

Wallace Fields Junior School Bulletin

11th November 2022



KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- **Anti-Bullying Week**
- **Monday 14th November**
 - **Odd Socks Day** - wear odd socks with full uniform
 - Parent teacher meetings face to face appointments
- **Tuesday 15th November 2022**
 - **10.15am -11.00am** - Prospective Parents September 2023 Tour
 - Parent Teacher Meetings virtual appointments
- **Wednesday 16th November**
 - **10.15am-11.00 am** - Prospective Parents September 2023 Tour
- **Thursday 17th November 2022**
 - PTA World Cup Sweepstake draw

- Football Match B team against The Vale Primary
- **Friday 18th November 2022** - Wellbeing Day

HEAD'S UPDATE



Year 3 settled in: The children have had a good week and I noticed how Year 3 especially, have been superbly behaved and are really clear on school routines now. They are so polite and friendly and it is fabulous to see how enthusiastic they are in class, fully engaged in their lessons and enjoying their learning. Stars of the Week have been predominantly for enthusiasm and effort and in some cases teachers had to choose two children as it was too difficult to decide.

Test Week Over: This week was test week for many and this gives the teachers a clear point of development and diagnostic clues determining where individual children need to target their English and maths. This information may not be fully collated by the time the parent / teacher meetings happen, however they do have a firm idea of how they are settling in and what their strengths and development points are. Mrs Day and I will be monitoring the entry to the hall on Monday so please do not arrive too early as you will be waiting outside in the cold. If you are late then you might be able to use a vacant time slot though this might not be possible so please be prompt. I look forward to seeing you.

Dinners More Popular Than Ever: Thank you to those parents who have emailed in to let us know that they are very happy with the school dinners provided by the external company Twelve15. They prepare the meals freshly on site with fresh ingredients and they meet all dietary needs and allergies the children have. The numbers have increased significantly and I am in regular contact with the kitchen staff team. The company change the menu if some items prove unpopular - this is very easy to observe and they are quick to adapt. Thank you again for your positive feedback it is very much appreciated. If you do have feedback for the kitchen staff team then please contact the main school office directly by email or phone and we will pass on your feedback for their immediate consideration.

THIS WEEK

Every Child Took Part in the African Dance Workshop

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1590278936063201281>

Hugely Successful Fireworks Night

Our sell-out joint PTA fireworks night was a superb accomplishment as ever. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who did an amazing job and many thanks to the PTA members who were involved in the setting up during a very rainy afternoon, the running of the evening itself and the clearing up. PTA were out on Monday morning clearing spent fireworks from the upper and lower fields and the whole event takes so much more organising than can be imagined! It was a spectacular show with an array of wonderful fireworks filling the sky. The atmosphere was wonderful and the show was a great success.





IMPORTANT NEWS

Odd Socks Day with Uniform on Monday 14th November



We are celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week from 14th - 18th November 2022**. The theme this year is "Reach out to stop bullying." In order to celebrate diversity, the week will start with **Odd Socks Day on Monday, 14 November 2022**. Children must wear their uniform, though they can also wear colourful odd socks or mad socks to signify that we are all different and we are all equal. No monetary contribution is required. During lunchtime, a sketch pad and coloured pencils (manned by some Year 6 children) will be in the Quiet Area of the playground (or in the hall if raining) for children from all years to write kind messages and help children reach out to each other in a positive way.

Please find here some useful links from Kidscape¹ and BBC².

Parent / Teacher Meetings

BOOKINGS HAVE NOW CLOSED

If you have not managed to make an appointment, please email the class teacher directly to discuss an alternative date though it may not be for a few weeks.

FACE TO FACE PARENT MEETINGS – Monday 14th November 2022

- Parents should arrive and enter the school hall via the main gates into the playground. Please follow the signs to the library corridor. You may enter the hall in the five minutes preceding your appointment (no earlier). Register your attendance with Mr Lee or Mrs Day, who will then direct you into the hall. A bell will ring at the end of each appointment time and we kindly request that parents keep to their allotted time and leave via the main office reception.
- We would prefer it if your child did not attend the meeting, but if you are collecting your child from school, close to your appointment time, your child will be permitted to accompany you. **Children must not be left un-attended in the playground.**

VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – Tuesday 15th November 2022

- Please log in to <https://wallacefieldsjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk> before your appointment slot. The appointment will go live at the time booked and **it will not be possible for the appointment to start late.**
- At the 5 minute point of the meeting, an amber bar will appear on the screen warning you that there is 1 minute remaining of the meeting. At 10 seconds to the end of the meeting, the bar will turn red and the meeting will end.

¹<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/resources-and-campaigns/friendship-friday-anti-bullying-week-2022/>

²<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/anti-bullying-week-2022-live-lesson/zpw6nk7>

Please note: When more than one parent is joining a call virtually from different devices, they both need to be on mute otherwise the teacher cannot be heard. They can then unmute when one of them wants to ask a question.

England Rocks Competition



We're celebrating Maths Week England with an England Rocks competition!

How does it work? From Monday 14th November to Wednesday 16th November, students can compete against others across England in answering as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per student.

Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 07:30 GMT to 19:30 GMT each day within the competition period will contribute to their class and school score. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day. Those 60-minutes do not need to be played in one block - they can be spread throughout each day. Each class has a minimum player count of 10. If 1 to 9 students' in the class play in the competition, their total will be divided by 10 regardless.

Just like last year, Miss Sarjeant will be recognising the highest engaging users from each maths class and they will be awarded in next week's celebration assembly.

Reminder to Sign Up for Nasal Flu by Friday 18th November 2022

The Child and Family Health Surrey immunisation team is visiting school on **FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2022** to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray to all children. Please complete the e-consent form by **4pm on FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022**. Click on the www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk³ and entering your school's unique code SR125298.

If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine then please fill in the 'No' box.

If you do not want your child to receive the nasal spray vaccine on the basis of porcine gelatine please fill in the 'No' box indicating this and you will be given the opportunity to consent for an alternative vaccination. This vaccination is delivered by injection into the arm (intramuscularly) and does not contain any porcine DNA agents.

An automated email will be sent to you on completion of the e-consent form from Cinnamon Digital Applications (who host the website portal for us). If you do not receive this, please check in your junk email or contact the Immunisation team.

You can find out further information about this vaccine at the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1087835/UKHSA-12388-protecting-your-child-against-flu-2022-2023.pdf

³<https://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk>

Christmas Carol Concert - Monday 12th December 2022

Please ensure you have the evening of **Monday 12th December 6.00pm - 7.30pm** in your diary. The Christmas Carol service at the Epsom College Chapel is the only opportunity for the whole school to be together so we expect all children to attend. All parents and siblings are welcome to come to watch the concert.

If for religious reasons your child is unable to attend, please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁴. If we don't hear from you then we shall expect your child to attend the rehearsal (on the morning from school) and the evening service.

We need some parent volunteers to walk with the children over to and back from the Epsom College chapel in the morning of Monday 12th December 2022 for the rehearsal. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 11.45am. Parents do not have to stay for the whole dress rehearsal unless they wish to. If you can help please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁵.

Christmas School Holidays Are Approaching

Do you need any childcare during the school holidays?



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS AT WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL
MONDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER

ACTIVE WONDERLAND
MON 19TH - FRI 23RD DECEMBER

PACKED WITH OVER 30 THEMED ACTIVITIES FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS
PRICES FROM £30 PER DAY



ONE WEEK OF FUN AWAITS YOUR CHILD THIS CHRISTMAS!

 HANDMADE DECORATIONS Christmas lanterns and paper chains	 GIFT MAKING Make your own bead candy cane	 WINTER GAMES Ice hockey and waddle like a penguin
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BOOKINGS AND MORE INFO SCLACTIVE.CO.UK | 0345 644 5747

Additional Bank Holiday Announced

In light of the announcement of His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on **Monday 8th May 2022** and Wallace Fields Junior School will be closed on that day. We are well aware that this clashes with the first day of the National Tests (SATs) for Year 6. We will be awaiting guidance from the Department of Education

⁴<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

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(DfE) regarding how they expect schools nationally to accommodate this missed paper. We will inform parents of any decision that is made as soon as we hear from them.

Please Check for Head Lice

We have had a report this week of a child in school with head lice. Please check your child over the weekend and apply treatment if required. For advice go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

PTA World Cup Sweepstake

We're kicking off the week with the start of the World Cup! 32 teams will be battling on the pitch, which one will you get? Join our sweepstake for just £10 with the chance to win £75 first place, £50 second place and £25 for third. Get your tickets on PTA Events and we'll be picking the draw on 17th November! <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta>

Wallace Fields Junior School PTA

£10 ENTRY

WORLD CUP SWEEPSTAKE

Pay by Monday 14th November and we will send a video of team picking on Friday 18th November before the first game kicks off! Good luck!

First Prize £75
Second Prize £50
Third Prize £25

Pay your entry via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/>

Christmas Fair - Only 3 Weeks To Go



Christmas Hamper Raffle - Items Needed

We would like all children to bring in themed items for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. We have included some suggestions for each year group, but please do use your imagination and creativity!

Year 3s hamper is called "Cozy Christmas Eve". We thought of woolly socks, scarves and gloves, hot chocolate and cuddly snowmen, but what will you bring in? Perhaps you'd prefer to send in a monetary contribution? if so contact your class rep Kelly Tebbs for details kellytebbs@outlook.com⁶.

Year 4s hamper is called "Gourmet Christmas". How about mulled wine, sweets, delish festive chutney and jams, ginger biscuits or Christmas cake (no nuts please). Or send a monetary contribution to your class rep Rachel Vohra rachel.vohra@gmail.com⁷.

Year 5s hamper is called "All things Christmas". How about Christmas themed earrings, Christmas stockings, Christmas biscuits or Christmas candles? Or send a monetary donation to your class rep Jo Oxe who will purchase the items joanneoxer@yahoo.co.uk⁸.

Year 6s hamper is called "Ultimate Luxe Night In" so how about some festive Bath bombs/ salts, eye masks, bottle of fizz, hot choc, mugs, cosy slippers, hot water bottle, chocolates, etc etc! If you'd rather not hunt around for a gift then feel free to send a monetary contribution to your class rep Jenny Houghton who can purchase the items Jen.houghton@hotmail.co.uk⁹

Does Your Child Have a Talent for Making and Creating?

☑ ☑ Does your child have a talent for making and creating, a special gift for art or crafting. If so the school along with the PTA would like to encourage any child to host a 'make n sell' table at the forthcoming Christmas fair.

Each table costs £10 but can be split between children if required, and all monies made are the child's own to keep. We would Love to encourage their talent and their young entrepreneurial skills. If this is something your child is interested in please contact the PTA directly jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk¹⁰ to secure a table.☑☑

Happy Bags Next Collection 25th November 2022



⁶<mailto:kellytebbs@outlook.com>

⁷<mailto:rachel.vohra@gmail.com>

⁸<mailto:joanneoxer@yahoo.co.uk>

⁹<mailto:Jen.houghton@hotmail.co.uk>

¹⁰<mailto:jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk>

Each child brought home a "Happy Bag" sack for you to fill with reusable clean and dry clothes, paired shoes, fashion accessories, belts, jewellery, handbags/bags, scarves, hats, small ornaments, gift box sets and console games. Your bags should be brought to school by 10am on Friday 25th November. For more information click here¹¹. If you have lost your bag or need more please pop into the main reception to pick one up. Sorry not toys, duvets, pillows or blankets please.

Fundraising to Build an All Weather Track

We are fundraising to build an all-weather track. We would like to give the opportunity for children to play on the track all year round during lunch times, PE lessons and using it for our weekly mile - all to promote health, exercise and wellbeing for all children. Please contribute to the fund by going to our Rocket Fund account. For more information click here¹².



Lower School Adult v Children Football Match - 24th November 2022

Lower School Children v Parents on Thursday 24th November 2022. Both events will run from 3:35pm – 4:30pm on the top field and we will be asking for a donation on entry to the matches, which will go towards the all-weather sports track. Suggested cash donation is £5 per adult and £3 per child.

If you have signed up to take part, then we will be in touch shortly to assign your teams.

If anyone could help refereeing rather than playing that would be much appreciated. Please contact Mr Sellars CSellars@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹³

All parents and children are welcome to come and cheer on the teams. Parents are responsible for the children in their care as it is after school.

Fundraising World Cup Challenges

Across the month of November, the children will take on a series of mini football challenges each week in their PE lessons with Mr Sellars. The Challenges will include: Keepie Uppies, Shoot the Target, Dribbling Race & Distance travelled. Each child will have their own booklet to record their personal results of the challenge. We need your help to inspire and encourage the children with this challenge by sponsoring them. With your child, you can decide how much to sponsor them. Perhaps 10p per keepie uppie, or perhaps £1 per goal scored? At the end of the challenge, the children will bring their booklet home to show you their efforts. We will then collect the sponsorship money at the end of the challenge. Money can be brought in or donated online – an online donation link will be sent at the end of the challenge.

¹¹<http://www.happyschoolbag.co.uk/>

¹²<https://www.rocketfund.org/p/help-wfjs-build-all-weather-training-track>

¹³<mailto:CSellars@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

YEAR 6 REMINDERS

Macbeth Workshop - Monday 28th November 2022

We are delighted to welcome back the Young Shakespeare Company for an interactive theatre experience and Macbeth Workshop on Monday 28th November 2022. A letter was sent out this week from the Year 6 teachers Mrs. Crabb and Mrs Kidwai with full details. Please remember to pay the voluntary donation of £9.75 on Scopay.

School Nurse Year 6 - Height and Weight Screening

Each year in England, Year 6 children have their height and weight checked as part of the National Child Measurement Programme and in Wallace Fields Junior School it will be on 6th or 7th December 2022. Please complete the electronic consent form with either Yes or No.

Visit <https://www.cfhschilddevelopment.co.uk/Form/NCMP> Enter your school's unique code: - **SR125298**

WELLBEING, PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT

Online Bullying

This half term, our online safety theme is 'Online Bullying'. Online Bullying is bullying that takes place ON THE INTERNET or via electronic devices/ mobile phones. It is repeated behaviours. It can include:

- sending mean or threatening emails, messages or text messages
- hacking into someone's account
- being rude or mean to someone when playing online games

Here is some information you could share with your child if you or they are ever worried about bullying online.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING**

Defined as "repeated harmful behaviour towards someone online"

Cyber bullying involves the victim being spied, harassed, teased, humiliated, or threatened via digital means, or being humiliated & teased - such as having comments or pictures posted or online. Cyberbullying means there's at least one group of people, abusing and embarrassing images or videos of someone, or spreading gossip about them. Cyber bullying can be harmful to your child's mental health. We do support all anti-bullying work, we've provided a list of tips to help it and adults know when to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Get to know your child's online world. Find out what they're doing online, who they're talking to, and what they're posting. Encourage your child to share their online world with you. This will help you to spot any signs of bullying or cyberbullying.

2. KEEP TALKING

Keep talking to your child about online bullying. Encourage them to talk to you if they're being bullied or cyberbullied. Let them know that you're there to support them and that they can always talk to you about anything.

3. STAY VIGILANT

Stay vigilant for signs of online bullying. Look out for changes in your child's behaviour, such as being withdrawn, losing interest in school, or having trouble sleeping. If you notice any of these signs, talk to your child about what's going on.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

Make yourself available to your child. Let them know that you're there to support them and that they can always talk to you about anything. Encourage them to share their online world with you.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

Be prepared to listen to your child. If your child tells you they're being bullied or cyberbullied, listen to what they have to say. Don't dismiss their feelings or tell them to just ignore it. Instead, offer them support and advice.

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Empower your child to stand up for themselves. Encourage them to be confident and assertive. Let them know that they have the right to be treated with respect and that they can always talk to you about anything.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Report bullies online. If you see someone bullying someone else online, report it to the platform. Most platforms have a reporting system that you can use to report bullying.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Encourage empathy in your child. Encourage them to think about how their actions might affect others. Let them know that it's important to be kind and respectful to everyone.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Seek expert advice if you need it. If you're unsure what to do, talk to your child's school or a professional. There are many resources available to help you deal with online bullying.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

Involve the authorities if you need to. If you're worried about your child's safety, contact the police or other authorities. They can help you take steps to protect your child.

Meet Our Expert

National Online Safety
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www.nationalonlinesafety.gov.uk | @nationalonlinesafety | Facebook: /nationalonlinesafety | #wakeupwednesday

What children need to know about **ONLINE BULLYING**

What is online bullying?

Online bullying - also known as cyberbullying - is bullying that takes place on the internet or on electronic devices and mobile phones. It can include:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, BLOTTED MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING MADE OR HEARD TO SOMEBODY WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON

BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEONE SAID THIS TO ME?

Why does it happen?

Some people think it's easier for people to say and do things they probably wouldn't do face to face. Online bullies don't get to see their victim's reactions in real life, so they can't tell if they're being mean. They also think that they're being anonymous, so they don't care what other people think. They also think that it's easy to get away with it.

How does it feel to be bullied?

Online bullying can impact on your self-esteem, confidence and social skills. It can make you feel sad, angry, or nervous. It can also make you feel like you're being watched or spied on. If you're being bullied, it's important to talk to someone about it.

Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT'S NOT EASY TO TELL IF YOU'RE BEING AN ONLINE BULLY. BUT YOU CAN ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. AM I BEING MEAN TO SOMEONE?
2. AM I TRYING TO HURT SOMEONE'S FEELINGS?
3. AM I TRYING TO MAKE SOMEONE FEEL WORSE ABOUT THEMSELVES?

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

www.nationalonlinesafety.gov.uk | Twitter: @nationalonlinesafety | Facebook: /nationalonlinesafety | Phone: 0800 300 8001

Men's Mental Health Awareness Month

Men, we need to talk about our mental health. It's true that men are less likely than women to seek mental health care for themselves, but that doesn't mean they don't need it. Please click here¹⁴ to find out more about men's mental health and gain access to some further helpful resources:

Surrey County Council Help with Cost of Living



The poster features a green and white color scheme. At the top left, the words 'COST OF LIVING' are written in large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'COST OF' in green and 'LIVING' in blue. To the right of this, the slogan 'NO ONE LEFT BEHIND' is written vertically in white on a green background, next to the Surrey County Council logo. Below the main title, the text 'Surrey County Council' is in green, followed by 'DIRECTORY OF SUPPORT' in large, bold, blue letters. A dark grey bar at the bottom of the poster contains the website address 'surreycc.gov.uk/welfare' in white. Below the website address, there is a QR code and a line of text: 'For news and updates on support from across the county, please scan the QR code or follow us on social media.' At the bottom left, there are three circular icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

¹⁴<https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk/mens-mental-health/>

We know that people all across Surrey are feeling the impact of increasing costs and pressure on household budgets.

This Directory of Support is designed to help, by pulling together all the financial and welfare advice on offer in the county.

We hope you will find the information useful.

For financial, welfare and wellbeing support, you can access information on our online support hub at surreycc.gov.uk/welfare

If you are unable to find the right help and support on these web pages, you can speak with a member of our community helpline team, to talk through your needs and they will help to point you in the right direction for financial, welfare or wellbeing support in Surrey.

0300 200 1008

(9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays)

Or complete an online community helpline enquiry form at surreycc.gov.uk/welfarecontact

Deaf or hard of hearing community

You can contact the helpline by textphone, smartphone app or text message about any of the services in this directory.

Textphone or smartphone app via

Relay UK **18001 0300 200 1008**

SMS **07860 053 465**

BSL users surreycc.gov.uk/bsl

Calls to 03 numbers from any network will cost no more than those to 01 and 02 numbers and count as part of any call package. The cost of calls per minute depends on the network. Please check with your provider. BT customers may be able to call 03 numbers for free.

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ARE YOU IN FINANCIAL CRISIS?

Surrey Crisis Fund

Providing financial help to Surrey residents who have nowhere else to turn in an emergency or following a disaster. It can also provide assistance to set up a home where no other funds or resources are available. This is a discretionary fund run by Surrey County Council and may be able to assist with:

- food and toiletries
- essential white goods and furniture (though they do not provide replacement items)
- certain utilities
- emergency travel costs (hospital appointments, job interviews, etc.)

Other support may be available and this will be considered when you apply.

Am I eligible? For Surrey residents who have nowhere else to turn in an emergency or following a disaster. The fund aims to support people for one occasion and signpost to long-term help to prevent ongoing need. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/surreycrisisfund or call **0300 200 1008**

Food banks

If you're struggling to put food on the table, there are a number of food banks and community fridges across Surrey you can turn to.

Am I eligible? For people struggling financially to put food on the table. Visit surreyinformationpoint.org.uk and search "foodbanks" or call **0300 200 1008**

Breathing Space

Gives temporary protection from most types of debt collection.

Am I eligible? Anyone with debt problems can get support and space from creditors. If you are receiving mental health crisis treatment you can get more protection. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/mentalhealthdebtsupport

Surrey charities are here to help you

Many charities in Surrey have been given funding to offer you help if you need it.

Am I eligible? Yes, available to all. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/householdsupportfund or call **0300 200 1008**

LOOK OUT FOR OTHERS

Remember that other people, like older neighbours, friends and family members, may need a bit of extra help and care over the winter period. Check on them when you can. You can also help play a part in your community by joining up and joining in with others in your local area.

Visit surreycc.gov.uk/makeithappen

GENERAL SUPPORT FROM US

Warm Hubs

Places within the local community where people can enjoy a safe, warm and friendly environment in which to enjoy a hot drink, social activity, and receive information and advice.

Am I eligible? Yes, it's particularly beneficial to residents in hard to heat homes, those who are isolated, or those worried about their energy bills.

Visit surreycc.gov.uk/welfare, call 0300 200 1908 or visit your local library for more information.

Surrey Libraries

Free access to computers and Wi-Fi in all 52 libraries across Surrey. Providing resources activities and events in suggested locations, including drop in sessions on welfare support and advice.

Am I eligible? Yes, libraries are open to all residents, with or without a library card. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/libraries

Surrey Information Point

An online directory of care and support options available locally. You can find local support for money management and tackling debts, as well as a host of other services including befriending and help with local transport during winter.

Am I eligible? Yes, available to all. Visit surreyinformationpoint.org.uk

Staying Independent

If you have difficulties completing everyday tasks safely and independently, there's lots of equipment to hire or buy which can make looking after yourself easier.

Am I eligible? Yes, available to all. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/adultequipmentandtechnology

Priority services registers

In the event of a water shortage you can receive free support and bottled water. You can also sign up with your electricity and gas supplier in case of a supply issue so you are treated as a priority customer.

Am I eligible? If you are of pensionable age, have a long term medical condition or disability, or have children under the age of five. Contact your utility companies directly to be put on their register.

Support for carers

Carers often miss out on entitlements which may be available to them.

Am I eligible? You are a carer if you look after someone who is ill, frail or disabled and you are unpaid.

Visit surreycc.gov.uk/carerfinancialsupport

Support for veterans

There are a number of ways for the Armed Forces community to access help and support.

Am I eligible? Available to anyone who has served in the British Armed forces, including those who undertook National Service. To find out more, download the Forces Connect app.

Visit surreycc.gov.uk/armedforces

Free period products

In partnership with charity Binti International, free period products are available in selected locations across Surrey.

Am I eligible? Yes, available to all for free collection and donation in 52 Libraries in Surrey.

Visit surreycc.gov.uk/perioddignity

HEALTH AND MENTAL WELLBEING

We know that the cost of living crisis could have a damaging impact on many people's mental and physical health, especially over the winter months. There's a range of support and information to help you through these difficult times.

Healthy Surrey

Information and advice to help you stay well. Find self-help tips and services for yourself, or a child, friend or relative.

Am I eligible? Yes, anyone in Surrey can access support. Visit healthysurrey.org.uk

Mindworks Surrey

A mental health and wellbeing service for children and young people.

Am I eligible? Available to all children and young people in Surrey, aged 5-18.

Visit mindworks-surrey.org
For those in crisis, call 0800 935 4644

NHS Mental health crisis support

A local helpline for you to speak to a friendly and well-trained member of staff if you've reached breaking point.

Am I eligible? Children and adults can access this support.

For more support: Call the crisis helpline, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 935 4644 or text 07717 98024

Staying safe

Common household appliances used for heating and cooking can produce carbon monoxide (CO) if they're badly fitted or poorly maintained. Symptoms of CO poisoning are flu-like and can be hard to detect. To keep you and your loved ones safe from the poisonous gas, have your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer each year. Don't forget to test your CO alarm regularly

Pharmacies

Can help with minor health concerns before they get worse.

Am I eligible? Yes, available to all. It is often easier to get the help and advice you need without having to book and go to your GP or A&E. Find your nearest nhs.uk/nhs-services/services-near-you

NHS 111

A 24/7 service offering round-the-clock information and advice.

Am I eligible? Yes, available to anyone with urgent health problems which aren't life threatening.

Visit 111.nhs.uk, use the NHS app or call 111. In an emergency always call 999

COVID-19 booster and flu vaccinations

Your flu and COVID-19 vaccines are two of the most important things you can get to protect yourself from becoming seriously ill and to keep others safe this winter.

Am I eligible? Yes, if you are aged 50 and over, have certain health conditions, are pregnant, a carer, frontline health worker or a social worker.

COVID-19 - visit nhs.uk/coronavirus

Flu - nhs.uk/fluandvaccine

Or speak to your GP or local pharmacy.

to check if it's working, requires new batteries or needs replacing. If you suspect that you have a carbon monoxide leak in your property, call the National Gas Emergency line on 0800 111 999.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Surrey Family Information Service

Providing advice, support and information on a range of subjects.

Am I eligible? Yes, support and advice for everyone.

Visit surreycc.gov.uk/fis or call **0300 200 1004** (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm)

Club4

Free school holiday camps running during the longer school holidays, offering healthy food and fun activities.

Am I eligible? For children aged 5-16 who receive benefit-related free school meals. Visit activesurrey.com/community/club4

Free school meals

Free school meals for primary and secondary pupils.

Am I eligible? All infant pupils are entitled to free school meals. Children in Year 3 and above are eligible if their parents receive one or more qualifying benefits. If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal, contact your school to apply or visit

surreycc.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

School uniform

We have a list of local services that can support with school uniform costs.

Am I eligible? If you are worried about school uniform costs, the Family Information Service provides suggestions and services that can support.

Visit surreycc.gov.uk/schooluniforms

Funded early education for two year olds (FEET)

Early years settings are wonderful places for children to learn, make friends and have fun. Eligible families can receive up to 15 hours of funded early education and childcare a week for 38 weeks a year.

Am I eligible? Check the website for more details. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/feet

Funded early education and childcare for three and four year olds

In England all three and four year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of funded early education and childcare a week for up to 38 weeks a year.

Am I eligible? This is a universal offer and is available to all children. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/fundedchildcareage3to4

Tax-free childcare

Up to £2,000 a year of tax-free childcare is available to help lower costs.

Am I eligible? Check the website to find out if you are eligible.

Visit gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare

Be aware of scams

Cost of living scams can include fake energy rebate texts, offers of loans, too good to be true prices, and false home improvement claims to cut your bills. Be wary of unexpected phone calls, texts, pop up adverts online, emails and knocks on the door. For more advice, to report a fraud or scam, get a free no cold calling or scams sticker pack, or enquire about a free call blocker device please.

Visit surreycc.gov.uk/tradingstandards or call **0300 123 2329**

TOP TIP

It's important for your health to heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F).

LOCAL AND NATIONAL SUPPORT

The Government has provided various payments to those who are eligible. Visit helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk

Universal Credit advice

Supports you if you are on a low income or out of work by providing you with a monthly payment to help with your living costs.

Visit gov.uk and search 'understanding universal credit' or call **0800 328 5644** or textphone **0800 328 1344** (Mon - Fri, 8am - 6pm)

Help with your income

Personalised job support is available through job help, tax relief and work-related expenses.

Visit gov.uk and search 'job help'

Help with managing finances

Free, confidential money help that is quick, easy to use and backed by the Government.

Am I eligible? Yes, available to all. Visit moneyhelper.org.uk

Citizens Advice

Can give free advice on benefits and other financial support online, by phone or in person.

Visit citizensadvice.org.uk for advice and to find your local branch. Call **0800 144 8848** or, if you can't hear or speak on the phone, textphone or smartphone app via Relay UK **18001 0800 144 8884**

District and borough council support

Find support in your local area including housing benefit and council tax support.

Elmbridge	• elmbridge.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support
Epsom & Ewell	• epsom-ewell.gov.uk/residents/cost-living-crisis
Guildford	• guildford.gov.uk/costofliving-support
Mole Valley	• molevalley.gov.uk/cost-of-living
Reigate & Banstead	• reigate-banstead.gov.uk/cost-of-living
Runnymede	• runnymede.gov.uk/cost-living
Spelthorne	• spelthorne.gov.uk/support
Surrey Heath	• surreyheath.gov.uk/additional-support
Tandridge	• tandridge.gov.uk/support
Waverley	• waverley.gov.uk
Woking	• woking.gov.uk/costofliving

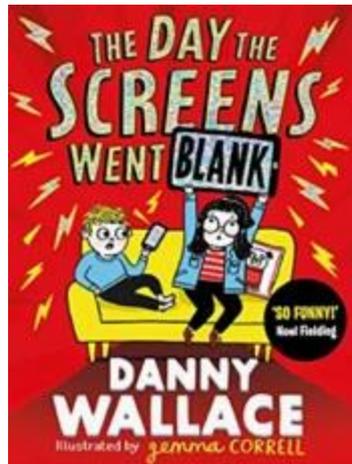
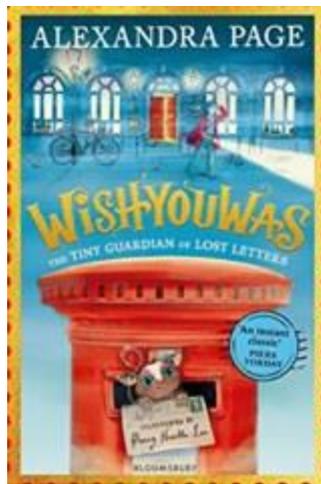
WFJS Book Club – November meeting

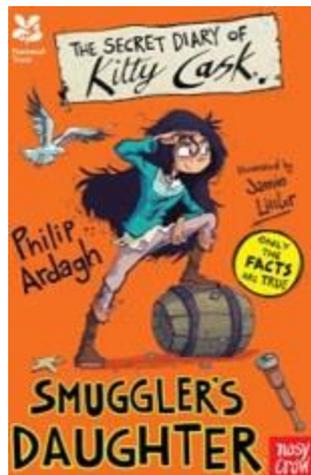
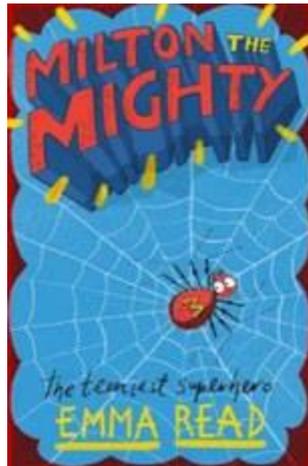
We discussed October's spooky reads. Year 6 admitted the ghostly goings-on in *The Whispering* had meant they slept with the lights on. Year 5 continue to impress me with their constant enthusiasm and thirst for new and interesting titles.

This month's theme is 'Something Old vs. Something New and we can choose to read books set in the past, or something very contemporary/newly published.

Year 3 are choosing to read either

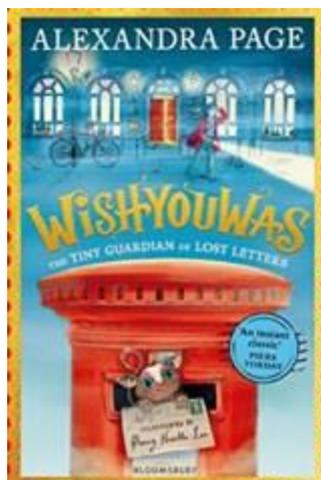
- SOMETHING OLD.... *The Secret Diary of Kitty Cask, Smuggler's Daughter* by Philip Ardagh (Set in the 1700s) **OR** *Wish You Was* by Alexandra Page (Set in 1952) vs
- SOMETHING NEW! *Milton the Mighty* by Emma Read **OR** *The Day the Screens Went Blank* by Danny Wallace.

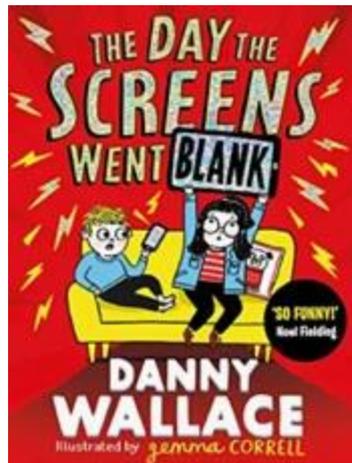
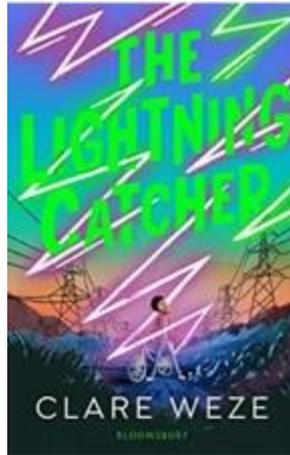




Year 4 can read either

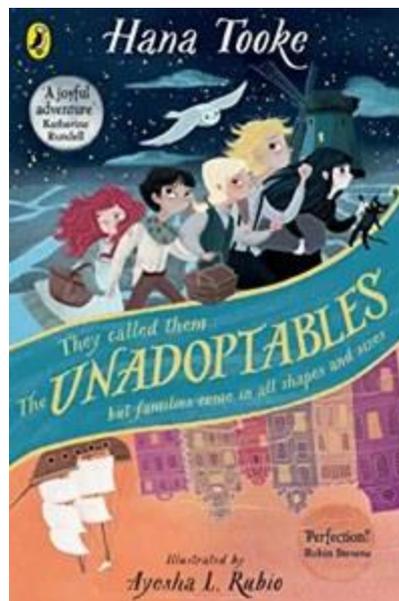
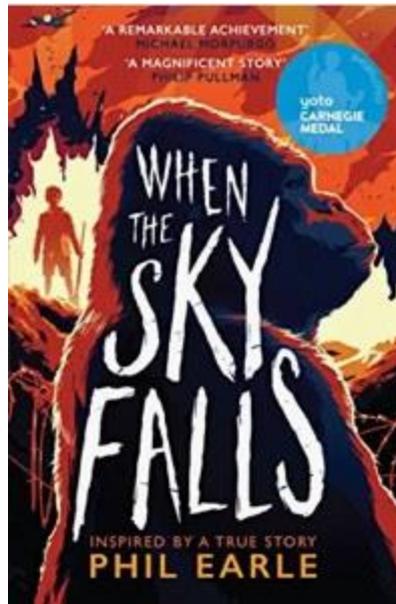
- SOMETHING OLD.... *WishyouWas* by Alexandra Page (Set in 1952) ; *Bogwoppit* By Ursula Moray Williams (Set in the 1970s) vs.
- SOMETHING NEW! *The Lightning Catcher* by Clare Weze ; *The Day the Screens Went Blank* by Danny Wallace

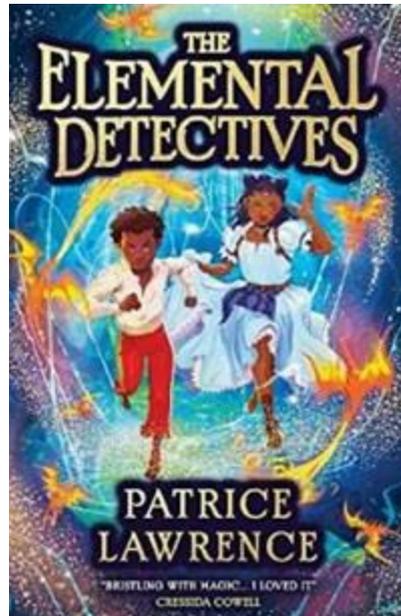
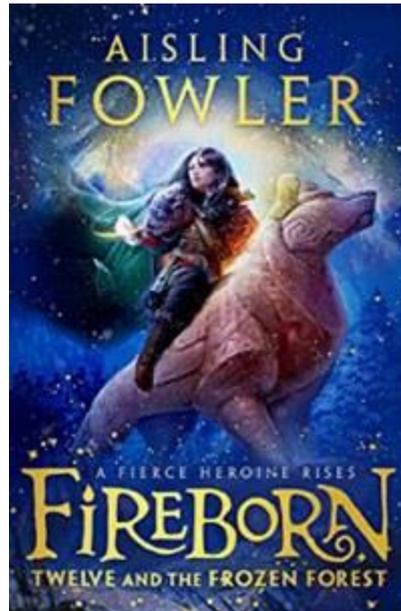




Year 5 can read

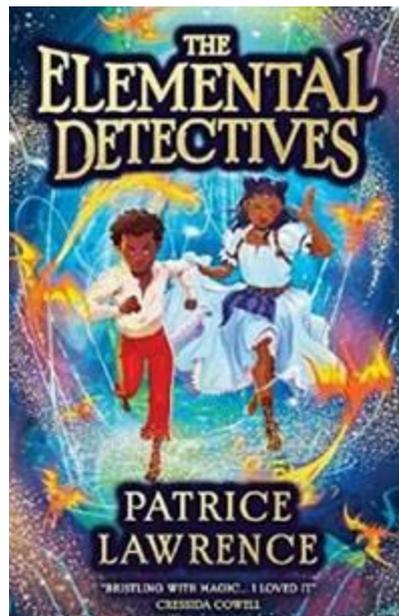
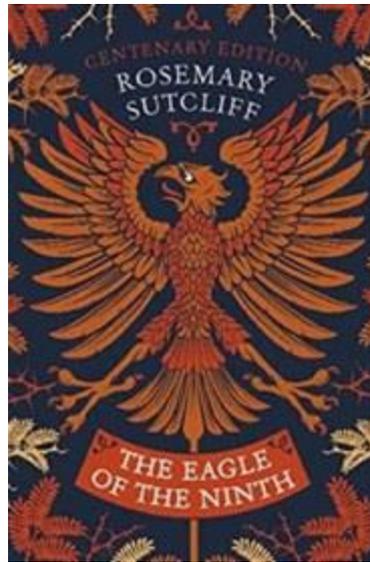
- SOMETHING OLD.... *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle (Set in 1941); *The Unadoptables* by Hana Tooke (Set in 1880) vs
- SOMETHING NEW! newly published titles *The Elemental Detectives* by Patrice Lawrence; *Fireborn: Twelve & the Frozen Forest* by Aisling Fowler

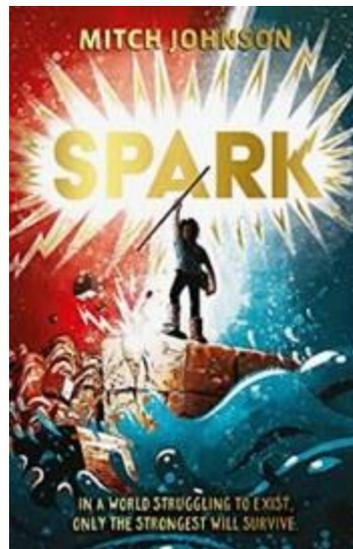
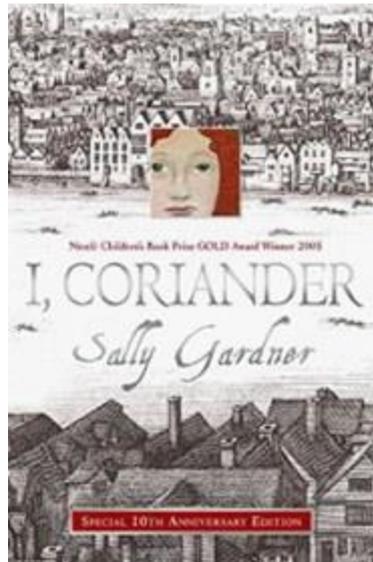




Year 6 will choose between

- SOMETHING OLD.... *Enola Holmes – Case of the Missing Marquess* by Nancy Springer (Set in 1888); *I, Coriander* by Sally Gardner (Set in 1643); OR *The Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliff (Set in Roman Britain 108 AD vs
- SOMETHING NEW! *Spark* by Mitch Johnson; *The Good Turn* by Sharna Jackson; *The Elemental Detectives* by Patrice Lawrence





General Reminders and News

National Online Safety Accreditation

OVERALL PROGRESS



83% TOTAL
to Certified
Status

We're Almost There! Thank YOU!

As noted in our previous bulletin, the school community is working hard to reach an accreditation with National Online Safety to reflect the awareness we have about Online Safety at our school. We are so pleased to let you know we are on our way to certification.

Thank you so much to all the parents, carers and grandparents who have volunteered to complete the course. We have had feedback that the course was 'highly helpful' for parents and carers. The course should only take 41 minutes and can be completed at home and you can start/ stop and pick it up when is best for you. If you would like to complete the course and browse the National Online Safety platform, please contact Miss Day(cday@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹⁵), and I will give you further instructions and information.

¹⁵<mailto:cday@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

Football Squad Fixtures

All football fixtures will be shared with parents via the SPOND app; but for your diaries the following matches are in the diary. They are all home matches at Wallace fields kicking off at 3.15 should be finished around 4.30pm.

- 17 November 2022 - The Vale, B team
- 24th November 2022 - Children v Parents
- 1st December 2022- West Ewell, A team
- 8th December 2022- Epsom Primary - A and B team - TBC
- 19th January 2023 - Cuddington croft A and B teams - TBC
- 2nd February 2023 - Cuddington Croft Girls team - TBC

Raise PTA funds Whilst Online Shopping!

Easy Fundraising - Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Wallace Fields Junior School PTA? It is a really super easy way to help the school raise funds - sign up via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wfjspta> and once you have created an account, you can set your preferences to have gift aid claimed as well. The retailers include Sainsbury's, Tesco, Amazon, Ocado, Waitrose, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Expedia and Thomas Cook to name but a few. Thank you!



Open Day Tours for Prospective Parents

Open mornings for prospective parents/carers this term start next week on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November**. These dates are fully booked but there are still some spaces available on **Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, and Tuesday 29th November**. If you are interested in booking a tour, please click here ¹⁶and complete the form if you would like to attend.

¹⁶<https://forms.gle/VWx4gscuS3mhYg3d8>

Urgent Messages

For urgent messages, absences, pick up arrangements and general enquiries please email the School Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹⁷ or by calling **020 8393 0350**.

If you need to talk to your child's teacher regarding homework or learning, please contact them through their email address. Click on the red envelope next to the staff member on the following page <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/our-staff>. Teaching staff will do their utmost to respond within 48 hours. If your email is urgent please do contact the school office.

Sign Up For Energy Kidz Our Excellent Wrap Around Care Provider

Energy Kidz provides excellent wraparound care at Wallace Fields Junior School. They run Breakfast Club from 7:30am until 8:45am and After School Club from 3:20pm until 6:00pm. Click here¹⁸ for more information.



Latest School Calendar Dates

For the latest dates click here¹⁹ for calendar on website.

Nut free school



We are a nut-free school, so please ensure none are included in any pack lunches or snacks at any time.

¹⁷ <mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

¹⁸ <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/wallace-fields-junior-school/>

¹⁹ <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/school-calendar>

Community News

Please Support Our Local Foodbank



Epsom and Ewell Foodbank are fundraising for this year's Christmas Campaign. They are collecting donations for their Christmas Meat Vouchers, their Christmas Goodie bags, and their Christmas Gift Cards for children.

We know that this year, due to the current cost of living crisis, many more people will struggle to provide a Christmas meal and treats for themselves and their families. Last year, with your support, they fed more than 1,200 people in December 2021 and they gave out 300 Christmas Goodie bags. Click here²⁰ for more information about Epsom and Ewell Foodbank.

²⁰<https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/>

Gunpowder Treason and Plot, Meet Guy Fawkes
Saturday November 12 2022 1pm to 2.30pm



Discover how Guy Fawkes and 13 others planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament with 36 barrels of gunpowder many times more gunpowder than they needed, but failed. They were attempting to kill King James. Tipped off by a warning letter, Parliament began to be searched where Guy Fawkes was found having been guarding the gunpowder in the basement, and taken to the Tower of London. Convicted of treason, Guy Fawkes and his conspirators were sentenced to death.

The first celebration was held on November 5, 1606, the day the attack would have taken place.



Cost £5 per child. Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

A SHORT HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday December 10 2022 1pm to 2.30pm

For the History of Christmas, We will do a whistle stop tour through the ages including its earliest pagan origins, the bringing in of the yule log and its height of celebration and feasting during the Medieval and Tudor period, especially with the introduction of sprouts! It will also include the puritan banning then it trying to get back to the height it was and where commercialisation then takes over. Two World Wars don't stop us enjoying Christmas bringing us up to modern day with our links. We will then end making paper chains and lanterns with a link to how we can still reuse and recycle today.



Cost £5 per child per session. Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Support Work in Schools and Colleges – Level 2 Award (free of charge * certain eligibility criteria apply)

www.wea.org.uk

This course is for anyone hoping to gain a qualification in being a support worker within a school or college. The course is delivered online via zoom and our virtual learning platform.

Topics include:

- An overview of the National Curriculum
- How to support learning in children and college students
- Schools as Organisations
- Special Education Needs & Disabilities
- Safeguarding & Equality & Diversity principles.

Date and Time: Every Thursday from 17th Nov- 20th April (exc half term breaks) 9.30am- 2.30pm

View the course information at:

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online2021/CourseInfo.aspx?c=C3746317>

To book a place on this course it is first necessary to enrol on the skills check

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online2021/CourseInfo.aspx?c=C3746316>

or phone 0300 353 3464 quoting C3746176



Or for an informal chat regarding this course contact Sam Johnson on 07825112798



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