



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 17th December 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

We are relieved to have made it to the end of a challenging and lively term. The Christmas Concert was excellent and the children did exceptionally well and despite Mary and the donkey falling ill, Mrs Burke managed to find alternatives to ensure it went smoothly. We have had a comparatively low number of Covid infections and thankfully, the curriculum has been covered fully for the autumn term without lockdowns and other measures getting in the way.

The children have had a busy and fruitful term and their behaviour and emotional stability have returned. The children have become fully engaged in school activities and from observations, the children are enjoying their lessons. From data analysis, the children are making progress and from parental feedback, you are getting back to normal at home too. Obviously, we all hope that the situation improves regarding Covid measures and for now we follow DfE and local authority (Surrey) guidance as closely as possible – we will be keeping an eye on how the winter break evolves and we will implement measures accordingly. If newer guidance comes out for January, we will let you know how we are accommodating the latest situation.

My thanks to governors for their excellent support of the school this term. A wholehearted thanks to the PTA for their amazing efforts that made the first term a great success especially the fireworks display and the Christmas Fair that raised a significant amount of money for the school that will go towards our new library. The library refurbishment is now formally booked in and we hope to have it completed in February 2022.

It leaves me only to thank you for coping with the various changes and issues that have cropped up, for reading your bulletin and emails carefully, continuing to hear your children read and ensuring they complete their homework and for supporting us by acting accordingly and helping us jointly achieve a safe and happy school experience for the children. I wish you all the best for the Christmas break and a very Happy New Year.

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HEALTH CHRISTMAS FROM ALL THE GOVERNORS OF WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL.

We were disappointed that we were unable to attend the Christmas Concert with you this year, though we greatly look forward to watching it later in the week online. Many of us were delighted to attend the Christmas Fair and to see the adaptability and resilience of everyone involved making it happen and everyone enjoying themselves. Once again, Wallace Fields Juniors staff and students excel in upholding school values and thriving despite the complexities of continuing school life despite the Covid pandemic. We hope you enjoy all the festivities of Christmas and New Year with your loved ones and return in January happy, healthy, and ready for a wonderful 2022. **From the Governing body: Mr C Champness, Mr G More, Mr P. Satchel, Mr P. Stokes, Mrs A. M. Farquhar, Mrs N. Hamblin, Dr M. Muktar, Dr A. Norman, Mr B. Roy, Mr C Kingsley, Mrs D. Maroothernaden, Mrs J Clayton, and Mrs S Watson.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - BABUSHKA

The class teachers have now uploaded the film of the Christmas Carol Service, Babushka, to Google Classroom. Parents will need to ask their child to sign into their google classroom account and then download to watch. **The film is for restricted viewing for parents only and must not be shared via social media.** We hope you enjoy the performance.



INTERESTED IN WORKING IN A SUPPORT ROLE IN SCHOOL?

We have an opportunity for someone interested in joining our strong and highly motivated team of support staff to work as a Special Needs Assistant (SNA). If you are keen to work with children and possibly develop a future in support work or teaching then this would be an ideal role to get that experience. You would become a member of our supportive, positive and enthusiastic staff, working for 18 hours per week supporting a child with additional needs to allow them full access to the curriculum, with support and guidance direct from the class teacher and the SENDco. The full advert is published on Eteach – simply search the school and make your application via the ETeach website.

YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING

We are still finalising details for our swimming programme in the Spring Term for developing and non-swimmers, which will start from 10th January 2022. We will send out a detailed letter directly to all those selected children in the first week of January.

THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

Thank you to all the many parents who have contributed to Christmas gifts for our staff. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and support. Thank you and Happy Christmas.

PTA & FUNDRAISING

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 sent out earlier this week.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas fair raised over £3,000!

This would not have been possible without the large number of kind parents and carers who came to help set up and man the stalls last Friday as well as those parents/carers who donated the hamper items, stuffed socks, cakes etc. Also special thanks to 3rd Epsom Scout who have kindly lent us their tents. PTA would like to send Christmas best wishes to all the parents and carers. Thank you so much for all your support this year so far and we are looking forward to lots of exciting events next term.

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

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.



WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

CHRISTMAS @ WFJS

JUST TO SAY...

Thank You!

To everyone that has supported us to make Christmas @ WFJS 2021 a success!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

From the WFJS PTA

We have many more exciting plans for 2022. If you'd like to help, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Poonam (07949167373).



Surrey Educational Psychology Service

Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA): Parent Training and Support



Training aims

This training aims to develop the understanding, skills and confidence of parents supporting children and young people (CYP) experiencing EBSNA by:

- Understanding what EBSNA is and what contributes to it
- Developing a toolkit of strategies to support wellbeing and attendance
- Creating a forum for peer support with other parents experiencing EBSNA.

What do we mean by EBSNA?

Difficulty attending school due to emotional factors which can manifest as anxiety and, in some cases, result in prolonged periods of absence from school.

Who is the training for?

This training is for parents of children and young people who are finding attendance to school difficult. They may be showing the following behaviours:

- Expressing worries about school
- School attendance with stress and pleas for non-attendance
- Repeated behaviours in the morning to avoid school
- Repeated lateness in the morning followed by attendance
- Periodic absences or skipping of classes
- Repeated absences or skipping of classes
- Repeated absences or skipping of classes mixed with attendance
- Complete absence from school during a certain period of time/parts of the day

Please note that, at this time, **this training and support is not suitable for parents of children who have been absent from school for an extended period of time.** We hope to further develop our offer in this area over time.