



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> January 6.45pm - 8.40pm	Parenting Workshop – sign up on Google form

## HEAD'S UPDATE

We are always keen to **get your views** and when you have contacted us to let us know your thoughts we meet together as a staff and considered possible ideas and solutions. The **deadlines for homework** were recently moved after a parent asked if we would consider adjusting them to improve the time given for completion and the new deadlines have worked well. By **working together** we can improve the school experience the children have cooperatively. **Do not leave your worries or** issues for the next questionnaire, you are always welcome to get in touch. If you have an **urgent issue** please call or email the school so we can deal with it. We cannot improve what we do not know about. Conversely, **thank you for the positive feedback** I have had from parents and carers recently – please include your points in the questionnaire as it is good for teachers and staff to hear the messages of gratitude and reassurance they are doing a great job. It is fine to name individual teachers but do be aware that there is a whole raft of helpers, teaching support and special group support that goes into ensuring all the children make excellent progress.

## COVID UPDATE

This week we have had 3 children absent due to Covid and 2 members of staff isolating. Please note the change to isolation times and parents of close contacts will be informed directly. Please contact the school if your child tests positive.

## SCIENCE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY TODAY



Thank you to Mrs Hernandez and former WFJS pupil, Andrea who came in today to run a science enrichment activity for selected pupils in each class.

## POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP – TUESDAY JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> 2022

Lesley Lane, Senior Family Co-ordinator from Home Start has kindly agreed to come back into Wallace Fields Junior School to hold a parenting workshop. This workshop will be held on **Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6.45 - 8.40pm and will be on “Dealing with difficult emotions”**. You can join us via a Microsoft Teams link, which we will send earlier on the same day, or there will be some places to come into school. **If you would like to take part please click on the google link [here](#) before midday on Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup>**. Parking will be available in the playground. Please take a lateral flow before you attend and wear a face mask. Thank you Mrs Elliot SENDCO.



## WE WANT YOUR VIEWS

We are always keen to hear **parents' views on the school**, and would encourage you to complete the annual questionnaire by [clicking here](#). We welcome your ideas and direct positive suggestions, which we will directly feedback to staff. If you have specific individual feedback relevant to your child only, then please contact the class teacher directly rather than include in the parent questionnaire. Thank you very much. **Please respond by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**.

## WHAT IS MY CHILD STUDYING?

Please go to your child's year group pages on the website for this term's curriculum maps to see what your child is studying this term.  
<https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/classes>

## WRAP AROUND CARE AT WFJS

Bookings for Energy Kidz are now available for wraparound care at **Wallace Fields Junior School!** Breakfast Clubs will run from 7:30am until 8:45am



and after School Clubs run from 3:20pm until 6:00pm. Energy Kidz's online booking system allows for flexible payment options including our handy instalment plan that allows you spread the cost of termly or yearly bookings over monthly instalments. To book please login/create an account and secure your place online by [clicking here](#). For more information [click here](#).

## UPDATE – CHANGES TO SELF-ISOLATION

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period **after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.** For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

## GOVERNORS – WHAT DO THEY DO?

School Governors play an important role at Wallace Fields Junior School. Their key functions are: ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent. This school year the Governors have made great impact including more governors seeing the school in action; monitoring the successful impact of both the Covid recovery funds and SEN Interventions as well as maintaining a critical friend role to the leadership team and school staff. For more information on the School Governors and their impact please [click here](#).

## WELLBEING AT WFJS

We are always keen to ensure 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](#).

## PARK RESPECTFULLY

Local residents have informed the school that some parents are still parking across driveways. Please think of others when parking and driving to school. Leave plenty of time to park and collect your child.

## BRILLIANT SCHOOLS WELLBEING VIDEO

In order to create a sustainable, long-term wellbeing ethos in our school, we have subscribed to the 'Brilliant Schools' wellbeing programme. Please [click here](#) to watch a quick 10-minute video with practical tips for parenting. The link will be active for the next 30 days.

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY HELPLINE

The Helpline for Occupational Therapy has been updated to enable time for more calls from parents / carers and professionals. The aim of the helpline is to provide support and advice to promote children and young people's everyday living skills at home, school, and nursery. **The OT Helpline is 01932 558 570.** Parents / carers and professionals should call the helpline prior to making a referral (except in the cases of urgent hospital discharge), this will ensure that advice can be gained quickly and whether a referral to the Occupational Therapy service is required or needs may be met through our 'Support for all' provision (please visit our website for information on how our service supports children in Surrey) [www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk](http://www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk)



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Website: <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>/Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wallacefieldsjs>

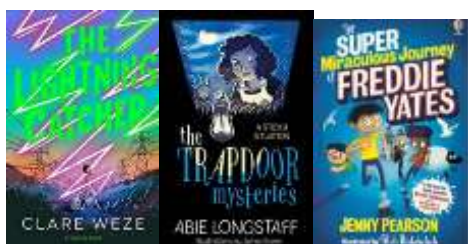
## WFJS Book Club –January meeting

This week we talked about our December reads and whether we'd received any literary gifts under the tree or from Father Christmas. Children from all years had read and enjoyed *The Christmas Pig* by JK Rowling which Mrs Clarkson also recommends as a fantastic and unique adventure story. Our January reads are:

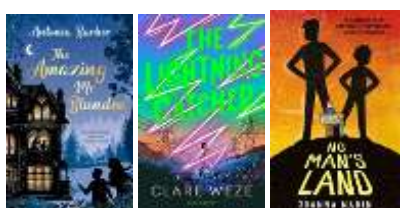
**Year 3** are choosing to read either *The Trapdoor Mysteries: A Sticky Situation* by Abie Longstaff, *Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Sharks* by Katie and Kevin Tsang and *Clarice Bean: Utterly Me* by Lauren Child.



**Year 4** can read either *The Lightning Catcher* by Clare Weze, *The Trapdoor Mysteries: A Sticky Situation* by Abie Longstaff or *The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates* by Jenny Pearson



**Year 5** can read any of these titles: *The Amazing Mr Blunden* by Antonia Barber, *The Lightning Catcher* by Clare Weze or *No Man's Land* by Joanna Nadin.



**Year 6** can choose between *No Man's Land* by Joanna Nadin; *The Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millward Hargrave, *The Hatmakers* by Tamzin Merchant or *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* by Judith Kerr.



## ONE SPACE IN PIANO

Mrs Cratchley has one space for a one on one piano lesson on Wednesdays at 4.30pm in school. The child would need to be picked up as normal and then return to school for 4.30pm (or she can collect from a club or after half term from Energy Kidz wrap around care) Please call Mrs Cratchley 07526 602 231

## Blog Post by Rebecca, Lydia and Arissa 14/1/22



A lovely welcome back from the bloggers!

We hope that everyone had an amazing Christmas, and also that you got some nice presents and you got to eat a lot of mince pies and sweets! Going back to school can feel a little tedious since you relaxed for a long time, but we assure you that this term will be filled with excitement!

Clubs are back, and you can join!

Clubs are open again, along with some of them having open spaces so you can join in the fun! All of the clubs that you can still join are Chess, Theatre Arts, Netball, Spanish & Year 6 Science club. These spaces will be filled up quickly, so don't hang about!

Swimming has begun!

If your child has been selected as a developing swimmer to go swimming (every Monday), make sure that you remind them to bring their bag full of any equipment they need (floats will be provided for everyone).

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We received a thank you from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Together we raised £101.36. Your support will make a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

## UNAUTHORISED LEAVE

**If a child is taken out of school for more than 5 days / 10 sessions, unauthorised leave, (this need not be consecutive) without the authorisation of the school, the amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent per child.** This rises to £120 if paid after the 21 days period, but within 28 days. If not paid, legal action will be taken against the recipient for the period shown on the penalty notice, the local authority, Surrey County Council must prosecute the Parent / Carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Please read the [Attendance Policy](#) to ensure you understand the criteria for unauthorised absence and its implications.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2022!**

WFIS & WFJS PTAS ARE  
PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE

# 2022 CHALLENGE

For the **first half of this term**, 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](http://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!

## IMPORTANT PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The PTA is so proud to announce that since the start of this academic year, we have raised an awesome **£10.5k!!!** That's a lot of money to spend on creating a great environment and exciting resources to enhance our children's learning at WFJS.

We would really love to do more! But, we simply can't do it without your help. We're on the lookout for active PTA members, a Secretary and a Co-Treasurer who can commit to participation in our efforts. We also need volunteers to help run uniform sales.

We have some really wonderful events planned for this year and we'd love it if more parents could help us lead/support/coordinate these events and initiatives. Some of these exciting events include

- a **Mothers Day Pop Up Shop**,
- **Race Night**,
- **Circus**
- **and of course, a wonderful Jubilee Celebration.**

Please do contact us **Co-Chairs**

- **Poonam on 07949167373, or**
- **Jade on 07595514035**

if you'd like to find out more about any of the above. We'll be so happy to hear from you and we're really looking forward to welcoming new PTA members.

Lastly, we'd like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Jackie Nevine our **new PTA Treasurer**. We're really pleased to have Jackie on board. A huge thank you to Suraya Siddiqui for all her amazing work as our Treasurer until now. She has been brilliant!

# COMMUNITY

## Encouraging Positive Behaviour in SEND Children - FREE 2 PART COURSE

This free 2 part course, taught by an Occupational Therapist, is for parents/carers of children with SENDs (a formal diagnosis is not necessary). The course looks at the different things that trigger and sustain behaviour and uses real life examples and experiences to explain different strategies to support communication and positive behaviour. There will also be an opportunity to find out about the different types of support available for your family. Dates: **Tuesday 18th & 25th Jan 10am- noon.** Venue: Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, Ewell. Enrol online by [clicking here](#) or phone 03000 303 3464 quoting C3747526



## WRITE A LETTER TO HELP FIX OUR FOOTPATHS!

As you will know, there's a local campaign to fix the problematic footpaths around both the infants and junior schools. We at the WFJS PTA are supporting this campaign along with the support of the Junior School Council and the Infant School Pupil Parliament. We are campaigning to have the footpaths along the school routes resurfaced to make them safe and prevent accidents. You may have already signed the petition and now we'd like to get the children involved. If your child is keen to do so, please support them in writing a letter (handwritten or typed) to share any stories about falls/accidents/problems they may have experienced as a result of the footpaths not being safe. Please address all letters to Chris Grayling (MP for Epsom & Ewell). [Click here](#) for a link to the leaflet that the WFI has produced. Please contact Poonam on 07949167373 (by Monday 17th January) when you're ready to hand in your child's letter or if you have any questions.

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## LOOKING TO GET FIT THIS JANUARY AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN



**Sign up to Mum-Dance, the 80s dance fitness class**  
.7.30 - 8.30pm in the main hall at Wallace Fields Junior School. Recommended by OK Magazine and BBC, now it's your turn to get fit to all your best 80's songs such as Salt n Pepa, Abba, Fame and MCHammer. Book now at <https://mum-dance.co.uk/pages/epsom-clas>



# Join Our Team!

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*Breakfast and After School Club*



## Play Activity Leader Vacancy

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## How Parenting Puzzle Workshops have helped other parents

"So helpful to have ways of dealing with situations that happen on a daily basis"

"Wonderful Could do this every day"

"Better than expected, made me think differently about toddler behaviour"

"It was a completely new experience for me but after the first week I was completely relaxed"



[check out familylinks.org.uk](http://familylinks.org.uk)

## The Nurturing Programme Parenting Puzzle Workshops

### Where:

Epsom Family Centre  
Pound Lane  
Epsom  
KT19 8SD

### When:

From 3rd March to 24th March  
Every Thursday from 9.45 to 11.45 a.m.

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## Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Information for parents and carers

