

Wallace Fields Junior Sch



3rd February 2023

KEY DATES NEXT WEEK

Monday 6th February 2023

- Year 5 Défilé de Mode French Fashion Show

Tuesday 7th February 2023

- Year 6 Music Assembly **at 1.15pm**. Parents of musicians welcome.
- Year 3 must wear PE kit today - change of normal day

Wednesday 8th February 2023

- Virtual Reality Technology Day
- Second Hand uniform Sale - **3.15pm-3.45pm**

Thursday 9th February 2023

- Virtual Reality Technology Day
- Year 6 School Ambassador application deadline

For more information, please contact the school office.

Friday 10th February 2023

- Year 3 must wear PE kit today - change of usual PE day
- Finish for half term on Friday 10th February 2023. Finish usual time - 3.20pm (Year 5 & 6), 3.25pm (Year 4) and 3.30pm (Year 3)

Half term - Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023

Monday 20th - INSET day. School Closed.

Tuesday 21st February 2023 - Children start back at school. 8.50am.



HEAD'S UPDATE

Online Grooming Dangers - Protect Your Children: We have had two actual cases of online grooming reported to the school in recent weeks. Sadly, this is not uncommon and we have offered help to the families of the children involved. Please do help us keep your children safe by checking the settings on their phones and electronic devices - the advice is summarised below and if you need any additional support with it, please contact our DSL. We have had an age appropriate whole school assembly on grooming and encouraged the children to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or that they recognise as inappropriate. Be aware that children often hide apps inside other apps so it does not appear on the screen - please check all the apps they are using and ensure that the relevant security settings are in place.

Striking Staff and School Closure: There have been national teacher strikes across the country by the NEU this week. The teachers and staff belong to different unions and some unions are re-balloting their members. This means that although we did not need to close classes or cover classes this week, it may be a different picture for subsequent strike days. Please follow us on Twitter for the latest news at the school and notification of any closure. Go to the website, Twitter is on the left side half way down the home page. Please note that if the teachers choose not to strike, then absent children who have not called in as sick will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. It is the teachers' right to take action and we can bear no prejudice against those that choose to strike and similarly we do not judge those that choose not to.

Emails to Teachers: Thank you to all those parents who rely on the school and the professionalism of the teachers to deal with the day to day issues that arise in school each day. The behaviour and learning remains excellent and lessons are going well across the school, with outdoor learning expanding as the days stay drier. However a few parents are flooding teachers with emails on low level issues and this is taking up considerable amounts of teacher time. I would ask you politely to call the office for any urgent problems and encourage your child to use the Mood Box , Peer mentors, their teacher and the staff immediately around them if they feel sad, unsafe or unable to get on with their tasks effectively. Teachers teach all day and their non teaching time is spent assessing, planning, writing up feedback, attending meetings and preparing

resources. Obviously they can only answer emails and phone calls at the end of the school day. With staff meetings, parent meetings, senior team meetings and the rise in emails, teachers may not be able to meet the 48 hour deadline we have set for all staff. We apologise for the delay in replies and ask that you continue to be supportive as all staff are doing their very best for all the children in their classes. Thank you.

IMPORTANT

Roblox and Online Safety

Roblox is one of the most popular gaming sites that children are playing. Not only is it a game, but it is a site where messaging can occur. This week, children have attended a dedicated assembly to talk about online gaming and conversations they have online - particular around the idea of 'stranger danger'.

Please view this poster from the National Online Safety group who highlight the risks of Roblox and provide advice for parents and carers to support their children at home.

National Online Safety also provide parental videos about online gaming. To watch, you can sign up for free and search for the video below.

FREE SIGN UP LINK: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school>

PTA Comedy Night - Friday 24th March 2023. Tickets on Sale Tonight

We are kicking off the PTA year with a hilarious new event just for us grown ups! Come to see the Official Comedy Club in our very own school! 3 great acts, cash/card bar, snacks and lots of laughter. TICKETS ON SALE 8pm on Friday 3rd Feb 🍷🍷🍷😄

[https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?
event=event&eventId=59450#.Y9uH3eyTLfY](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=59450#.Y9uH3eyTLfY)

Easter Egg Design Competition

Egg Design Competition. Children can use any medium that they would like to create an exciting Easter Egg. It can be 3D and they can use clay, they can sew (thereby including D&T skills that they have learnt) etc.. The cut-off date will be the 24th of March 2024 and the winner will be announced in assembly on the 27th March 2023.

Kind regards, Miss Jacques.

Uniform Reminder Slips

We are proud of our uniform at Wallace Fields Junior School. It is practical, smart and helps to give the children a sense of belonging and a clear identity. It is a leveller for those who are less well off and it brings us all together. It gives the public a name to recognise and be proud of. Sometimes standards can slip so if we notice children in incorrect uniform so we will be send them home with a uniform reminder slip.

Please see the uniform policy for the full details by going to <https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

After three slips have been sent out then the head teacher will be informed and a letter will be sent home to parents/carers.

If you are in financial difficulty or qualify for free school meals then please contact the office for help and advice and we will work together to help resolve the situation.

Change to School Meal Preferences for Next Half Term

If your child wishes to change their School Meal preference from next half term, please complete the form below by Monday 6th February 2023. [Click here to complete form](#)

Peer Mentoring Scheme

This scheme happens during two lunchtimes per week to provide extra support for younger children. This is led by specially trained Year 6 volunteers who support children

with small worries or concerns. Children are able to book a slot in a book, which is on a table just outside the Deputy Head's office in the hall. All information is treated as confidential and escalated to a higher level when deemed necessary.

THIS WEEK

Year 6's Fabulous and Unique Experience of Visit to Hindu Temple

On Wednesday, Year 6 had a fabulous and unique experience of visiting the **Sri Raja Rajeshwari Amman Temple** in Stoneleigh on 1st February 2023 as part of their religious education curriculum. First we were welcomed into the temple and given a detailed tour of the different deities by our knowledgeable and lovely tour guide Sai. The children entered the temple respectfully taking their shoes off and asked many intelligent questions. They were extremely well behaved and followed the basic rules such as not touching any of the religious artefacts. They were then given some free time to explore the temple on their own. The trip ended with the children to be treated to fruit and squash by Sai and her family who are the caretakers of the temple. This was a magnificent visit as the children not only learnt a lot about Hinduism but also had a fun time. A very special thank you to Sai and family for welcoming us to the temple and giving up their time. Thank you to Jayden, Rex and Henry's mums for accompany us on our trip.

Football and Netball Fixtures This Week

Well done to the **Wallace Fields Junior School netball teams who played their first netball fixture** at home on Friday 3rd February 2023 against Meadows. They played with great spirit. It was a close match but both our teams won. Thank you to the Business Manager Mrs White for refereeing the matches.

On Thursday 2nd February 2023 **the girls football team played Cuddington Croft**. It was a challenging match though as it was only their second fixture and third time meeting. They learnt a huge amount and although Cuddington Croft won, WFJS did finish really strongly showing themselves to be a serious team. There was an amazing goal from Annabelle. Lots of spirit.

NEXT WEEK

Virtual Reality (VR) Technology Day - 8th and 9th February 2023

On Wednesday 8th February and Thursday 9th February, we have an exciting opportunity for the children to **experience Virtual Reality!** We have booked for a company called PrimeVR to come and deliver a virtual reality experience day at our school. PrimeVR provide Virtual Reality headsets for the children to explore and feel as though they are in a new setting – this could be linked to their Science, History or Geography topic. Each class will have a 45 minute session and delve into virtual reality. The children will be working in groups of 2 or 3. Please make sure you have given permission for your child to join in via the Google Forms link.

[Click here](#) if you have not yet completed the form or email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk if you are unable to complete the form.

Thank you so much to the PTA who are funding this extra event for our pupils. Watch out on Twitter for picture updates next week!

Safer Internet Day - 7th February 2023

Next week, we are celebrating Safer Internet Day and continuing to promote the awareness of how to stay safe online.

On Monday 6th February, there will be an assembly held by Mrs Day to introduce this year's theme - "**Want to talk about it?** Making space for conversations about life online". We will be discussing with the children who they can talk to about their life online.

In addition to our assembly, we will celebrate the awareness day on Tuesday 7th February 2023. All children will be participating in a lesson about online safety and who they can talk to if they need help or support, or simply want a chat about their life online. Each child will make a poster about Safer Internet Day and selected posters from each class will be put on display around the school.

Second Hand Uniform Sale - 8th February 2023

Year 4 & 5 Book club Changing Day (Next Week Only)

Year 4 & 5 Book club is changing days for next week only. Mrs Clarkson is having to **move Monday (Years 4 and 5) lunchtime group to Wednesday lunchtime**. The office will announce over the PA system as usual on the day, to remind Book Club members to attend. Please do contact the club leader Mrs Clarkson if you have any questions.

YEAR 6

Year 6 School Ambassador Positions Advertised

Don't forget to remind your Year 6 children about the School Ambassadors. This is an exciting role with a lot of responsibility across the school. They will be elected **by Thursday 9th February 2023**. For more information, click [here](#).

The teachers will short list applicants and present them to the whole school in an assembly where they will explain why they should be elected **Monday 6th March 2023**. The presentation will be by a video or any appropriate method to put forward the candidates. The school will vote on the two ambassadors.

Year 6 Musical Performance Assembly - Tuesday 7th February 2023

Year 6 Music assembly will be on **Tuesday 7th February at 1.15pm**. Parents whose children have been selected to perform in the assembly have now been informed. The following children have been asked to perform: Emily K, Kiaan H, Elise & Esme G, Alessandro L, Robyn T, Sam R and Sandu P. Parents/Carers will need to complete the Google form by [clicking here](#) to give their permission and let us know if you will be attending the assembly or like to watch the assembly remotely.

YEAR 5

Year 5 - Défilé de Mode (French Fashion Show) - 6th February 2023.

As the theme for Spring in Year 5 is clothing, children will be able to experience what it's like to be a model walking down the catwalk! Our Year 5 "models" will be

showcasing their French language skills by presenting their collection and explaining what they are wearing (we have different 'collections' for the four seasons). The fashion show will happen during French lessons on 6th February 2023 and the clothes should already have been brought into school.

On the day of the fashion show, children are to arrive at school in their uniform as usual, and will change into their outfits before the production. Children will take home their clothes on the day of the fashion show.

If you have any questions please email Mrs Cornell on SCornell@Wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

Merci beaucoup et vive la mode! Mme Cornell

YEAR 3

Year 3 - Change to PE Kit Day

On the week commencing **6th February 2023**, we have had some timetable changes. This has resulted in our PE lesson changing days, **for this week only**. Instead of wearing a PE kit on Monday 6th February, all Year 3 should wear it on Friday 10th February 2023.

This means children's clothing will be as follows:

- Monday 6th - usual uniform
- **Tuesday 7th - PE kit**
- Wednesday 8th - usual uniform
- Thursday 9th - usual uniform
- **Friday 10th - PE kit**

After half term, we will be back to PE on the usual days.

Thank you very much from the Year 3 Team.

OTHER PTA EVENTS COMING UP

HELP AND VOLUNTEERING

Piano Stool Plea!

With the upcoming Music assemblies and current, rather ancient piano stool is not t has/knows of someone who may be getting to donate to the school, all those who play Mrs Johnstone.

Donation of Plant Seed Compost Needed

Can anyone donate plant seed compost for might be spring cleaning your garden she spare any plant seed compost from your : that would be much appreciated. It will help Manager get the school grounds and garc

Do You Work in a Creative or Artistic Job?

We are looking to promote Art and Design and Technology (D&T) across the school. **We would like a parent who uses Art and D&T in their jobs every day to come in and speak to the children in an assembly.** Please contact our Art and D&T lead Miss Jacques on CJacques@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk.

Science Club Resources Donations Needed

Our amazing school Science Club, run by and donations please. If you have any of t with the office staff:

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- Tall thin glass jars (not jam jars), similar

General Reminders and News

Holiday Club Provision - Please Complete Survey to Ensure it Continues

For our Holiday Club Provision, we are contracted to SCL until the Easter holidays. From May Half Term, we are considering Energy Kidz (Junior Adventures Group - JAG) as our holiday camp provider. Please complete the following survey to allow us to gauge interest. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WallceFieldsJuniorHC> If you are keen for us to have a holiday club then please fill this survey in to express your interest.

Reminder Information on Online Safety

The children are learning about online safety in their computing lessons. This half term, our online safety theme is 'Online Identity'. If you would like to find out more about the theme we are teaching in school this half term, we have access to many resources via 'National Online Safety'. To view them, you can sign up at the following link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school>

Stationery Reminder

Please can we remind our parents to check pencil cases. Children may purchase replacement pencil cases and pencils at our stationery shop run by breaktimes (at the 4J window). Parents may also be interested to know that they can buy replacement stationery

Label Everything Please!

Please label your child's **coat, hat, gloves (especially) and uniform** please as they keep losing items which takes up so much time trying to find them. We throw away unclaimed lost property each half term.

Secure your child's spot at our Energy Kidz Wraparound Care - Fun filled and action-packed clubs for 4 - 11 year olds!

Energy Kidz is a leading provider of out-of-school childcare for primary school aged children, offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Their qualified staff are DBS checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and experienced in and passionate about the activities they offer, to keep children entertained and moving all day!

To book please login/create an account if you haven't already and secure your place online at: <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login> If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to call Energy Kidz's friendly bookings team on 0333 577 1533 or drop them an email at info@energy-kidz.co.uk.

Urgent Messages - Contact the office!

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 contact the school office.

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

Reminder INSET Days and Latest Calendar Dates

A reminder that the **INSET** days this academic year include:-

- Monday 20th February 2023
- Monday 5th June 2023

For the latest dates click [here](#) for calendar on website.

Community News

**JOIN US FOR SOME EXCITING
CONCERTS AT ST MARY'S EWELL**

On Tuesday 7th February 2023 Jonathan Holmes plays Bach from 1.05pm – 1.35pm. Why not come and join us for your lunch break and listen to the wonderful Willis organ and enjoy a cuppa and slice of cake? This concert includes the stupendous Toccata and Fugue in F major, BWV 540 and the Organ Concerto in A minor, after Vivaldi BWV 593

On Saturday February 18th at 2.30pm we present Eine Kleine Viener Musik – with Jamie Akers, Susana Teixeira and friends performing a programme of Viennese salon music for flute, viola and guitar, with lieder including Beethoven, and Schubert. Susana sings soprano in the parish choir and Jamie is an internationally known guitarist and lutenist, being a much recorded artist. We look forward to hearing this incredibly talented team with some of their friends, for what promises to be a musical highlight in our calendar. Please come and support them. The concert is in the afternoon at 2.30pm. There will be Interval refreshments and the concert will run to 4pm.

Admission to the lunchtime Bach recitals is **free**. We suggest a donation of £10 for our Saturday concerts with children under 18 free. All donations go to the Arthur Mathews organ fund for the restoration of the 'Father' Willis organ.

Art Competitions

It gives children a variety of art competitions that they could enter.

<https://www.moma.co.uk/childrens-art-competitions/>

Children's Art Competitions in the UK 2023

Close: **30th January 2023 Enter now!** Parents and the London Eye – There will be one winner who will receive: A winners day at UK Parliament and the London Eye. A family voucher to visit the London Eye. A family voucher to visit the London Eye (able to visit the tower).

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