



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 10th December 2021



MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have been so vigilant with watching out for **Covid** symptoms, and getting PCRs done quickly. Thanks also to those parents who helped promote the remote learning of their children who were asymptomatic and isolating. Next week will be the Christmas Concert dress rehearsal and performance with recording, along with many Christmas events and so remote learning for asymptomatic pupils will be slightly restricted – though homework must be completed as usual by asymptomatic children and all the usual online platforms for learning will be available for challenges and activities. The numbers of infected children has remained very low – 5 this week and 18 children in all since September. We have had five members of staff test positive and isolate (no teachers), although general coughs and chest infections have been more of a challenge than Covid infections in terms of coping with staff absence.

Also thank you for your understanding regarding the **Christmas Concert** moving to a school event rather than at the chapel. As I explained to some of you directly, the guidance and advice from DfE and Surrey has not been completely joined up and so we have done our best to keep measures sensible and in the best interests of our families. The restrictions were reaching a point where the event at the chapel would have been a very sparse, no audience participation or singing and a much less enjoyable event than it usually is. I appreciate those parents writing to say that it was a good decision, as we would not want Covid to ruin anyone's Christmas.



With regard to Ofsted, we have not had the call yet and it is looking unlikely for next week as well – although we continue to ensure all our activities, creative lessons, clubs and sports went on as usual whilst ensuring a high level of safeguarding and ongoing wellbeing intervention. It has been D & T week for many and the children have enjoyed planning, creating and improving their projects – some amazing creations have been seen across the whole school.

A special thanks to the PTA for their amazing efforts organising the **Christmas Fair**, which has moved outside to ensure a safer event. Thanks also for all of your contributions (bottle tombola etc.) and for coming along to the fair to support it.

With regard to **wraparound care**, I have been looking over the contracts and looking at the activities proposed by Energy Kidz. They are a large company with expertise in wraparound care and an exciting line up for all who attend. They have done a site walk assessment and we are agreeing the final details. I hope to send out lots of details next week regarding the launch of Energy Kidz wraparound care and if the parents who expressed an interest in the questionnaire sign up then this will be a flexible, cost effective provision looking to launch after February half term. Please keep an eye on your emails and bulletin for details.

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HOT TOPICS MEETING

Thanks to the parents who joined us for our Hot Topics Meeting on Thursday 9th December. Parents had the opportunity to meet our new Chair of Governors Mr Chay Champness, and the co-vice chairs Mr Paul Satchell and Mr Gareth More. We discussed current topics such as the effect of Covid, the new library plans and reading, safeguarding and Ofsted. If you were not able to take part, then please [click here](#) to see the PowerPoint presentation linked to this talk.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The children will all be taking part in the Christmas concert on Monday 13th December with each year group singing different songs. This will be edited and shared on Google classroom later in the week. Your child will be able to log in to their Google classroom at home and watch, with you, the whole concert. We will contact you when this will be available to view.

EARLY FINISH ON FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER

School finishes early on the last day of term. Finish times are as follows:

- Year 5 & 6 **1.20pm**
- Year 4 **1.25pm**
- Year 3 **1.30pm**

MUFTI, FILMS AND BOARD GAMES

We are allowing the children to bring in board games on the last half day of term on Friday 17th December 2021 and they may be watching a Christmas Film, which could be a PG rating. **If you do not wish your child to watch a PG, please let your class teacher know.**

HOMEWORK AT WFJS

A few amendments have been requested by class teachers so please see the updated summary. For the full homework policy [click here](#)

LAST CLUB BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2021

All clubs have finished, except for **Tennis and Arts & Crafts club**, which finish next week.

YR 5 & 6 PGL TRIPS to Isle of Wight

If your child is attending the Isle of Wight Residential trip next year, please note that the 2nd instalment of £120 is due by 17th December. Please pay on Scopay.

BLOG POST

by: Rebecca, Lydia and Arissa

Panto!

We had a very exciting visit from some amazing actors who performed the amazing Pinocchio to us! It was truly an exciting experience and very amusing, thank you to anyone who took part! See the photo over the page.

Christmas concert:

Our Christmas concert will now be taking place at school on Monday 13th December with no audience, and parents will be able to watch the incredible performance on Google classroom later in the week - the time is due to be announced. Please make sure if your child is participating in the concert they have a costume for their role ready and know their lines!

Christmas Mufti Day!

On Friday 10th of December, children could wear any Christmas festive clothes to school.

Christmas Fair!

On Friday 10th there was an exciting and very fun Christmas Fair. The lucky raffle winners will be announced after the event.

PTA & FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the donations, helpers and those who came along to the Christmas Fair. The PTA will be busy counting the funds raised and will update you as soon as possible.

HAVING A CHRISTMAS CLEAR OUT?

Happy bags will be back to school in mid- January, so if you are de-cluttering over Christmas, please keep any un-wanted clothes, shoes and handbags for our collection. Details to follow.



GOOD WITH NUMBERS & ORGANISED?

Wallace Fields Junior School has an active and really friendly PTA team who are looking for a new treasurer. Our current treasurer Mrs Siddiqui is hoping to leave at Christmas and can train up a new treasurer. So if you are a whizz at excel spreadsheets and are very organised, we need you! Mrs White our School Business Manager was a former PTA Treasurer at WFIS and WFJS. Please email surayams@gmail.com for more information.

BUYING LAST MINUTE GIFTS ONLINE? DON'T FORGET TO BUY ONLINE VIA EASY FUNDRAISING AND AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be collecting free donations for Wallace Fields Junior School PTA? It is a really 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. Also, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. You can register using your normal Amazon account and choose Wallace Fields Junior School PTA as your preferred charity. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> Happy shopping

COMMUNITY

STREETS SAFE

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, eg being followed or verbally abused. Please note: 'StreetSafe' is not for reporting crime or incidents. Please [click here](#).

COVID-19 HASN'T GONE AWAY

Covid-19 testing guidance for children in Year 6 and below

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Showing symptoms (this is day 0)

Keep the child at home & tell their early years/primary setting.

Get a confirmatory PCR test. Call 119 or book a test online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Positive result

Day (1-10) Continue self-isolating for 10 days after first day of symptoms.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate, unless you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months.

If they have been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, you are required to self-isolate.

Return to early years/primary setting if child is well

For more information visit surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirus

KEEP SURREY SAFE

Lateral flow tests generally shouldn't be used for children in Year 6 and below (unless advised by an outbreak). Do not use lateral flow tests as evidence displaying symptoms.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- a high temperature – this means they are hot to touch or their chest or back
- a new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot more than usual, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things seem at least different to normal

Negative result

Return to early years/primary setting if child is well (note: you should still make a decision as normal about whether your child is well enough to return)



The New Blenheim's Christmas Family Fun Day & Christmas Drag Quiz

On December 23rd Simon & the team invite you all to a day of Christmas fun that the whole family will love! Join us for festive food, drink, merriment and a very special visit from Santa & a family of real, live Reindeer!!

12.00PM – 3.00PM

Family Fun Day

Child Ticket: £25.00

Adult Ticket: £10.00

Child ticket includes: Christmas themed activities, sleigh photo opportunity, reindeer encounter, Christmas outfit competition, Santa meet & greet with a gift & a children's meal.

Adult ticket includes: seasonal alcoholic drink & mince pie, sleigh photo opportunity, reindeer encounter & Christmas jumper competition.

7.00PM

Christmas Drag Quiz & "Have You Got The Balls?"

Escape the kids and join us for an evening of adult festivities.

test your Yuletide knowledge in the ultimate Christmas Quiz! Hosted by Santa's better half – Madame Clawzz!!

£1 per person entry and the winning team takes home the pot.

Special prize for each team from Santa's sack of tat!

Make sure you buy your tickets for "Have You Got The Balls?" - your chance to win up to £300 and pay off the credit cards after over-spending on this year's pressies!

Booking essential! Please call on 01372 743907 now to arrange payment in advance & guarantee your table!!