



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

I just want to personally thank you for your valiant efforts in ensuring that your child/ren are accessing the register daily and online learning provision. You are doing a great job - as you can see by the data below. We are striving to reward more and more children each week by including 3 Stars of the Week (instead of 1 in school), a Music Award, Head Teacher and Deputyhead Award as well. Next week, we have **additional rewards** for BELIEVE values and Times Tables Rock Stars. Our aim is to keep up motivation through praise and rewards weekly. Additionally, teachers are leaving verbal feedback, as well as written praise in the private classwork area. I cannot stress how impressed we have been with the creativity and quality of work produced and we thank you for your help at this incredibly challenging time.

Mrs Day

Date	% registered from home
18th January	99.5
19th January	99.5
20th January	94.9
21st January	98.0
22nd January	98.6

REMOTE LEARNING PARENTSURVEY

To help us to review and/or improve our remote learning offer, please complete this survey by [clicking here](#). Please complete by **midday on 27th January 2021**.

SNOW PLAN

It is our intention that the school will be open to critical workers and vulnerable children on all normal school days even when some poor road conditions exist. However, in the event of a heavy snowfall, we cannot guarantee that sufficient staff will be able to attend school and a decision to close or restrict opening may have to be made. We would **alert parents via the school website, twitter and email** so if snow is forecast please check these channels rather than call the school. The full plan [click here](#)

YEAR 4 REMINDER

Year 4 English assessments w/c 25th January.

REMINDER – CHANGE TO INSET DAYS

INSET days on January 29th and February 22nd have now moved to 18th June and 30th April. For the latest Term dates [click here](#).

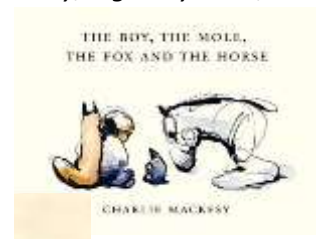
WELL BEING OFF SCREEN DAY

To celebrate children's mental wellbeing week, in the w/c 1st February, we are promoting a wellbeing off screen day. Further details to come.

WELL BEING

Current circumstances have the potential to affect the emotional well-being of all members of our community and it is more important than ever that we take time to connect, reflect and support one another. The BBC Bitesize website offers ideas and links to support you as a parent or carer to manage you own well-being. The audio book of The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy is available to listen to on the BBC Sounds website [click here](#).

'Experience the world of a curious boy, a greedy mole, a wary fox and a wise horse who find themselves together, in sometimes difficult terrain, sharing their greatest fears and biggest discoveries about vulnerability, kindness, hope, friendship and love.'



INTERVENTIONS

Teachers and teaching assistants have been doing an amazing job running live interventions online across the school including reading, maths, spelling and writing. Intervention helps to support children in their learning and having watched intervention groups in action I have seen how much they enjoy time working with their teachers. If your child has been invited to take part in an intervention, it is really important that they make the time, or remember to attend. Please could you encourage them to attend and set an alarm or reminder so that they do not forget. If they continue to not attend, the place could be offered to someone else or the intervention may cease to be offered to all of the children.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SUPPORT

For children, who are finding the amount of reading difficult while home learning, you can use assistive technology from Google Chrome to support them. When working in Google Chrome you can download an extension in Chrome called Read aloud Text to Speech Voice Reader that will read text that you highlight. While working on a Chrome book you can access [the text to speech feature](#) following the instructions [here](#).

SHARING DEVICES OR HAVING PC ISSUES?

We appreciate remote learning is not easy at home with some children having to sharing devices. If this the case in your household and you would appreciate the opportunity to borrow a Chromebook then please contact your child's class teacher or the School Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk by Monday 25th January. We have just received eight more devices from the DfE so we may be able to help a few more families. Priority will obviously go to vulnerable, or critical worker families.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Given the current climate, we hope that all parents are starting to see that we are striving even harder to **promote positive and constructive communication between home and school** – possibly in a way that has never been needed or required before. We therefore, **strongly encourage parents to email us directly, if there are any concerns to report**. In these times of extreme anxiety, anything posted in social media groups, should be carefully considered and thought about for example in a school-related WhatsApp groups. Please follow this [link](#) to our Social Media Expectations document, which will now form part of our Home School Agreement.

Following, are the questions we encourage our children to think about before posting anything in a group setting, e.g. in their Google Class streams and **we would now ask parents to consider their own usage, also using these questions:-**

1. Why am I posting this? Does it reflect my personality and values?
2. Would I say this, like this, in person?
3. Can this be interpreted differently by the reader/s?
4. Am I being kind?
5. Is this really a 'private' space to share my worries/ideas or concerns?
6. Do I have permission to share this information?
7. Would I like me? (If I were a stranger reading this, what would I think?)

GOVERNORS ART AWARD

On our Well being off screen day on February 1st please take part in our amazing Governor art challenge for a chance to win book vouchers. See the poster attached.

READING DURING LOCKDOWN

Hopefully all the children are enjoying listening to their class reader being read in their remote classrooms by the teachers during the week. It is incredibly important that while children are not here at school, they keep up with reading good quality books. However, we know that it is hard to get hold of books while shops are closed, so here are some ideas that could be used.



Piers Torday - a fantastic children's author, is reading his book "The Wild Before"

<https://www.youtube.com/c/piersftorday> He is so amazing to listen to. <https://www.pierstorday.co.uk/>

The **Oak Academy** has launched a virtual library. <https://library.thenational.academy/> This is an amazing resource with free audio books and videos.

Finally - last year, we had a visit from the hilarious children's author **Maz Evans** and the children were hooked into her series, **Who Let the Gods Out**. She is now bringing out a new series called **VI Spy Licence to Chill on February 4th** and can be ordered now on line.



PTA AGM

We would love as many parents as possible to join in on a **Zoom PTA AGM on 2nd February at 7pm** to hear our plans for the upcoming year. With the school under so much pressure at the moment, it is important the PTA keep up their support and we can only do this with the help of parents.

CALL OUT FOR SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Do you have any second hand uniform to donate? Mrs Ware has kindly agreed to let parents leave any items in her porch at **49 Bridge Rd** (the blue house in the entrance to Alexandra Park) for storage. Please text before you drop off on **07779590830**

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