



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Wednesday 20th October 2021

SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event	Year group
Thurs 21st Oct	Year 4 Tea Party 2.30-3.25pm Parents invited	Year 4
	Halloween Mufti (£2)	all
	Virtual harvest festival assembly 9.15am	Virtual assembly
	No science or Spanish club today	
Fri 22nd Oct	closed in lieu of Platinum Jubilee	all
25th to 29th Oct	half term	all
Mon 1st Nov	First day back at school after half term	
Tues 2nd Nov	Nasal Flu Spray	
Wed 3rd Nov	Year 6 Tea Party 2.30-3.30pm Parents invited	Year 6
Thurs 4th Nov	Year 5 Tea Party 2.30-3.30pm Parents invited	Year 5
	Divali assembly – Special Divali outfits and artifacts	
Friday 5th Nov	World War 1 Workshop	All years
Mon 8th Nov	Readathon starts	
Sun 14th Nov	PTA Fireworks Night – SOLD OUT	
Mon 15th Nov	Parents evening (virtual) 3.45-7.30pm tbc	Invites to be sent
Tues 16th Nov	Parents evening (face to face) 3.45-6.30pm tbc	Invites to be sent
	School tour for prospective parents 10.15-11am tbc	Invites to be sent
Weds 17th Nov	School tour for prospective parents 10.15-11am tbc	Invites to be sent
Tues 23rd Nov	School tour for prospective parents 10.15-11am tbc	Invites to be sent
Tues 24th Nov	School tour for prospective parents 10.15-11am tbc	Invites to be sent
Mon 13th Dec	Christmas concert at Epsom College chapel 6-8pm tbc	Parents invited

HEAD'S UPDATE

It has been a busy, challenging, exciting and stimulating half term for all. The children have loved being back with their friends and peers again and coming to school regularly has been a real treat. I hope this has also been paralleled with a calmer and more routine experience at home for you. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the curriculum has been taught to all including those asymptomatic children online. The huge array of clubs we usually offer has started to emerge and function normally here. The children have still got the journey to make up any gaps caused by lockdown and to raise their levels of resilience and maturity but it is all moving in the right direction. Thanks to all those Year 3 parents who attended the tea party today (and thanks to the PTA for running it). It was a huge success and many parents commented that it was a lovely opportunity to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, see their child's work and get a glimpse on the inside at last. We hope the Covid numbers remain low (we have

been very fortunate in school) and that school continues into the second half term just as successfully. We noticed a few dads have not been reading the bulletin so we can only hope you can prompt them to read it and ensure they get up to date with the latest news. I hope you have a great half term break and we look forward to seeing you again in November.

REMINDERS - THIS WEEK

SCHOOL CLOSED -FRIDAY 22NDOCTOBER

Don't forget we are closed on Friday 22nd October 2021 in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee.

VIRTUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

Parents are welcome to join us virtually for a harvest festival on Thursday 21st at 9:15am. The children will be singing some songs and the Year 6 House Captains will be leading the event for the whole school. **Please click on the Google Meet code below to access the event.**

<https://meet.google.com/awh-iask-cme>

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

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

HALLOWEEN MUFTI DAY

On Thursday, 21 October, pupils can wear their favourite Halloween costume, their school uniforms with Halloween accessories or mufti for £2.00. Year 4 do not need to wear PE kit.



TEMPORARY HALLOWEEN TATOOS

Miss Dandy will be offering a free temporary transfer Halloween tattoos to children who would like them, if you do not permit this then please contact Miss Dandy on ZDandy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

YEAR 4 TEA PARTY

We are looking forward to lots of Year 4 parents, grandparents and siblings come into school tomorrow at 2.30pm. Don't forget your mask, money & please take a lateral flow test. Please don't forget to send your child in with cakes and books to sell tomorrow morning. **REMEMBER: We are a strictly NO NUTS school.**

HEALTHY LUNCH WINNER



The meal from the healthy eating menu competition was cooked on Monday 18th October. Here is the winning menu designer Vivienne with her creation.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

A huge congratulations to the children who took part in the district cross country today (Wednesday 20th October). The Wallace Fields Junior School girls came 2nd and the boys came third overall. A special mention to Maisey and Jimmy who both came in 4th place.

REMINDERS - HALF TERM

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DUE

Please submit secondary application forms by Friday 22 October 2021. Please [Click here](#).

WFJS PTA: DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD

Order forms for designing your own Christmas cards have now been sent home. Some children will have already designed their Christmas artwork already in school, others may need to do this at home on A4 or A5 card or paper. Visit <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/> and use the unique code on your order form to place and **pay for your order online (by midnight Sunday 31st Oct– end of half term)**. Drop the paper **order form with the artwork** stuck in using a glue stick to the school office by the morning of **Tuesday 2nd November**. The cards are professionally printed and returned to school in early December. If you have any queries please contact Suraya Siddiqui (Rayyan 5S) on surayams@gmail.com.

FAITH AND PHILOSOPHY: DIWALI

On the 4th of November we will hold a special assembly to mark Diwali and inform the children about the Hindu festival of lights. **If you observe Diwali and can share any artefacts (diva lamps, decorations, small idols, puja thalis, special clothing items or any other objects associated with it). Please name them and send them in to school with your children for a display for Diwali?** Please can you send them in to school no later than **Wednesday 3rd November**. Children can bring these to my classroom:6K and they will be returned to you after sharing them with the school. The Diwali artefacts will be shown to children in the assembly. **Children observing Diwali are also welcome to come to school in their special outfits on the 4th of November.** Wishing you all a very relaxing and happy half- term break!

URGENT FORM FOR SCHOOL MEALS

If your child **has a school meal and has a special dietary need** such as allergic reactions, food intolerances, cultural and religious requirements such as halal, vegetarian and vegan, you will be required to complete an online form for your child by Twelve15, our catering provider. The kitchen are not able to provide a school meal without the completion of the form. Please [click here](#) to inform Twelve15 or your child's special dietary requirement. **Children who do not have a dietary requirement, do not need to complete the form.**

NASAL FLU VACCINATION REMINDER

Don't forget your child is due to receive their nasal flu vaccination at school on Tuesday 2nd November 2021. Please click here to complete the e-consent form by **4pm on Tuesday 26th October** when the website portal will close. <https://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk/> The school's unique code is SR125298. This needs to be completed **even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine.**

HELP AT YEAR 5 & 6 TEA PARTIES

We are looking forward to lots of Year 5 & 6 parents, grandparents and siblings coming into school after half term – Year 6 on Wednesday 3rd November and Year 5 on Thursday 4th November at 2.30pm. Don't forget your mask, money & please take a lateral flow test. Please don't forget to send your child in with cakes and books to sell tomorrow morning. **REMEMBER: We are a strictly NO NUTS school.** If you are able to help at the Year 5 and 6 tea parties please contact your class rep **Year 5:** Jenny Houghton 07766336216 and **Year 6:** Karen Martin 07813093380 and Scelina Wilson 07515120848

E-SAFETY– “SQUID GAME” WARNING

We have a very thorough programme of e-safety awareness learning for the children and we have an effective firewall to prevent the children from viewing inappropriate material. We also have an electronic safeguarding system whereby our server recognises inappropriate searches or bad language and reports it to the senior team. This can then be investigated and the log on identifies the individual responsible. These systems, along with empowering the children to have a positive internet experience, ensure that technology and computer based skills remain clear, positive and safe.

However, it has come to our attention that a **small number of children have been discussing a programme called Squid Game.** This is an extremely popular and violent programme on Netflix which is **highly inappropriate** and we are advising parents to ensure that they have the correct protective settings on home devices to prevent children from accessing this material. The programme is rated 15. Squid Game can be viewed via other platforms such as YouTube and TikTok, and given the popularity of the games in the show, developers have made various mini-games based on Squid Game on Roblox and other gaming platforms. Many children are not watching the show but are aware of it via viral challenges on TikTok, where social media users post their own versions of the games. The minimum age for TikTok is 13 though it is important to know that this app does not use any age verification tools. However there is a feature called 'family pairing' where parents can link their child's account to their own and monitor and control the settings – including being able to see any setting changes by the child.

We ask that you check your family's internet access and apps to ensure the content viewed is appropriate and we can work together to ensure that our children have a positive experience with technology and that they know what to do in the event of seeing anything inappropriate. Parents and carers can set up filters and block specific content by visiting your broadband provider help page. For more advice and guidance we recommend : <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The biggest advice is to talk to your children about responsible use of the internet, explore parental controls and consider the location of the games consoles and tablets in the house. Our computing and PSHE lesson are helping equip children with the understanding and strategies needed to ensure they are safe. We help children identifying the benefits of technology, whilst coping with the less desirable aspects including such things as cyber-bullying and social media.

We will continue to deal with any issues raised in school. Whilst conflict caused via the use of digital appliances at home is a parenting issue, we will continue to provide support, advise and suggest relevant websites to help you negotiate this very challenging aspect of parenting. Thank you for working with us.

ONLINE SAFETY

Do the children borrow your iPhone or iPad? Child Mobile phone Apple's 'Guided Access' function helps stop them stumbling across any online safety risks! [Click here](#) to download this week's WakeUpWednesday guide for step-by-step instructions on setting up and using this useful feature.

REPLENISH PENCIL CASES

Please send your child in with new glue sticks, white board pen, pencils etc. to replenish their pencil cases. Don't forget there is a stationery shop run by Year 6 at playtime every Tuesday and Thursday from the 4G window. Please see below the price list and send your child in with the coins in a named purse or envelope.



WORLD WAR 1 WORKSHOP

The Education Group who will be **presenting an interactive workshop on World War 1 for each Year Group on Friday 5th November**. The workshop will bring Remembrance Day to life with an actor (Soldier Bert) talking about life in the trenches for soldiers in World War 1. **To cover the cost of the visit, we need to ask for a voluntary donation of £2.30 per child.** Parents can make payment via our on-line payment system Scopay..

OLD CUPBOARD NEEDED!



Please can

anyone spare an old cupboards for our little free library please? We are hoping to create a free library box like the ones below and we need an old cupboard. Contact PCrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

Prayer @ Wallace Fields (PAW)

- PAW is a group of Christian parents at WFJS from past and present.
- We believe that prayer has a positive effect on our school.
- We meet once a half term, at one of our homes (or virtually!) to pray.
- Pre-pandemic, we have led occasional assemblies in school (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Year 6 leavers) and supported Faith & Philosophy lessons (e.g. What is prayer?, Why read the Bible?)
- There are PAW members for each year group:
 - Year 3: Jo Wright
 - Year 4: Hilary Sindall, Carolyn Dunlop
 - Year 5: [Machiko Wantabe](#)
 - Year 6: Jo Wright, Carolyn Dunlop, [Xiaoming Zhong](#)
- We would like to warmly welcome all new children and their families in WFJS.
- If you are interested and want to find out more, please do contact Jo: wright_jo@hotmail.co.uk



YEAR 6 – HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECK

ALL MUST COMPLETE CONSENT FORM

The school nurses will be coming in to do a Year 6 height and weight check on 18th November. Even if you do not wish your child to be measured, please complete the e-consent form so we can record your preference.

[Click here](#) and enter your school's unique code: - **SR125298** Complete the boxes. Select the consent section with *Yes* or *No* as appropriate

WINTER UNIFORM AFTER HALF TERM

Please don't forget it is winter uniform after half term so grey shorts, grey trousers, grey knee-length skirt or grey pinafore with white shirt or blouse, red V-neck pullover with school logo or red cardigan with school logo and school tie. Black shoes (not fashion shoes, trainers or boots) should be worn with grey or white ankle socks, or grey, black or red tights. Additional trainers for use at playtime. No red gingham dresses or polo shirts please. PE/Games kit can still be worn on PE/Games days but please ensure appropriate for the weather e.g. PE logo jumper if needed. Ensure all uniform has a name label. For the full uniform [click here](#).

CLUB PICK UP AFTER HALF TERM

Children are not permitted to walk home after clubs from October half term as it is getting dark so please can parents/carers pick up at 4.30pm. If an alternative adult is picking up they must ensure the club leaders is informed.

WELLBEING

USEFUL PARENTING ADVICE FROM A CHILD MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT

Do any of these apply to you? Our mealtimes are turning into a battleground, My child is anxious, My child thinks they need to be perfect, My child says 'I hate you!' and lots more topics. [Click here](#) for the link to find out lots of useful hints and tips from **the charity Place2Be. It is an excellent resource for parents and carers on well-being.**

BRILLIANT SCHOOLS' WELLBEING

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. [Click here](#) for the link.

WFJS BOOK CLUB – OCTOBER MEETING

We've had four fantastic meetings this week, helped by the introduction of our mascot Barry the Book Club Lion who is helping us take turns to listen to the opinions of our peers, as well as to enthusiastically share our own views.



For October, in keeping with Halloween, we're choosing from some classic gothic, spooky, magical, mysterious and ghostly reads:

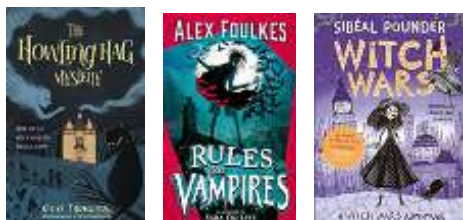
Year 3 are choosing to read either *Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse* by Chris Riddell, *The Beast and the Bethany* by Jack Meggitt-Phillips, *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte (Usborne Young Readers), *The Chocolate Factory Ghost* by David O'Connell or *Mort the Meek* by Rachel Delahaye.



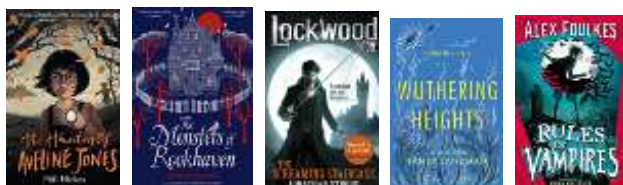
Year 4 can read either *Gobolino the Witch's Cat* by Ursula Moray Williams, *Stitch Head* by Guy Bass, *The Creakers* by Tom Fletcher or *The Beast and the Bethany: Revenge of the Beast* by Jack Meggitt-Phillips (or the first book in the series, if they have not already read it in Year 3.)



Year 5 can read any of these titles: *The Howling Hag Mystery* by Nicki Thornton, *Rules for Vampires* by Alex Foulkes or *Witch Wars* by Sibeal Pounder.



Year 6 can choose between *The Haunting of Aveline Jones* by Phil Hickes, *The Monsters of Rookhaven* by Padraig Kenny, *Lockwood and Co. The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud, Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights* – a retelling by Tanya Landman or *Rules for Vampires* by Alex Foulkes.



LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce that we have raised enough funds to start the work on the new library refit with carpet and lighting going in over half term. We still need lots of donations in order to purchase the new shelving and other refurbishments.

We will be launching another exciting three week readathon starting Monday 8th November and we will be posting the forms the children need on the Google classroom this week. We will also send out the instructions with the form so that children can start to gather sponsors. The children could be sponsored per page they read, per book, per chapter; it is totally up to your family. It is to raise much needed funds to renovate our current library to help children find their love for reading and create a culture of enjoying and sharing books- something we take real pride in at WFJS. We will send further reminders out in the bulletin after half term.

Thank you so much for all the donations so far. We have raised an amazing £3,213. We have raised 26% of our target so please keep donating. **ONLY 20 DAYS LEFT TO PLEDGE ON OUR ROCKET FUND PAGE** Thank you to all those who have contributed. Specific thanks to the following who we have not yet thanked:

Mr & Mrs Baker, Mrs Bruen, Mrs Obhrai, Ms Ward, Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Falconer, Mrs Lawrie, Miss Goodhead, Mrs Houghton, Mrs Holcroft, Mrs Page, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Metzger, Mrs Collett, Mr Martin, Mrs Stockley, Mrs Cole, Mr Sagar, Mrs More, Ms Kamourieh, Mrs Macfarlane, Mrs Watson, Mrs Watanabe, Mrs Lester, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Baker, Mrs Niedzwiecka, Mrs Shimell, Mrs Clowser and Mr Kindsey-Quick.

Here is our QR code to help supporters find and promote our project. Just open up your camera on your smart phone and point it at this screen and it will take you directly to your project page. Great to share with family friends on Whatsapp, text or email.



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PTA

LOTS OF GREAT CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The PTA is planning lots of great Christmas events and they will be touch after half term with more information. There will be lots of opportunities to help raise funds for the school as well as have lots of fun.

CAN YOU HELP ON FIREWORKS NIGHT?

Sign up to volunteer to help for fireworks night. It's really easy and simple to do on the PTA events website and lots of varied roles with many only requiring 45 mins of your time: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta>. Contact: Jade

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR

We need a volunteer/group of volunteers to organise and run the Christmas fair. It's due to take place after school on Friday 10th December. Contact: Poonam 07949167373.

PTA TREASURERS REPORT

Please find attached separately the WFJS PTA Treasurer's report 2020-2021. It shows the amazing fundraising that happened last year despite the lock downs and Covid restrictions and where the school spent the money raised.

COMMUNITY

PRIMARY TIMES

Primary Times is a comprehensive local FREE What's on Guide for families. To try and be a greener school we have asked to no longer receive paper copies of Primary Times but instead agreed to share the link with you.

<https://issuu.com/pwmedia/docs/ptsoc21lr>

JOBS IN CYCLE TRAINING TEAM

Want to work locally? Like to be outdoors? Interested in enthusing groups of young learners? Then Surrey County Council would like to hear from you about joining their Cycle Training Team. Most of their training is delivered by Instructors working in pairs at schools, both playground and on-the-road training. For more information [click here](#).

FREE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOR SEND COURSE

This short course, facilitated by a Primary School Teacher, is for anyone who believes their child may have a Special Educational Need or Disability. **Topics include:**

- An overview of common SEND conditions
- Indicators that may mean your child needs extra support
- How to request and access extra support or assessment
- An explanation of the EHCP process

Venue: The Focus Youth Centre, Depot Road, Epsom,

Date and Time: Friday 5th November 10am- 1pm

Enrol online:

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2021/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3747423>

or phone 0300 303 3464 quoting C3747423

