

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

#### Issue: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

### **SCHOOL DATES**

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school after Easter holidays
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Catch up parents evening 4G
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	PTA WFJS WFIS CIRCUS – Tickets only. 3.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Music Assembly – parents of musicians invited 1.15-1.45pm

## **HEAD'S UPDATE**

Another fabulous end to a very exciting term. A long assembly was needed today to give out all the certificates, awards, medals and accolades that the children have earned this half term. It was a real pleasure to celebrate their sporting achievements, their involvement in competitions and activities and also to credit those who had achieved 100% attendance during such challenging times. Well done to all those children who entered the Easter Egg design competition and the winners received their prizes today. I am also very proud of the children who performed so well in the Epsom and Ewell Music Festival, and to see all the schools coming together again was a delight. Thanks to the PTA for all their amazing efforts too – raising valuable funds and creating some excellent activities and events along the way!

**Covid Update** – this week we had a peak of 4 children ending with no infections today. No staff were off with Covid this week. The advice is changing and is included in this bulletin.

**Ofsted Update** – the call did not come so we await their arrival next term.

**Field Events on our Upper Field** – we own the upper field which we permit the infants to use for their sports days etc. Please note that for the junior school events on our upper field you are not permitted to use the infant school

facilities. Even if you have a child attending the infants you must not use their school for toilets etc. If you come to a junior school event on our upper field such as a football match or the inter-house cross country, please use the junior school facilities. Thank you.

**Happy Easter** – It has been a very active and exciting term and my thanks go to all the staff and teachers for their incredible efforts. I do hope you have a fabulous Easter break and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the summer term at 8.50am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

# THIS WEEK

#### **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

We were so proud of our Year 5 & 6 chamber choir who did a superb performance at the Epsom and Ewell Music Festival at the Epsom Playhouse on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Thank you to their musical director and choir lead Ms Hallett and thanks to the other staff who helped at the festival.



#### WELLBEING DAYS

The children had lots of fun taking part in the wellbeing days at the end of term celebrating the link between physical and mental health. The children particularly loved their taster ballroom dancing session with Adelmo Mandia & Leah Rolfe. Your child can sign up for their (before school) club on Fridays after the Easter holidays. For more information you can visit their website www.adelmoleahdance.co.uk.

In addition, the children enjoyed the physical activity sessions led by our Year 6 Sports Crew members who managed brilliantly despite the freezing conditions.

#### YEAR 5 & 6 TAG RUGBY

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March the year 5 & 6 rugby squads took part in the Epsom and Ewell Tag Rugby tournament at Priest Hill. Amidst strong competition the year 6 team did not make it past the knock-out stage, but the year 5 team qualified for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play-offs, which they won and therefore they came third in the competition. Brilliant rugby was played by both teams and huge thanks to Mr Jawad who coached and managed the year 5 team so wonderfully.

#### **OUR NEW LOOK LIBRARY**



# IMPORTANT

#### SUMMER UNIFORM

The uniform will change to be summer uniform after the Easter break. For more information about our uniform policy <u>click here</u> but to summarise from Easter until October half term children can wear the Summer uniform which is as follows:-

- Grey shorts, grey trousers, grey knee-length skirt or red and white gingham print dress.
- White shirt, white blouse or polo shirt with school logo
- Red V-neck pullover with school logo or red cardigan with school logo
- Grey or white ankle socks, grey, black or red tights
- Black shoes (sensible no fashion shoes, no trainers or sandals)
- Additional trainers for use at playtime
- School tie (unless wearing gingham dress or school polo shirt)

#### LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Father Mark Stafford of St. Mary's Church in Ewell as been in touch with the school and is keen to be involved in assemblies, class lessons and whole school assemblies. We are always keen to involve the local community so if you know of an outside group that might like to come in and work with the children – such as a musical group or a band, then please let us know and we can get in touch.

#### YEAR 6 LEAVERS BOOK

Don't forget to remind your year 6 child to complete their entry for the leaver's book on Google classroom.

#### COVID UPDATE – 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2022

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April. The key updated guidance is as follows:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Please <u>click here</u> for more information.

#### **TEACHING ASSISTANT POST AT WFJS**

We are looking to appoint an inspirational Teaching Assistant and Special Needs Support working 25 hours per week in term time only starting asap. This exciting and rewarding role requires someone who is patient, flexible, and adaptable and who is able to show initiative in the classroom. The successful candidate will be required to support the class teacher, to assist in the preparation of resources and supporting the children's needs. This will include working with an individual child and groups of children, both in and outside of the classroom, under the guidance of the class teacher. The role will also involve some lunchtime supervision. You will need to work well as part of a team. To find out more and to apply contact the School Business Manager Claire White on Admin@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

## REMINDERS

#### CHESS CLUB

If your child would be interested in learning to play chess or improving their chess skills why not join the popular chess club after school on Wednesdays. Contact club leader Mrs Casey to find out more <u>debs.casey@outlook.com Click here</u> to see the club letter.

#### ENERGY KIDZ WRAPAROUND CARE AT WFJS!

Are you looking for age appropriate seamless wraparound care? Do you want child care that is personalised and professional? **Energy Kidz** provides wrap around care inside Wallace Fields Junior School. Children can go straight from clubs to Energy Kidz! There are still some places available at Breakfast Clubs (7:30am until 8:45am) and after school clubs (3:20pm until 6:00pm). To book please login/create an account and secure your place online by <u>clicking here</u>. **Customer Service Team are also available between 8am – 6pm and their contact details are as follows Email <u>info@energy-kidz.co.uk</u> Tel: 0333 577 1533. For more information <u>click here</u>.** 

#### HOLIDAY CLUB OVER EASTER

Easter Holidays are here and SCL are offering a holiday club based at Wallace Fields Junior School. SCL offer Ofsted registered multi-activity clubs designed to engage and entertain children of all interests, **aged 4 to 12 years**. With over 30 themed activities including sports, team games and arts and crafts, your children will keep active and entertained with friends this Easter. Our holiday theme is **Nature** and will showcase the beauty of nature in an exciting way, sparking your child's imagination and interest in the great outdoors! With prices from £30 a day we have both **standard and extended day options** available to suit all your childcare needs. <u>Click here</u> to find out more. To book <u>click here</u>.



#### **ROCKETS NETBALL CLUB**

If your child is interested in learning and playing netball in a fun environment then why not sign your child up for the popular netball club after school on Mondays. Contact the club leader (and former pupils' parent) Mr Lyon on <u>davidflyon@yahoo.co.uk</u>. <u>Click here</u> to download the club letter.

#### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

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

#### **RESIDENTIAL TRIP PAYMENT REMINDERS:**

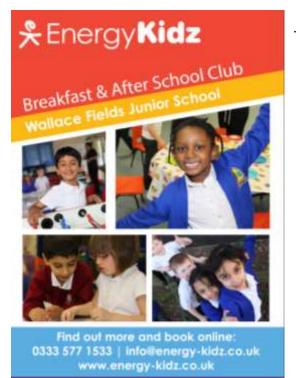
If your child is going on a child's residential trip, please do not forget to pay on Scopay the final installment:

- Year 4 £80 is due 22nd April 2022 for Hooke Court
- Year 5 £120 is due 18th April 2022 for Isle of Wight
- Year 6 £120 is due on 11th April 2022 for Isle of Wight.

#### WELLBEING

We strive to ensure that all the children are safe and happy at school. 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.** 

Go to<u>www.mindworks-surrey.org</u> for a fantastic emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people, including the CAMHS service, now known as Intensive Interventions.



Secure your child's space today!

### WFJS Book Club – April Meeting

In our last meeting we discussed our March reads. The *Lottie Brooks* series which deals with the transition from Year 6 to senior school had been a big hit with the upper school (particularly the girls although several boys also read these funny, diary-style books). We then opened our Book Monster Recommendations, sent over from the children at the Book Club at Langley Vale Primary (we had sent them our recommendations last month. This month children can choose between two books, and over Easter we have a selection of Bunny-related reads.:

**Year 3** are choosing to read either *The Accidental Secret Agent* by Tom McLaughlin or, *Dragon Storm Tomas and Ironskin* by Alastair Chisholm



**Year 4** can read either *Wonderscape* by Jennifer Bell or *The House at the Edge of Magic* (if you've read this then - *The Tower at the End of Time*) by Amy Sparkes



**Year 5** can read either of these titles: *The King of the Copper Mountains* by Paul Biegel or *Front Desk* by Kelly Wang



**Year 6** can choose between *Starboard* by Nicola Skinner or *Skellig* by David Almond



### OPTIONAL BUNNY RELATED READS FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS



Bunny vs. Monkey by Jamie Smart (if you like graphic novels – great for fans of Dog Man)

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams (if you like classic and gentle)

The Great Rabbit Rescue by Katie Davies (If you like funny)

*Bunnicula* by James and Deborah Howe (if you want a rabbit tale of mystery)

*The Legend of Podkin One-Ear* by Kieran Larwood (if you want fantasy)

Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans (if you like a crazy adventure)

Watership Down by Richard Adams (if you want a classic, hefty read – ADVISORY this is sold as a 9 - 12, but told from the point of view of the rabbits it is a brutal depiction of wildlife in parts, Suitable for Year 6+)



#### THANKS

it's been a busy term full of fun activities and fundraising. The children got to enjoy silly science, maths workshops, the arrival of the new library and of course fun on the bouncy castle assault course - to name a few! But none of this would be possible without the amazing support and donations of the parents, so on behalf of the whole school and the PTA THANK YOU x

#### CHALLENGE 2022

A huge congratulations to all the children that participated in the 2022 Challenge and raised money for the PTA. We've seen some really inspiring challenges being taken on. They have all received a certificate to mark their participation. We are so proud of them. Thank you to:

Aayush C 3B George D 3M Olivia A 3B Ben S 3M Felicity V 3B Imogen D 3M Sophie W 3M

Naomi W 3M Ciaran Y 3M Otis B 4G Ella H 5S Noah Y 5S

#### EASTER EGG DESIGN COMPETITION

A wonderful effort by all the children that participated in the Easter Egg Design Competition. We had some really thoughtful and creative designs and teachers certainly had a difficult job judging! Winners from each year group were presented with their prizes in assembly today. The winners are:

- Year 6: Elina 1<sup>st</sup>, Eva 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeremy 3<sup>rd</sup> and Max 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Year 5: Alessandro 1<sup>st</sup> (see below), Nora 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hannah 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ira 4<sup>th</sup>
- Year 4: Charlie 1<sup>st</sup>, Stanley 2<sup>nd</sup>, Amelia S 3<sup>rd</sup> and Brittany M 4<sup>th</sup>
- Year 3: Ella V 1<sup>st</sup>, Sian 2<sup>nd</sup>, Heidi 3<sup>rd</sup> and Patrick 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### CIRCUS -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need lots of volunteers to help ensure the Circus event runs smoothly. PLEASE sign up for a volunteer slot if you possibly can at <u>www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta</u>. No one is required to volunteer during the show itself! We cannot run these big events without your support so THANK YOU for any help you can provide.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Circus event. We are delighted that it is so popular. We are operating <u>a waiting</u> <u>list</u> for those who didn't get tickets. Please email <u>wfispta@gmail.com</u> to be added to the wait list in case of cancellations. If you have tickets and no longer require one or more, please let us know on <u>wfispta@gmail.com</u> so they can be re- allocated to another family.

Huge thanks to Sherwood Park Dental Practice for sponsoring our Circus event! We really appreciate your support.

### SP SHERWOOD PARK DENTAL PRACTICE



#### A SELECTION OF THE WINNING EASTER EGG DESIGNS





### Wallace Fields Infant and Junior School Circus event 21st April 2022

Tickets are on sale 6pm 25th March via <u>http://pta-events.co.uk/wfispta</u> First come first served. £10 each, under 2's on laps are free

The circus itself starts at 5.30 and lasts for 2 hours. There will be a 30 minute interval. The show theme this year is 'Cabaret' and consists of plenty of razzle dazzle, International artists from around the world performing magic, illusions, lots of fun clowning, music, comedy, song, aerialists with lots of audience participation.

From 3.30 there will be a BBQ available alongside a cafe & bar as well as craft activities, tattoos & a goalie game.

#### Helping on the Day

We need help with setting up on the day from lpm, during the event itself or by clearing up afterwards. No one misses the show as everyone downs tools at 5.30.

#### Children's safety

The Safety of the children remains the parents' responsibility at all times. There will be a Lost children meeting point on the field.

#### How to get there

Entrance will be via the Infant school gate ONLY. There will be NO parking in either school and if you are driving please park considerately & not across residents' driveways.

#### COVID

Please ensure that you have taken a lateral flow and have a negative result before attending the performance.

#### Pushchairs

Due to fire regulations pushchairs and prams are not allowed in the Big Top. There will be a specially designated area outside the tent for you to park them.

#### Toilets & First Aid

There will be toilets open in both the Reception and Nursery block, clearly signposted. The sun is not going down until approx Spm and we have a First Aid company on site throughout the event.

#### End of the Event/Evacuation

At the end of the night OR in the unlikely event that we need to vacate the field during the evening the Infant school silver gate will be open as well as the entrance to the staff car park. Please remember to respect our neighbours as you leave.

## COMMUNITY



