

SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 17 th March	12.45pm to 3.30pm Years 3 & 4 tag rugby tournament is on Thursday at Priest Hill
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief Day and mufti – please bring in donations

HEAD'S UPDATE

COVID NUMBERS IN YEAR 3

As a school, we had one case last week and in fact, last Wednesday we had only one child off school across the whole school. However, there seems to be a significant rise in Year 3 with more than 15 in total off with Covid. Yet only a very few in other years. I urge you not send your child into school if they are infected or symptomatic and to follow the advice in the bulletins and on the website. Across the school, we are keen to ensure the safety of the staff and the children and so we maintain strict measures such as additional cleaning, lessons outside on warmer dry days and ensuring lots of hand washing and good hygiene. Year 3 get more reminders than ever about the need to be healthy, washing hands and covering our mouths for coughing and sneezing.

THANKS

My thanks to Mr Hurd for organising the Science Celebration Day and thanks to Miss Sarjeant for organising the very successful World Maths Day – both of these proved very popular and successful and the children had a very positive, stimulating and exciting time. Also thanks to Mrs Crabb and Ms Gough for organising a wonderfully successful book week last week.

THIS WEEK

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

On Wednesday the whole school took part in a celebration of science: leafblowers, giant inflatable beach balls and fire were just some of the highlights! The children really enjoyed meeting 'Professor Nitrate' and learning about some new scientific concepts. A huge thanks to the PTA for funding the event. Please see the school Twitter account for photos.

YEAR 6 VISIT THIS WEEK

Year 6 had a fabulous morning learning vital life skills at Junior Citizenship bringing the PSHE curriculum to life!

QUIZ TEAM REACHES THE SEMI FINAL



We are through to the Quiz Club General Knowledge semi final, thanks to our fabulous team of four - Will E Year 6, Niles N in Year 5, Grace Z in Year 4 and Lalana S in Year 3. Out of 48 schools we qualified in

11th place and the teams in the top 12 made it through. Well done you fabulous four. The semi-final will be online in school, on 22nd March and Mrs Crabb will carry out some practise sessions with the children beforehand.

WORLD MATHS DAY



We started World Maths Day celebrations early with a visit from Mathletics on Monday – there was an exciting celebration assembly, interviews with teachers and children, and fun classroom sessions. World Maths Day **23rd March** is an

international celebration of mathematics coordinated by 3P Learning (the makers of [Mathletics](#)). It's free, all-inclusive, and open to schools as well as students learning from home. World Maths Day is celebrated every year to make maths exciting and engaging for all school-aged children from all over the world – regardless of cultural or socio-economic background, and regardless of ability. World Maths Day disregards the notion that you are either a 'maths person' or not. For a useful parents guide to World Maths Day [click here](#).

SAVE THE CHILDREN UKRAINE APPEAL

We are delighted to inform you that we raised £296.70 for the Save the Children Ukraine Appeal.

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NEXT WEEK

TRAINERS FOR LUNCHTIMES

Please can children bring in trainers daily in order to be permitted to go on the field, when it's dry, at lunchtimes.

COMIC RELIEF ACTIVITY NEXT WEEK

On Friday the 18th March we are going to join in with the nationwide fundraising event of Comic Relief. During the afternoon the children will take part in an active fun run which will end with an inflatable assault course. This has been kindly provided by the PTA. **Children are allowed to wear fun, sporting clothes to school on the 18th March and we ask they bring in a donation.** 50% of the funds raised will go to the PTA and 50% will be sent to Comic Relief. We know this will be a day where the children get active in a fun way - make sure to keep an eye on Twitter to see the enjoyment!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This week your child will have had the chance to visit our Book Fair and will have brought home a wish list. The final deadline for online orders is **midday on Monday 14th March 2022.** The full range of books can be viewed at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>. Please order using the book fair order form, so the school receives the commission. Our last fair raised over £700, which we spent on class reading books and library books.

UPDATE FOLLOWING BOOK WEEK

Please see some of the amazing work that the children created in Book Week by [clicking here](#).

All those who have purchased Karl Nova books online should now have had their books handed out. Those who sent money into school should get their books shortly.

LIBRARY REFIT

We are so excited to announce finally our library is being installed next week!! The library will be out of use next week due to clearance and installation. Children will be able to borrow books from their classroom book corners until the library is finished.



NO RECORDER CLUB NEXT WEEK

No Recorder Club for Year 6 or Year 4 next Thursday 17th March 2022.

PARENTS EVENING DATES

Please make sure you have the following dates in your diary **Monday 28th March 3.45pm-5.15pm virtually and Tuesday 29th March 3.34pm-5.15pm online.** Online booking form will be sent out early next week.

YEAR 4 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY WEEK

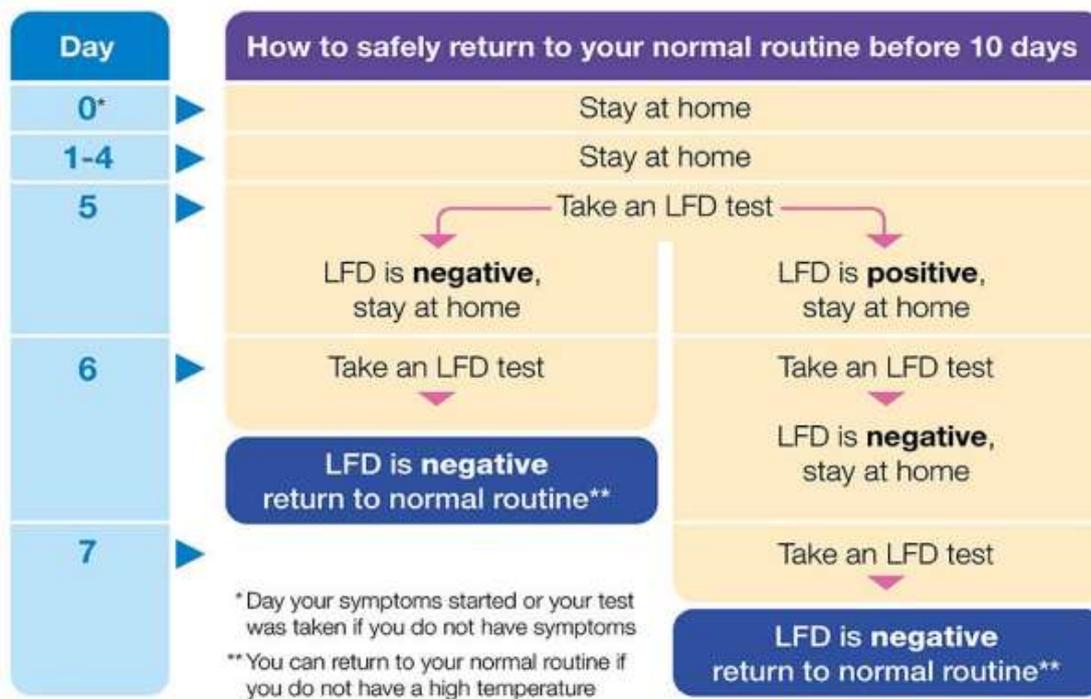
The week commencing the 21st March is Design & Technology Week for Year 4! We will be baking muffins (as mentioned in the homework sent home last week). The children will need to bring some equipment and ingredients in to help them with their projects. On Thursday 17th March, your child will be bringing home a list of equipment/ ingredients they will need alongside a date when they need it. Please note, the school will be providing most ingredients so the children will bring in ingredients for extra additions!

YEAR 3 FRENCH

Madam Cornell would love Year 3 children to practice months of the year in French on Linguascope Elementary "Les Mois". Thank you.

APPEAL FOR SHRUBS, BUSHES AND SMALL TREES

School Council have asked for more plants and flowers around the school. The school has spent nearly £400 on flowers and plants around the school although the impact has been limited as it is such a large site and it will take time for the shrubs and flowers to mature and grow to full size. One of our Residents Liaison group Mr John Willson is a member of the Tree advisory Board (TAB) and they have planted another 27 trees in and around the school last month (as part of our Queen's Green Canopy celebration). In addition to this they have created a small wild copse in the corner of the upper field for outdoor learning and mini-beast projects for the children. They have also replaced the trees that had to be removed for the demountable classrooms when the Year 6 block was refurbished back in 2020. Despite this ongoing level of investment in the grounds we still need more hardy annuals, shrubs and small trees to make the grounds even more attractive and lovely to be in. We are appealing to you the parents to donate any plants, bushes and shrubs that you can spare the school (even some established cuttings would be appreciated) so that the children and the TAB can plant them around school. Please leave them with the main office and they will put them in the quad ready for planting. We are looking for any hardy plants such as euonymus, hibiscus, dwarf conifers, buddleia, forsythia, viburnum, box plants (buxus sempervirens), red robin (photinia), laurel and other hardy bushes. Plants and flowers are also welcome and we (and the TAB) will make sure they are planted and watered until established.



COVID REMINDERS

USEFUL GUIDELINES IF PUPIL HAS COVID

See a useful flow chart above.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ON COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR AT RISK 5 to 11 YEAR OLDS

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in the Green Book. Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Further information is available in [the guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

REMINDERS

END OF TERM EARLY FINISH

Please note in your diary that there is, as usual, an early finish on Friday 1st April 2022 on the last day of term at 1.30pm for Year 3, 1.25pm for Year 4 & 1.20pm for both Year 5 & 6.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

WRAP AROUND CARE AT WFJS

Are you looking for wrap around care? Do you want more age appropriate child care for your child? Energy Kidz provides wrap around care on Wallace Fields Junior School premises. There are still some places available at Breakfast Clubs (7:30am until 8:45am) and after school clubs (3:20pm until 6:00pm). To book please login/create an account and secure your place online by [clicking here](#). **Customer Service Team are also available between 8am – 6pm and their contact details are as follows Email info@energy-kidz.co.uk Tel: 0333 577 1533.** For more information [click here](#).

SCIENCE AND SPANISH CLUB FINISHED

Science and Spanish club finished on Thursday 10th March 2022 and will start again after the Easter holidays.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

A chamber choir of Year 5 & Year 6 pupils has been put together to participate in the Epsom and Ewell Music Festival at the Epsom Playhouse on **Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March** between 5.00pm -7.00pm. The parents of the chosen choir have been contacted with further information about rehearsals and details of the performances, please return the slip as soon as possible if you haven't done so already. Tickets for the performance are now available directly from the [Playhouse](#)

WELLBEING

We are always striving to ensure that all the children are safe and happy. If you are concerned about your child's mental health or wellbeing; please contact one of the following: The class teacher, Mrs Bruen (ELSA), Mrs Fowler (ELSA), Mrs Thompson (Year 3 and 4 Wellbeing champion) or Miss Hallett (Year 5 and 6 Wellbeing champion). Please refer to the links and resources on our school.

Wellbeing webpage by [clicking here](#).

TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT WAR OR UPSETTING NEWS

If you would like advice or guidance on how best to support your child with regards to the current situation in Ukraine you might find a news page on our website with useful links by [clicking here](#).

QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK FROM MR LEE

Parent Consultation Evenings

We have had a lot of positive response to the blended approach of in person and virtual parent consultations. It has been a very even split of preference and so we have met the preferences of all parents. The time is a way of meeting with your child's teacher and getting an update on your child's progress and attainment. Some parents feel they would like more time – it is fine to seek an appointment with your child's teacher at another time beyond parents' evening if you would like even more detail, perhaps a phone call conversation. However, I am sure you can appreciate that with so many children to teach and assess their time is very valuable so this will be a set time also. Only three parents disagreed that the school is good at informing parents about their child's progress. This was a pleasing result and remember parents will also get a full report at the end of the summer term on all subjects.

Special Educational Needs support / Challenge for more able

The questionnaire helped us look at attitudes to homework and to the demands on the children in school. All the children are given scaffolded tasks or challenges depending on what they need to access each task and to ensure they develop their learning in every lesson. Each lesson has additional challenges to take the more able even further and adapted tasks are available for those that need them. The programmes of special educational support are timetabled and reviewed regularly, so you should be getting a summary of all the support and input your child is getting if they have SEN provision. Most children at some time in their schooling will encounter additional support depending on the where they need it. Within school, and nationally, levels of SEN are rising and we are well above the national average for SEN children. This puts constraints on us as a school that has very low

levels of disadvantaged families and so the additional adult support I have put in place is a drain on resources without the additional funding that would naturally with a disadvantaged intake. Please contact our SENCo if you have queries about your child's SEN provision. 90.5% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school expects their child to work hard and do their best.

Homework

74% of parents felt that appropriate homework was set. Of those not agreeing, some want more and some want less - remember every homework is explained in the class before it goes out and there are a wide range of additional tasks to stretch the more able children's' potential and adapted tasks to help those that need more help. If you are in any doubt about the level and quality of the homework – please contact the class or group teacher, as some children are not giving their parents the whole story.

SPORTS

NETBALL MATCH REPORT

We took two mixed teams to play netball at Stamford Green on Tuesday 8th March. Both teams played well and had end-to-end games but unfortunately, Stamford Green managed to score more goals! One game ended 5-2 and the other, 7-2.

As always, our children showed wonderful sportsmanship, honesty and determination which makes me much prouder than if they had won without displaying these qualities.

FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT

On Thursday 10th March 2022 we welcomed Cuddington Croft and Southfield Park for a 3-way football fixture.

Firstly, our C team played their match v Cuddington and had a fantastic game, finishing 7-0!

Instead of an A and B team, the three schools had agreed to splitting into two mixed ability teams..... our "Team 1" had a good game against Southfield Park, winning 1-0 but got beaten by Cuddington 0-3.

Team 2 had a better afternoon, beating Southfield 3-1 and then drawing with Cuddington 1-1.

A great afternoon was had by all and our players were great ambassadors for Wallace Fields. Thank you to all our supporters and a very special thank you to Mr. Findlay and Simon Yeung for taking over as team managers, staying to help much later than usual. Also to our 3 former pupils currently volunteering for their D of E award, James Y, Louis T and Elliott W who refereed all the matches and helped set up and clear away afterwards. Mrs Wilson.

WFJS BOOK CLUB – MARCH MEETING

In February, the children in Years 3 – 5 had overwhelming enjoyed *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good* We discussed how one author can write in various styles, (we had previously read Louie Stowell's book *The Dragon in the Library* which was very different in style and tone). We also compared *Loki* with the *Who Let the Gods Out* series by Maz Evans. Year 3 were keen to talk about their own writing and had made some great graphic novels in and out of school. William and Sean's work was particularly fabulous. I'm particularly impressed with Year 6s determination to push themselves with their reading. Several of the group had enjoyed *Kick* by Mitch Johnson which deals with poverty, slave labour and human rights. This month:

Year 3 are choosing to read either *Grimwood* by Nadia Shireen, *Barb the Brave* by Dan Abno and Jason Patterson or *The Last Firefox* by Lee Newbery



Year 4 can read either *My Parents Cancelled my Birthday* by Jo Simmons, *Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List* by Jenny Pearson or *The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks* by Katie Kirby. (Note to parents, the Lottie Brooks series deals with the transition to senior school and although pitched at 9-12 year olds is really more suited to years 5 and 6 but it was specifically requested by some of the girls so I have put it on. You/they may like to read a sample text on Amazon before purchase.



Year 5 can read any of these titles: *Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List* by Jenny Pearson, *The Summer I Robbed a Bank* by David O'Doherty or *Following Frankenstein* by Catherine Bruton.



Year 6 can choose between *Where the World Ends* by Geraldine McCaughrean; *Following Frankenstein* by Catherine Bruton (author of *No Ballet Shoes in Syria*), or *The Catastrophic Friendship Falls of Lottie Brooks* by Katie Kirby (or if you haven't read it already, book #1 *The Extremely Embarrassing Life*.)



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WFIS & WFJS PTAS ARE
PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE

2022 CHALLENGE

We are encouraging our pupils to **raise £20.22 by taking on a new challenge!** You can do it individually, as a family or as a group. **How you do this is entirely up to you.**

Once you have completed your challenge, donate the money you have raised at www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta

£20.22 is your target, but there is no minimum amount needed to join in, and no maximum should you raise more.

Use the **number 22** to inspire you! You could:

- do a **22km** sponsored bike ride
- help your family with **22** jobs
- try to score **22** goals
- bake and sell **22** cupcakes
- perform a **22** minute sponsored dance routine
- make **22** pieces of art to sell to your friends and family
- sell **22** of your pre-loved toys
- make your bed **22** days in a row

Use your imagination! We can't wait to see what creative ideas you come up with.

Do share any photos and stories with us so that we can let everyone else know about your wonderful experiences. You may even inspire others to try something new!

CHALLENGE 2022 – ONLY 3 MORE WEEKS REMAINING!!!

We are encouraging children to raise £20.22 (or any other amount) by taking on a challenge of their choice, either individually or with family or friends. We can't wait to see what creative ideas they come up with. Sponsorship and activity forms were sent home in book bags before the half term. If you haven't got one, just get in touch!

A huge WELL DONE to Ciaran Y (3M) for taking on a new challenge - throwing and catching a ball 22 times consecutively without dropping the ball with 22 repetitions of this. He tells us it was great fun. You are a superstar, Ciaran!



HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION 24th MARCH

How about doing a spring clean to help raise PTA funds. We have the next Happy Bags collection due on 24th March. Donate the following items: reusable clean & dry clothes, reusable clean paired shoes, fashion accessories, belts, jewellery, handbags/ bags, scarves, hats, small ornaments, gift box sets and console games. Please save any good quality unwanted school uniform for Wallace Fields Junior second hand sales. Your bags should be brought to school by 10am on the day. Thank you for your support! For more information go to www.happyschoolbag.co.uk

CIRCUS COMING TO WALLACE FIELDS

We are thrilled to welcome back Happy Circus to WFJS this year. **Tickets go on sale on Friday 25th March**, tickets will be limited so make a diary note now! 🎪

RACE NIGHT

Keep the date in your diary of the evening of **Friday 6th May** for a Race night joint event with Wallace Fields Infant School. Book your baby sitter now.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR PTA FACEBOOK?

If not why not? Join the group to be kept up to date with all the current news from the school, key dates and events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wfjspta/?ref=share>

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR FUNDRAISING DONATIONS

Any donations to the school are welcome however big or small. To donate online with gift aid, to the PTA please [click here](#).



COMMUNITY

Using Mindfulness to Manage Children's Anxiety (a free workshop via zoom)

Do you have an anxious pre or primary school aged child? This short workshop, taught by a professional Relax Kids Coach and Primary School Teacher will introduce you to the signs & causes of stress and anxiety in children and guide you through some helpful exercises you can use with your children to help relax their minds.

Phone 0300 303 3464 quoting C3747801 to enrol or click here:

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2021/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3747801>

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This year's event is all about sustainability, reusing, replanting and recycling - plus all the little things we can do to cut down on waste and protect the environment.

Central Display and Exhibition

Gallery and Rose Room

Come and explore the beautiful indoor and environmentally friendly floral displays from [Ashtead Park Garden Centre](#) and maybe gather some inspiration for your own garden at home?



Teams from Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will be exhibiting with 2 stalls to visit. Say hello to our Countryside Team and learn more about our parks, open spaces, and local nature reserves. Plus, test out your recycling knowledge with fun activities from our waste and recycling teams in the Rose Room.

Explore local special interest groups, societies, and other organisations, including:

- Rainbow Gardening Centre
- Epsom Beekeepers
- Countryside Teams (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council)
- Free food stall
- 2nd Ewell Scouts
- Surrey Wildlife Trust
- Epsom Rotary Club
- The Horton Chapel
- Ewell Village For Change
- Recycling (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council)
- Repair Café
- History & Archaeology Society
- University for the Third Age (U3A)

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ALL WELCOME

OPEN DAY

**3-COURT PADEL TENNIS COURTS
11 TENNIS COURTS (4 SURFACES)**

**SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2022
11am - 3pm**

**FREE "INTRO TO PADEL" AND TENNIS COACHING SESSIONS
FOR JUNIORS AND ADULTS**

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