



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

From all the staff at WFJS, we would like to wish you a restful half term. It has been unprecedented in so many ways for you as parents having to juggle work and education; for the children having to get to grips with their virtual teachers; for the support staff learning how to carry out live intervention and for teachers, who have to spend so long preparing their virtual lessons and recordings. It has been such a steep learning curve for everyone, so I do hope you have a relaxing and well-deserved break.

Thank you to those of you, who have already returned the assessments. We will use this independent work to help inform [our Virtual Parent Day on March 5th](#) using our new virtual booking system called, SchoolCloud. The booking slots will be released after half term. The children will take part in an off-screen day to allow teachers to hold the video sessions. You will be able to ask the teacher a question via this system in preparation for the short virtual meeting. More details of how to log in and access Schoolcloud will follow, after the half term.

The Love Ramble being held by the PTA looks like great fun! I hope you have an opportunity to try this. Thanks to the PTA for arranging this at his difficult time.

If you have a chance to see the Celebration Assembly today, it is available in the Google Classroom and was such fun with Y5 children today!

We look forward to seeing the children of Critical Workers on the 22nd February and await the update from the Government regarding return to school for all pupils.

Have a lovely break,

Mrs Andréa Day

HALF TERM AND RETURN ON 22nd FEB

We are closed to all pupils **over February half-term** (Monday 15th to Friday 19th February). Remote schooling will **return on Monday 22nd February** and critical workers children who are normally in school on Mondays will be due in. We had initially planned an **INSET day on Monday 22nd February but this has been cancelled**, as we felt it was more important to provide critical worker provision. We will hopefully hear more from the Prime Minister /Minister of Education with details about return to face-to-face learning for the majority of pupils and students but it will not be **until 8 March at the earliest**.

INSET DAYS

The following INSET dates are now in the diary for the Spring and Summer term: Friday 30th April, Friday 28th May and Friday 18th June.

MORE OFF SCREEN DAYS PLANNED

We are pleased with the response to the off screen days; it is so important to balance time on PC's and well being. On the afternoon of [24th February](#) we are planning an off screen afternoon of lessons.

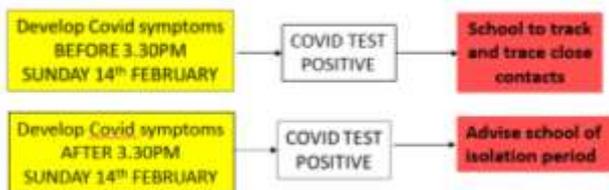
SUPERHEROES DRESSING UP DAY

During the week beginning the 1st March remote learning will include lots of book related activity. Then on **World Book Day 4th March** we would like as many children as possible (and hopefully staff too) to join their Google Meet dressed as their favourite superhero. We do not expect parents to go out and buy costumes but children may wish to make a mask or do some face painting (we only can see their head and shoulders on Google Meet anyway). You might like to [click here](#) to find lots of other exciting book activities and more about World Book Day.



COVID TEST DURING HALF TERM

The School has been asked to support the track and trace effort over the February half term. This is only required for those children attending school. If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of being in school and then tests positive for Covid-19, please inform the school on our email CovidAlerts@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk. We will check this email daily throughout the half term between 12pm and 2pm. We will contact any close contacts that the child may have had whilst in school in accordance with PHE guidelines. If your child develops symptoms after 3.30pm Sunday 14th and then tests positive for Covid-19, advise the school of the required isolation period for your child however track and trace for this instance is not required.



STATIONERY CHECK

If your child is in school, please check they have all the stationery the child needs, particularly white board pens and glue sticks. We want to avoid children sharing stationery whenever possible.

YEAR 4 D&T REMINDER

Year 4 will be completing their DT the week commencing 1st March. The planned DT for this half term is **baking muffins!** Because of the current climate, we would like the children to complete their cooking DT project at home this year - this is for a number of reasons:

- When the children return to school, because of Covid safety, they will not be able to use the kitchen cookers and this unit requires some baking.
- Completing cooking in school will continue to be tricky due to bringing equipment and ingredients to and from school in the current climate.

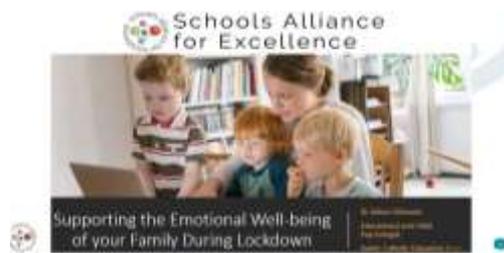
Because we know that the children really enjoy this unit of work, we really want to give parents enough notice to get ingredients and/or equipment and arrange for a suitable time to help the children make and bake their final design of their muffins. **We are planning for the DT afternoons to take place on Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of March.** We just wanted to give enough warning with regards to this unit of work. Thank you for your ongoing support! Year 4 team.

YEAR 5 D&T REMINDER

Further to our letter emailed earlier this week, we have planned for the **children's 'Bake off' DT activities** to take place over **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th February** and will need adult support for the baking. We are not expecting to see their work or photos until the following Monday to allow families to carry out these activities at a time that suits you all the best. We hope that you enjoy spending some lovely time baking with your child/ren.

SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF YOUR FAMILY DURING LOCKDOWN

Dr Alison D'Amario, Educational and child psychologist has prepared a video to help support families with their well-being during lockdown. The clip is 30 minutes long and contains plenty of practical, realistic and useful information for parents about supporting their own wellbeing as well as that of their children. [Click here.](#)



SAFER INTERNET DAY

The children have been very busy this week creating guides and posters for Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was 'trust online'. We focused on what we could trust online, who we can trust online and how to ensure that sources are true and reliable. The children have created some outstanding posters and guides. We would like to mention Ava and Cara in 6H, who have created phenomenal posters. These will be displayed in the Computing Suite! We will be sharing a few in the new half term to promote online safety - especially during this time. Please reinforce all the key messages at home with your children. Here is a link to the [Safer Internet Day 2021 video](#). Keep being fabulous online everyone! Miss Sarjeant



PARENTS READING AT HOME SURVEY

Please see the separate letter but to summarise:

- **Access to school library** – please contact your class teacher if need to arrange to collect a suitable book.
- **Reading book recommendations** – see the school [website](#), bulletin and year group padlets: [Year 6](#), [Year 5](#), [Year 4](#), and [Year 3](#)



PLEASE RETURN SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return any read school library books. We will put a returns box outside the school office.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



A couple of books to recommend from Mrs Clayton Agent Asha is a funny story with lots of coding language in so if you child has an interest in coding, they might enjoy this (age 7 -11)

Amari and the Night Brothers has been highly recommended as a really exciting read for upper KS2. Mrs Clayton would love to hear reviews from any children that read these.

WEA ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

We thought some parents might be interested in the latest **Employability and Schools and Parenting courses** currently being delivered via zoom. Most of these courses are free of charge. Call 0300 303 3464 or see [their website](#) for more information. Courses (click for direct web link) include: [Preparing To Help in Schools](#), [IT Skills for Work](#), [Helping your Child to Manage Stress and Anxiety](#) (free) and [Encouraging Positive Behaviour in SEND children](#) (free).

PTA WEEKLY RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has purchased their virtual raffle ticket for our first ever raffle taking place this afternoon! We will be drawing the winning name later this afternoon and sharing via the PTA Facebook group so do look out in case you're our lucky winner!

We're really hopeful we can continue this as a regular weekly raffle as super easy to take part, brilliant way to raise money for the school and for someone to win cash - what more could we want?!

PTA - THE HALF TERM LOVE RAMBLE

Please find attached the flyer for our fabulous half term Valentines Love Ramble - great fun for the kids to make their daily walk far more exciting with a clear map of houses to spot the clues and winners for all participants! Please transfer your money to the WFPTA account to take part and email a screenshot of your payment to wfjspta@gmail.com to receive your Love Ramble map and instructions!

Thanks everyone for your ongoing support of all PTA events and have as wonderful half term!

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WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA



WEEKLY CASH RAFFLE

£2 PER TICKET

PRIZE IS 50% OF TOTAL TICKETS SOLD

MORE ENTRIES...BIGGER PRIZE!

DRAW EVERY FRIDAY

ROLL UP!
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FIRST DRAW 12TH FEB

WINNER ANNOUNCED IN FACEBOOK GROUP

Entries by 12pm on Friday

Simply transfer your preferred amount to the Wallace Fields PTA account

ACCOUNT: 36420360 SORT CODE: 3080 33 REF: CHILD'S CLASS & YOUR NAME

-WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS-



£2 PER
CHILD



THE HALF TERM LOVE RAMBLE



More exciting details will follow when
you sign up!

- One map
- Eleven houses (near WFJS)
- One puzzle to solve
- One delicious reward
- No bored children!



Transfer your money to the Wallace Fields PTA
PayPal at paypal.me/WFJSPTA and send a
screenshot of your payment to
wfspta@gmail.com to receive your LOVE
RAMBLE map and instructions!