



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 1st October 2021

SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event	Year group
Mon 4 th Oct	Bikeability class 6H	6
Weds 6 th Oct	Lower School in school book sale 12.30pm	3 & 4
Friday 8 th Oct	Inter-house cross country 2-3pm	Parents welcome

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- w/c 11th October – Bikeability for 6K
- 14th October – Happy bags collection
- 15th October – Year 5 river walk
- 20th October 2.30-3.30pm – Year 3 Tea party
- 21st October 2.30-3.25pm – Year 4 Tea Party
- 22nd October - closed in lieu of Platinum Jubilee
- 25th to 29th October – half term
- 2nd November nasal flu spray
- 3rd November 2.30-3.20pm – Year 5 Tea Party
- 4th November 2.30-3.20pm – Year 6 Tea Party
- 14th November WFJS/WFIS Fireworks night

IMPORTANT

CROSS COUNTRY – PARENTS WELCOME FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER 2PM-3PM

Four boys and four girls from each house in each Year Group are being selected to compete in the Inter-House Cross Country. **Weather permitting**, the event will take place on Friday 8th October from around 2pm until the end of the school day. There will be four races lower school girls, lower boys, upper girls then upper boys. The whole school will come out to cheer on their house and parents/carers are welcome to attend and **children will go home at their normal time**. In order for them to be able to take part, children will need to bring in their **PE kits**, even if it is not normally their PE day. Children taking part are encouraged to bring a **T-shirt in their house colour** to wear for the cross country.

LUNCHTIME BOOK SALE

Mrs Bruen and Mrs Elliot are running two **book sales** to help clear the library a little in preparation **for the new carpet** at half-term and ultimately the new space. There are some **lovely books!** **3 books for £1.00**. **Small change only please and it will be a maximum of three books each**. It will be held in the computer suite during the school day. If your child would like to purchase some books then please send them in with a pound in a named purse or envelope and a named plastic bag to bring them home.

- Lower School: **Wednesday 6th Oct, 12.30 - 1pm**, in the computer suite.
- Upper School: **Wednesday 13th Oct 12.10 - 12.40**, in the computer suite

HEALTHY EATING MENU COMPETITION

Create a healthy menu (main and pudding) on an A4 poster and the winner's menu will be cooked by our catering team Twelve15. A few of the best posters will also be put on display. The competition is also open to children with packed lunches who can create a Healthy Eating packed lunch poster. Be as creative and colourful as you like – all media, but no 3D entries. Posters to be returned to class teachers on **Friday 08 October**. **All entries cost £1 to go towards PTA**. Class teachers will have a bucket in their classroom.

ADDRESSING QUERIES & CONCERNS

Please contact your class teacher or any of the senior leadership team if you have a query or concern as this means we can deal with it. [Click here](#) and select the red envelope for their email address. Voicing opinions on social media might help vent frustrations but we cannot act on what we do not know about. We will always take your comments seriously and give them due consideration. Response will be to the relevant group regarding changes or actions taken. We are all working towards doing the best by the children and working for the best possible outcomes for them.

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>

BRILLIANT SCHOOLS' WELLBEING PROGRAMME

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 short video about getting back to our best with a little introspection and retrospection. The link will be active for the next 30 days. [Click here](#)

NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

YEAR 5

RIVER WALK – FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2021

Year 5 are looking forward to a river walk and a visit to Bourne Hall to hear about the importance of the spring in Ewell. Thank you for all the parents who have signed up to help for the whole day - we will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning back to school for 3.00pm.

YEAR 6

SCHOOL BLOG

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Get ready for bike ability

Year 6 bike ability is happening soon so prepare for it

6H Bikeability is next week

6K Bikeability starts 11th October.

To attend to bike ability you must have

- A bike working (pumped up tyres)
- A strong suitable helmet
- Bike chain lock
- A suitable raincoat for all weather conditions
- And a pair of grip trainers
- Come in wearing comfortable clothes



By Rebecca P, Annabelle B, Penny S and Ethan D

BIKEABILITY – 6H STARTS MONDAY 4th OCTOBER, 6K THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

All children taking part in Bikeability should come into school in their school uniform and **bring their comfortable cycling clothes, helmet and trainers** with them to change into for the course. Training will go ahead whatever the weather so please remember raincoats. For the safety of all the children in school it is important that your child **must** walk their bikes from the school gate to the cycle sheds. Bicycles should be padlocked at all times when not in use, **please attach a named key fob to the padlock key.** We advise that they should be taken home each evening, however, all bicycles are left at school at the owners' risk, we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage whilst they are on the school premises. Please spare some time to take your child out on the local roads over the weekend and check your child's bicycle and helmet using the guidelines attached separately.

YEAR 6 – SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE APPLICATION DUE VERY SOON

Please submit secondary application forms by Friday 22 October 2021 as this is the Friday before half term..

[Click here.](#)

PTA

SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER FIREWORKS NIGHT FAST APPROACHING

The planning is underway and we're super excited for the fireworks this year. If anybody would like to volunteer to help at the event then please contact Jade Dodd who has some jobs that need filling at

jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk



HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION 14th OCTOBER

Please help us with desperately needed PTA funds and saving the environment by simply clearing out any of the following items: Reusable clean & dry clothes, Reusable clean paired shoes, Fashion accessories, belts, jewellery, handbags/bags, scarves, hats, small ornaments, gift box sets and console games. **Please save any good quality unwanted school uniform for Wallace Fields second hand sales.** Your bags should be brought to school **by 10am** on the day only and left under the gazebo on the turning circle. Please be aware school is unable to store any items before the day due to current restrictions. We also ask that parents dropping off their items continue to observe social distancing rules. Thank you for your support!

WFJS PAID JOBS & VOLUNTEER ROLES

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR ROLE

We are looking for a new lunchtime supervisor. The details are as follows:-

- Responsible for supervising lunch and play sessions over the school lunchtime period and engaging with our young community.
- Term-time hours
- Four to five days per week would be preferable but this is negotiable / flexible. 12.05 - 1.20pm
- Surrey Pay Grade 1-2 starting at £17,833 pa FTE (pro-rata to £2,076 for 4 days)
- The opportunity of working within a supportive, friendly environment in this well run and respected school.

If you are interested in applying please call the school office 0208 393 0350 for an informal chat.

PR /FUNDRAISING SCHOOL PART TIME POSITION

We are keen to recruit for a PR/Fundraising role within the school, which supports the school with Crowdfunding, community grant applications and PR development across the school. The role is 2 hours per week working hours are flexible. The applicant would need to have knowledge of how to apply for grants and be willing to communicate with the school on its brief. An ability to write persuasive applications independently would be desirable.

PARENT HELPERS IN CLASS

We are now looking to re-start our parent 'Helping Hands' to help in the classroom with reading, general help and class admin tasks. If you have a skill or you would like to help in class, we would love to hear from you. Please note that we have a policy of not placing parents in their child's class. Please email office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk so that we can gauge interest. All parent helpers will be required to take a lateral flow test, complete an application for a DBS and attend safeguarding and induction training.

GARDEN ECO VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you have green fingers? Our Eco garden needs you! Would you be able to help one lunchtime per week with some Year 6 helpers? Or one weekend day a month? Please contact Mrs Day Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

LIBRARY HELPER – CAN YOU HELP?

Would you have an hour or 2 per week to help in our library . This would entail returning books to shelves and on the school library system. Mrs Bruen, our librarian, will provide training and you can choose your regular slot.

PARENT GOVERNOR POSITION

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and would really like to hear from any parents who would you like to get involved in the governance of our school. By becoming a governor, **you can help understand how the school works and influence the direction that the school is taking.** Being a governor is a **valuable addition to your CV**, and shows future employers that you have remained committed to your own development despite taking time out of the working world. For an interesting article about five good reasons to be a parent governor [click here](#). The Governing Body **meets twice a term** and is made up of parents and people from the local community. They support the work of the school, and together with the headteacher are responsible for making sure that the school provides a high standard of education for pupils. If you see yourself making an active contribution to the school, why not contact the school office or email Mrs Day on deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk for an **informal chat** about the role.

Safeguarding Statement:

Wallace Fields Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We particularly welcome applications from under-represented groups including ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

READING

LIBRARY BOOKS/VISITS IN SCHOOL

All children visit the school library weekly, or fortnightly. We have a huge selection of books in the library and every child now has a library book. Some children have chosen to leave their book in their school tray, but we encourage children to take their library books home as well, to share at home. Please ensure it is brought into school daily, as we have reading time built into every school day.

Reading is a priority at WFJS and we are keen to create a more aesthetically pleasing library environment for the children with more seating and lower-level shelving for easier access.

UPDATE ON OUR NEW DREAM LIBRARY

The image shows a crowdfunding page for Wallace Fields Junior School. The title is "Help WFJS build our dream library!". Below the title, it says "Project by Wallace Fields Junior School in Epsom, England, United Kingdom". There is a video player showing a library interior. To the right of the video, the text reads: "Escaping into the pages of a book is magical, we want our library to reflect this and be an inspiring place where all our children read." The funding progress is shown as £1,780 raised out of a £12,000 target, with 37 days left and 24 supporters. There are "Follow" and "Support Us" buttons.

Our crowd funding page has now raised 14% of our target and we have 37 left to try to raise as much as we can. 24 people have donated and we are so grateful for these funds of £1,780. Can you help? Any donations are welcome- simply [click here](#).

READING FOR PLEASURE

Our School Development Plan this year includes the promotion of 'Reading for pleasure' and we will be talking to your children about books a lot over the next few weeks and months. This might mean that children are discussing books a lot more at home and so to support some decision making about books, we have encouraged children from the different year groups to create a page of book recommendations, for the children, by the children! These are called 'Padlets' and were started last year and have been built up over the last few months. Should you need some ideas about what books your children may enjoy, please have a look at your child's year group Padlet - the codes are:

Year 3 is currently being built - but here is the one that we have started so far: [Click here](#)



Year 4: [Click here](#)



Year 5: [Click here](#)



Year 6: [Click here](#)



CREATE A "LITTLE FREE LIBRARY"?

Would any of you wonderful parents be willing and able to create a 'Little Free Library' or donate an old cupboard that we could adapt to create our own 'Little Free Library', that we could position at our front gates and possibly around our playground. This could then be a place where the children could be encouraged to donate books and borrow books for free to each other. We will be supplying old library books that we are replacing when we carry out the redesign of our school library. These were little areas that were popping up throughout the lock down, when shops were shut and we would love to be able to take that idea and use it to encourage the sharing of the great books that the children are reading! Here are some photos to show you the kind of 'Little Free Library' areas that we are talking about. A 30-Second Introduction to Little Free Library. [Click here](#) for a video on creating a little free library.



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

JOE FINDLAY GIVEN CHIEF CONSTABLE COMMENDATION

All teaching and school office staff at Wallace Fields Junior School are first aid trained and we have a defibrillator in the school office first aid room. Joe Findlay, our Premises Manager, put his first aid training into practice in May 2020 and helped saved a man's life by administering CPR in a car park. "James, Matthew and **Joe's swift, decisive and selfless actions are the reason the man is alive today.**" Joe was given a Chief Constable's Commendation and the achievement was also recognised by the Royal Humane Society, the form of a Resuscitation Certificate." The whole school are so proud of him.



PRAISE FOR OUR SCHOOL BY ROSEBERY HEAD GIRL ANNA CHAMPNESS

"I truly enjoyed being at Wallace Fields Junior School and look back with the fondest memories. The teachers went above and beyond to encourage curiosity and active learning in every lesson: we wrote short stories in English, did countless science experiments, learnt to play instruments together in music, were taught how to code in ICT. This made the move to secondary school so much easier, because I had developed a strong work ethic and a thirst for knowledge. Outside the classroom, I remember getting involved with loads of extracurricular opportunities (a variety of clubs, the school production, day trips, assemblies, concerts and more). But, it was the legendary residential trips that we all looked forward to. They were the highlight of each year! I am so grateful for the time I spent at WFJS; it set me up for the future in the best possible way."

POP VIDEO FILMED AT WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL



A Leatherhead resident Mike Heard in July hired a classroom and school playground to film a pop video of his 10 year old singer songwriter daughter with her friends and dance teacher from Mark Jermin Stage School in Cobham.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDO2goPAVqc> .
Wow what a talented girl.

There is an opportunity for children of any age (8 and up) to take part in her next video. It will be in a local church hall or around Poole in Dorset. Parents would have to accompany their children. Please contact Mike Heard by emailing mikeheard111@gmail.com or calling 07952 183030.

FREE & LOCAL POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

The WEA are continuously running new courses covering everything from schools and parenting courses, supporting health & emotional wellbeing and courses for volunteering.

- Encouraging Positive Behaviour in Children with SEND (via zoom) - Thursday 7th & 14th Oct 7-9pm
- Helping Your Child to Manage Stress & Anxiety Mon 11th & 18th Oct 10am- 1pm
- Using Relaxation & Mindfulness to Manage Children's Anxiety – Friday 8th Oct: 10am- 12.30pm

For more information phone 0300 303 3464 or go to <https://www.epsomfamilycentre.co.uk/short-courses/>