



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 17th September 2021

NEXT WEEK DATES

Date	Event	Year group
Wed 22 nd Sept	Netball trials 3.30-4.30pm	Year 6
	Maths Workshop 3.30-4.30	Year 3 parents
Fri 24 th Sept	CELEBRATION EVENING CANCELLED	
Mon 27 th Sept	INSET DAY	

IMPORTANT

YEAR 3 MATHS WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 3.40-4.30PM

Year 3 Parents are invited to come into school for a maths workshop to hear about how we teach maths at Wallace Fields Junior School and our expectations. Please wear a mask for the duration of the meeting. There is no crèche provided during the welcome meetings but children and siblings are permitted to attend as long as they sit quietly (otherwise please take them out) and they are not permitted to play on the activity trim trail or playground. If you are unable to attend or you are from a different year group, **we will also be streaming the meeting live** and a Google Meet invite will be sent out before the meeting. We will also post the full presentation on the website.

INSET DAY ON MONDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Please don't forget that school will be shut to children on Monday 27th September. Also we have a school closure day on Friday 22nd October in lieu of the Jubilee bank holiday.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Today we wished all the best to Mrs Legg who has taken a great opportunity of a role in communications for Glyn Learning Foundation Schools and we will be sad to say goodbye to this popular and helpful Teaching Assistant. Mrs S. White, who is already familiar with the school as she has already been working with us since the Summer, will be taken over Mrs Legg's role as the Teaching Assistant in Year 3. Mrs C. White has also joined our staff this term and has taken over from Mrs Childs as School Business Manager.

COVID UPDATE

The Covid procedures documents have been updated on our website following Department for Education (DfE) guidelines, please [click here](#) to read them. The main change is that Mr Lee will be obliged to contact Public Health England (PHE) for their decision on whether the school should close, if one of these thresholds are reached in school:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.

In the meantime, continue to be vigilant to Covid symptoms and follow Government covid rules on testing and isolation. For the latest Government Covid rules [click here](#).

REMOTE LEARNING PROVISION

In the event of PHE ordering the closure of the school due to a number of positive cases, the school has a Remote Learning Provision. This approach is also applicable if your child is off from school due to testing positive and yet they are not feeling sick and can work on tasks unhindered (asymptomatic). This is an organised switch to the remote learning resources developed and planned here at school. This resource is detailed in the document "Covid-19 Contingency Plan and Remote Education Provision" [click here](#). It is in line with the DfE expectation for minimum hours of intervention per day and tasks for children unable to attend school for either of these reasons. Details will be sent out via Parentmail, our website and Twitter in the event of a school closure. Special needs provision will be maintained with staff, TAs and SNAs contacting those families where children have an EHCP or specific learning needs. The document details the school's approach to ensure the best possible teaching and learning remotely. If your child tests positive please do not send them into school but follow the guidance on the school and government websites. Please inform the school as we have a responsibility to report significant numbers to PHE. Thank you to all parents for being vigilant and encouraging good hygiene and Covid safe practices – we have had no reported cases so far and hope that it continues to be so.

CAR PARKING AND TURNING

Please think of the children first and do not do three point turns in the road at peak time. The safety of the children must come first. Please drive down Dorling Drive and use the turning circle at the bottom to come back up again. Some drivers have been seen using people's drives to turn and this is simply dangerous and selfish. Unfortunately, a resident parked on the left of Dorling Drive today and this impeded the flow of traffic. We do have a Resident's Liaison Group that meet every term with Mr Lee to develop mutually beneficial links with the community and to find solutions to issues arising. He will be discussing this parking issue so that local residents can also help us with the flow of traffic. Thank you to those parents who already use the turning circle at the bottom of Dorling Drive and an even bigger thank to those who walk to school.

CHANGING FOR SPORTS OR DANCE CLUBS

Children who are wearing their PE kit on the day of a club do not need to change however, it is a good idea to bring along a change of clothes especially if it is an outdoor activity where they are likely to get muddy. For football club the children are not allowed metal studs and are forbidden to wear studs in school – club leaders will ask children to take off their football boots and muddy trainers and placed in a carrier bag to take home so please bring in an additional pair of trainers or boots. The children should put their uniform back on if they are in uniform that day. Where children have a football club beyond school we can allow them to stay in football kit, otherwise they should change back into their uniform if they came to school in uniform.

READING WORKSHOP HANDOUTS

This week we saw lots of Year 3 parents for a reading workshop. Please [click here](#) to see the reading workshop handouts and lots more information about reading at Wallace Fields Junior School.

PTA

UPDATE ON PTA PLANS

Thanks to the parents who joined the virtual PTA meeting on Monday. Special thanks to Jade Dodd (Mother of child in Year 3) who kindly agreed to get in touch with Wallace Fields Infant School to create a working party for the **fireworks on Sunday 14th November**. She will be in touch to seek out parent helpers soon. Her contact details are as follows: email jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk or call **07595514035**.

YEAR GROUP AFTERNOON TEAS TO REPLACE CELEBRATION EVENING

Sadly the PTA have decided to cancel the Celebration Evening that was planned for Friday 24th September. It will be replaced by **four afternoon tea events** – one per year group from **2.30pm** to the year group's end of day. It will be a great opportunity to get together and meet other parents. The Music Teacher is currently teaching each year group one or two songs which they will perform while you have your afternoon tea. Each year group will need to organise refreshments, provide cakes and biscuits. Please get in touch with Mrs Day Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk, if you or a group of you are able to help co-ordinate the refreshments for your year group.

So please put these **exciting events** in your calendar. More information will follow.

- Year 3 tea party - Wednesday 20th October
- Year 4 tea party - Thursday 21st October
- Year 5 tea party - Thursday 3rd November
- Year 6 tea party - Friday 4th November
- Joint Junior and Infant School Annual Fireworks display - Sunday 14th November

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Rachel Vohra and Sarah Chapman have very kindly volunteered to be the two class Reps for Year 3. They will help co-ordinate PTA events such as the afternoon tea event for Year 3 as well as teachers cards etc. If you would be happy to be the class rep for your class then please contact Mrs Houghton jen.houghton@hotmail.co.uk and Mrs Day Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk to let her know. We are still looking to find a **PTA chair or co-chair** so please let us know if you are interested in this role. Much appreciated.

The Year 3 parent rep contact details are as follows:-
Sarah Chapman - 07842653807 chappychap40@gmail.com
Rachel Vohra - 07956326323 rachel.vohra@gmail.com

LIBRARY CROWDFUNDING PAGE LAUNCHED

Please help us raise money for our school library by going to our crowdfunding page below. Please do share with your friends and family!

<https://www.rocketfund.org/wfjs-library>



SCHOOL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

Tel: 0208 393 0350 Email: Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

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

HAPPY BAGS

Happy Bags will be collecting from the turning circle after drop off on **Thursday 14th October**. Happy School Bag is an easy fundraising scheme that helps schools, clubs and other organisations to raise funds through the collection of pre-loved reusable clothing. Please start collecting adult and children's clothing, paired Shoes, fashion accessories, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, jewellery, and perfumes. Please ensure that only clothing in good reusable condition is placed in the bags, which the PTA will distribute to parents nearer the time. For more information go to: <http://happyschoolbag.co.uk/>

YEAR 6

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

Today a letter was sent out to all Year 6 parents /carers about the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability Training Scheme, during the school day during either **week commencing 4th or 11th October 2021**. In past years, most children have taken part. Please pay online on Scopay as soon as possible to reserve your child's place (£15 per child or £4 if eligible for FSM) and complete the **Surrey County Council Consent form by Wednesday 21st September**.

SPORTS

YEAR 6 NETBALL TRIALS

Thank you to all the children who attended this week's first netball team trial - we had a great session and I was impressed by how well everyone played. We only had 12 children come along though and ideally, we would have 14-16 players in our squad to make an A and a B team. So if your **son or daughter** thinks they maybe would possibly like to consider coming to the second (and last) trial next Wednesday, please give them a gentle nudge as I am sure they will enjoy themselves and will obviously have a good chance to gain a place in the squad! Louise Wilson, Sports Coordinator. LWilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

EPSOM COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 22nd September seven children been invited to compete in a 7-a-side football tournament at Epsom College. **Our squad is: Andrew, Ayrton, Jimmy, Josh C, Lucas, Ryan & Thomas M and possibly one other to be confirmed**. Their parents have already been contacted. **There will be** practice session next Monday 19th September lunchtime from 12.30 – 1pm, so please can the children bring suitable clothing, including their boots and shin pads.

REMINDERS

HOW TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Miss Day, our new computing lead and Miss Sargeant have created an easy user guide to keeping children safe online. Internet safety is a priority at Wallace Fields Junior School. Click here for a video for parents to learn about how we support the children in school and also what can be done at home to ensure **all** children are safe online.

<https://loom.com/share/9c6ddf3afd2f410db4cad510646a871b>

WOULD YOU LIKE WRAPAROUND CARE AT WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL?

Thank you for all those who have already completed the wraparound care survey. If you have not do so already and would be interested in Energy Kidz wraparound care at Wallace Fields Junior School then please [click here](#) and complete the quick Google survey by Monday 20th September. If there is sufficient interest it would make the club viable and create a smooth transition between school and wraparound care.

ALTERNATIVE PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Please try and avoid calling the school office late in the afternoon about pick up arrangements. If possible, give your child a note in the morning to hand to their teacher. If this is not possible email the school on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk **before lunch** and school office will let the class teacher know at afternoon registration.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

LONG HAIR

Please ensure all pupil hair is tied up and tidy and if touching the shoulders it needs to be tied back in a ponytail. Messy hair is not acceptable and we have given parents long enough to get their hair tidied up. It encourages nits, it is a health & safety issue in PE and it looks terrible especially when not combed or tidy.

ABSENCE LINE

If your child is unwell or not coming into school for any reasons please call the school on 0208 393 0350 by 9am every morning of absence and leave a message stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. Thank you. If your child is going to a club or wrap around care provider please contact the leader to let them know of your child's absence too.

WELLBEING AT WFJS

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](#).

NEW FREE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

A new free 24/7 emotional wellbeing and mental health crisis line for children, young people and their families. Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust have asked schools to draw your attention to the free Children and Young People's Crisis Line which is available for children and their Parents and Carers to access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service is accessible for all young people aged 6 to 18 years living in Surrey, and their Parents and Carers, who are struggling with mental health difficulties. Families are strongly encouraged to access this free support, if needed.



A NEW FREE 24/7 EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES IN SURREY.

Call 0800 9154644

A professional will **support, advise** or **signpost** you. No referral needed.



COMMUNITY

FORMER PUPIL COMPLETES EXTREME CHALLENGE FOR ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CHARITY

Lewis H and his Mum Jenny Houghton took part in a challenging event in the Lake District to raise money for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, where Lewis was treated in 2015. Lewis was the youngest participant to ever take part in this challenge on their behalf, so it was a really big deal for, all his family and the hospital. Mum told us that "Lewis was remarkable, not only completing the challenge, but he was at the front of the pack the entire day! We had to cycle 18k with an insane hill that lasted 20 minutes, most adults got off and walked at some point! Then we had to hike for 4hrs up Old Man Coniston mountain in the rain and mist, finishing with a 1.5k kayak around Coniston water. I have to admit to being a very very proud parent – he didn't complain once and has raised just over £1500 so all worthwhile!"



MESSAGE FROM CHILDREN'S AUTHOR SOPHIE ANDERSON

Dear pupils of Wallace Fields Junior School,

HELLO! I hope you are all finding some joy this year! I believe stories can bring us great joy, and I also believe that every time we read a book our universe grows a little BIGGER and a little *brighter*. Here are a few of my favourite books...



...and I am reading all these at the moment (I like to dip and in out of books!)



What are your favourite books, and what are you reading at the moment? I wish you all many reading adventures this year, and beyond!

Star-filled wishes from Sophie Anderson, author of...



HOW Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now"

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer"

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week"

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected"



Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

where:

Epsom Family Centre
Pound Lane
Epsom KT19 8SD

when:

Every Thursday 9.45 to 11.45 a.m.
from 16th September to 25th November

contact details:

Lesley Lane (Home Start)
Email: Lesley.Lane@hseeb.org.uk



The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers

HOW to get the best out of family life



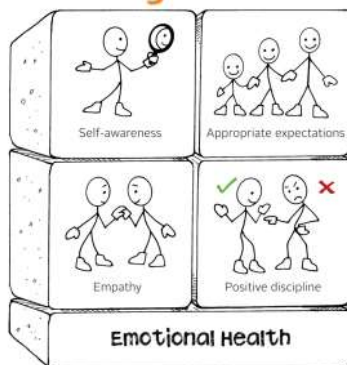
What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme



What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including

- Understanding** why children behave as they do
- Recognising** the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Exploring** different approaches to discipline
- Finding** ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learning** the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break.

8-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Some groups provide a creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle



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