, we will be supporting this annual appeal at WASPS and we will be selling poppies throughout the week leading up to Remembrance Day. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send your contribution in to school via your child.



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Live Well B&NES

Please see the B&NES Live Well poster at the end of this newsletter. The Rainbow Resource card offers local information for families with a child or young person with additional needs, a specific educational need or disability. Please click on the following link for more information: <https://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk>

Bath Rugby Half Term Captain's Run

Please see the following information from Bath Rugby:

"Below is a link for all your children to attend our half term Captain's Run. This an opportunity for children to watch the First Team train, meet the players and take photos. It's also a great opportunity for children to visit the Rec and the city. If children have signed up to our NextGen Camp at the Rec they will be taking part in this experience already.

This is a great experience for families to visit Bath and entertain the children."

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nextgen-captains-run-at-the-rec-tickets-191627812947>

Well-being tip for the week

Take some time to reflect on a person who has inspired you, perhaps to think differently or more inclusively about something, to flourish.

How did they help you and how has it made a difference? Can you reflect some of those inspirational qualities to somebody this week?

A Collect for Black History Month:

Compassionate God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
to see the image of God in every person
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.
May we be generous in our love of others
as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice;
creating communities of human flourishing,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We very much hope you children enjoy Book Week and we wish you a healthy and restful half-term week and look forward to seeing all our pupils back in school on **Tuesday, 2nd November**.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Halls
Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Badger
Deputy Headteacher



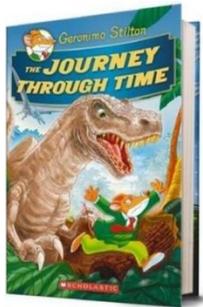
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Lunch Menu - Monday 18th October 2021



Celebrating A Journey Through Time

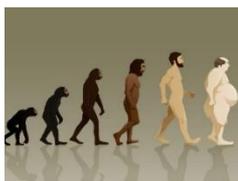
**Tyrannosaurus Rex's Favourite Macaroni Cheese
Or
Cowboys' Veggie Mince Chilli with Rice
and Tortilla Chips**



**Served With
Cleopatra's Garlic Bread Slice
&
Pirates' Treasure Peas and Sweetcorn**
Alternative Choices



**Sir Walter Raleigh's 380 Year Old Jacket Potato with Deep Sea Tuna or Baked Beans
Or
Cave Man's Tasty Chickpea and Vegetable Wrap**



And for Dessert



**War Ration Chocolate Milkshake
or
Roman Times Homemade Cookie
or
Space Travellers' Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit**



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Young People's Support and Information pages

School Holiday Clubs

Mental Health and Wellbeing pages



Live well
Bath & North East Somerset
Information, support and signposting



Explore our community directories

livewell.bathnes.gov.uk



Family information, including Ofsted registered childcare



Supporting adults to live independent lives



Supporting children and young people aged 0-25 with additional needs (Rainbow Resource: our SEND Local Offer)

Register your organisation, group or service, for free, on Live Well B&NES

If you have a child with a Special Educational Needs and/or Disability, you can apply for your child's free Rainbow Resource card on Live Well B&NES, offering discounted entry to various attractions across the area.



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Harvest Collection

Bath Foodbank
requests your
support again
this autumn

Needed items:

Tomato Pasta Sauce (Jars)
Custard (Tinned)
Long Life Juice
Tomatoes (Tinned)
Tea Bags
Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Fruit (Tinned)
Chocolate
Sponge Pudding
Biscuits
Mash (Instant)
Coffee (Instant)
Meat (Tinned)
Fish (Tinned)



Free School Meals (Benefit Related) in Bath & North East Somerset **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

Did you know you may qualify your Primary School for £1,345 worth of Pupil Premium Funding if you are entitled to benefit related free school meals?

If you think you may be entitled, please ask for further information at reception, check online at www.bathnes.gov.uk and search free school meals to see eligible benefits.

Apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or you can contact The Free School Meal Team on 01225 394317 to check your entitlement (if you leave a message we will call you back). All that is needed is your National Insurance Number, date of birth and your surname. *You can still apply for benefit related free school meals while receiving universal infant free school meals.*



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NextGen Membership

Do you fit the below criteria?

- Aged between 4 - 16
- Forever Blue, Black and White
- Rugby mad
- Enjoy watching funny content and winning exclusive prizes
- Excited to return to the Rec

if so... CHECK THIS OUT

Club Membership
£25

Digital Membership
FREE

Search 'Bath Rugby Next Gen'



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