

# **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

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#### **HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE**



We've had a great week in school and have really settled down to normal routines and behaviour expectations, with our teachers and friends.

This week we carried out a wellbeing questionnaire with all the pupils to check in and see how they are. We will be studying all the results and supporting those children, who would like to talk to a trusted adult. The wellbeing of the pupils is our priority and we know that it has been difficult for some children at this challenging time.

This afternoon we had so much fun with our Sponsored Comic Relief run. In the glorious sunshine! We've been so lucky with the weather today. Check twitter for pictures.

If you haven't had chance yet, please do try to sponsor these very worthwhile event to help us and Comic Relief.

I'd like to wish you a lovely weekend. Please do reach out to your class teacher if we can help in any way.

Mrs Day

#### **ASSSEMBLY LINK**

<u>Click here</u> for a link to today's celebration assembly presented by Mrs Day and Year 5 representatives.

#### **SPONSORED RUN /WALK**

Wow - what an exciting week! All children have been given the opportunity to complete the Daily Mile this week with a target to run a combined total of 536 miles (from Berwick Upon Tweed to Land's End). We have seen fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm from all the children whilst they have shown determination to complete their second Sponsored Run of the academic year, raising money for a Comic Relief and resources in school.

So far, we have raised an amazing **£1,100 raised for vitual run** so far! If you would still like to donate, please follow the link: <u>https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/14657</u>

During our week, the children have also been provided with reflective time to recognise feelings and the impact exercise has on their wellbeing. This is something we are seeking to recognise more in school as an area we value hugely. We can't wait to see what new challenges the children face this year. Well done Wallace Fields! Miss Day, PE Lead



## WFJS Blog w/c: 15.3.21

"Welcome to another blog. This week, each year group will be taking part in a sponsored walk/run. Each class is running a certain distance varying from class to class.

The school is doing this specific event for 1. raising money for comic relief and 2. For buying more Chromebooks. The first £278 will go to comic relief and any extra money raised will go towards Chromebooks. The Chromebooks cost about £330 while the charging points are a whopping £800! The school requires 68 more Chromebooks for every child to have one!

Year 3 will have to run 116 miles as a year group, year 4 will have to complete 128 miles, year 5 have to do 140 miles and year 6 need to run/walk 152 miles to ensure all money can be raised for the school and comic relief.

We need as many people to donate, as much money as possible, so that our school can afford the expensive Chromebooks for our target so that we can have all the Chromebooks we need.

Our school is thankful for all the fantastic running that has been taking place between all of the year groups and we would like to say thank you. Money you have given so please just give us for charity and Chromebooks so we can be very successful and make our school a better place for learning and for enjoyment in lessons." Written by the WFJS bloggers Lucas W, Tristan M, Henry K, and Noah B

#### **CAREUL PARKING & DRIVING PLEASE**

A polite reminder that parents must avoid blocking residents driveways please and to pick up and drop off safely- by not stopping in the middle of the road.

#### YEAR 3 DT REMINDER

Thursday 25th March is Year 3 D&T day, so children will need to bring in their fruits and equipment to make their fruit salad. Children must only bring one cutlery knife (no sharp knives) and all hard fruits should be chopped at home.

#### YEAR 5 – ART APRONS PLEASE

Please can all Year 5 bring in art aprons or old shirts on Monday 22nd March, as we are using acrylic paint which doesn't wash out. Thank you.

#### **OLD FISH TANKS NEEDED**

Please could you ask if any families have old/no longer used small to medium sized glass fish tanks with lids, that they wouldn't mind donating to the school. We need two for Year 4 as we are adopting some creatures that will require a glass tank with a lid. We thought we would ask first rather than buy some! Empty please - just the tank! If you are able to help please email EGough@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

#### SOME CLUBS TO RETURN

Some limited clubs which will be in Year Group bubbles will return after Easter including: Athletics, Football, Hip hop and Book Club. Hopefully, more will be able to return in the future as the rules are relaxed. We will share with you club letters over the next few weeks.

#### SAFER TRAVEL SURVEY

Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team are undertaking research with parents of primary aged pupils to develop a better understanding of **the different types of travel**, **how frequently they're used**, **why that type is used**, **and if that preferred type has changed or been influenced by Covid-19 coronavirus.** Please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to complete the survey using the link below. The closing date for completing the survey is 11.59pm on 16th April and the survey should be completed for each child that attends our school. If you have another child which attends a separate primary school, please complete an additional survey. Thank you for continuing to support our school to improve pupils' journeys to school.

#### **GUIDANCE FROM DFE**

Please <u>Click here</u> for the latest guidance & update from Department of Education (DfE) for parents and carers of children at primary and secondary schools

# **DATES FOR 2021-22**

A joint WFJS & WFIS letter went out a week or so ago with the INSET dates for next year. Please see all the term dates for next year on our website- <u>click here</u>.

## LATERAL FLOW TESTS FOR FAMILIES

If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a school pupil, college student or of a staff member, you can get twice-weekly symptom-free tests. The symptom-free tests for households are not available from schools or colleges. Households can get a test by booking an appointment online at a symptomfree testing site, or by collecting a home-testing kit from a designated collection point, or if unable to travel to a site, by ordering a kit online. You can find out more at <u>surreycc.gov.uk/symptomfreecovidtesting</u>. Please remember if your child or a household or bubble member develop COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free testing. Book a free test at <u>gov.uk/getcoronavirus-test</u> or call 119.

## ALEC STEWART CHARITY EVENT

The local Foodbank helps families who do not have adequate IT to get laptops or tablets for students to study at home. The former England cricket captain and commentator Alec Stewart has kindly agreed to do a zoom event 7pm on Thursday 25th March to help raise funds for the project. He will talk about English cricket as well as reminiscing about his time in test cricket. He will then take questions from the audience. To purchase a ticket for the event, please <u>click here</u>

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#### Happy Comic Relief Day!

Thank you to all the families that have supported the virtual run, we have raised £1,100 so far so keep those sponsorships coming in!

Have you 'Bin-Going' mad? Then why not join us online for our fabulous **PTA Bingo night**. The first one is for year 3/4 families, its on **24th March at 7.30pm**. 2 Games for just a fiver! From '55 - google classrooms going live' to "44 - home schooling no more' come and have a '99 - funtime on line.' See the flyer attached separately.

Finally we will be **moving the date for the next PTA meeting**. Watch this space for a new date and agenda.





# **ARE YOU CONSIDERING WRAPAROUND CARE?**



Club Vale, like many businesses we have felt the economic effects of COVID and have sadly dropped in numbers as some parents find themselves still furloughed or working from home. We are hopeful that come September our numbers will be back to where they were as parents return to the workplace.

With this in mind, if you are considering childcare or want to increase your sessions I do hope you will consider us at Club Vale. We are COVID safe

and are following the school bubbles to ensure that the school community is supported and COVID secure.

In order to follow the government guidelines we are **always thinking of new ways to play!** We rotate our games, carry out thorough cleaning between year groups and **get outside with a ball or other games** as much as possible. The children are enjoying **the trim trail** in their groups and we are all happy that the days are staying lighter longer! When we are indoors the children enjoy **cake making, Wii Dance competitions, arts and crafts, table tennis** and much more.

We are always open to suggestions, so if your children have an requests or you have any ideas please do let us know!

We have in the past been asked for iPads and we have given this serious consideration, however as ambassadors for 'play' we believe that Club Vale should be a place for children to play together, use their imaginations and enjoy their time away from the screen. We choose the Wii as an alternative as this is more team orientated and physical and the children do love a competition!

If anybody has **any Wii games or controllers** they no longer use and would like to donate we would be happy to receive these and make a donation to the school or a cause of your choice!

Also if you would like your child to join us, don't wait, we have **an Easter Egg hunt** planned before we break up! The more the merrier!

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Karen & Sally

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