



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

With the announcement on Wednesday from the Government about the limited opening of schools for critical workers only, **until March 8th at the earliest**, we know how hard hit you must all have been and how incredibly disappointed you and your child/ren must be. Staff are keen to resume 'normality' and miss teaching face to face. Whilst they have made me so very proud in the way that they have mastered recording lessons using Loom, which was new to most of them (except the Year 5 Team) and going live using Google Meets so quickly, no teacher wants to teach remotely and we all miss having all the children in school.

We continue to review our daily online practice and our Blended Learning Offer and are adding to and tweaking it along our journey together, to provide you with the best offer we can. **You have continued to impress us with the quality of work** and the amount of work 'turned in' and want you to continue with these high expectations and standards.

Please do reach out to us if we can help in any way- the sheer challenge of juggling home life/work and education is incredibly stressful. We have absorbed and read all 24 pages of your comments from all 113 response from our Remote Learning Survey and to be honest, have felt quite emotional about the incredibly kind comments you wrote, acknowledging the incredible challenge of turning this level of Remote Learning Offer round, in a very short period of time. We plan to put them up in the staff room to keep up our motivation! All comments have been shared with staff and we are so grateful for your positive feedback!

I can tell from your responses that you know how hard our teachers are working and how dedicated they are to ensure your child has the best education online.

As you can imagine your responses are diverse, as you are all in a different home setting. I have made some responses to the data and responses in the summary attached separately. Once again, I can't thank you enough for your support.

Kindest regards,  
Andréa Day

## WELL BEING

We will have a weekly wellbeing slot as we think it is so important. As the school closures continue, you may be finding that stress levels while working at home continue to rise. Routine is important, and although it can be a challenge, it is vital to keep to a regular routine. It will give a purpose and structure to your day. Try to get up and go to bed at the same time each day. Ensure your child follows their class timetable and has regular breaks and a lunch break at the same time each day. Try to get some exercise outside each day where possible.

If you have older siblings, who are struggling with anxiety or stress at home, the booklet attached separately 'Coping with Anxiety and Stress' may be beneficial. Also lots of advice for families on [NSPCC website](#) and [Mental Health UK](#).

## HOME SCHOOLING PHOTOS



If you have a good photograph that shows remote learning in action, then we would love to share it in the Bulletin. Mrs Elliot has kindly shared one of her girls watching the celebration assembly on Friday. Email them to [Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)

## ASSESSMENTS

Before half term, we will be carrying our short assessments in maths, reading and writing. It is important that the following guidance is adhered to:

- Children can work in a quiet environment using a table
- Interruptions are minimised
- Children produce their own work and this is not edited or improved by an adult
- Children work to the set time
- Children hand write their assessment

- Assessments are downloaded, or collected from the school year group box at the front of the school, ready to start the test on the set day
- **Assessments can be scanned, emailed or dropped back to school in the year group box outside the front of the office, by the given date.**

Key assessment date next week

- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Year 4 writing test return due (following test launched on 28<sup>th</sup> January on Loom)
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Reading - Year 6
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February** (11am) – Writing - Year 5
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February** (9.10am) – Reading - Year 3, 4 & 5

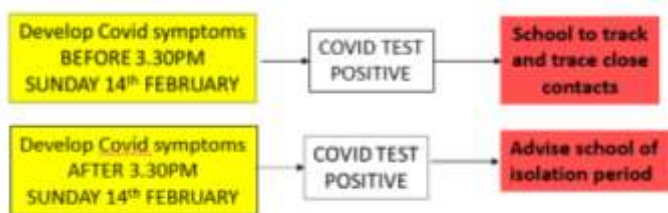
For all the assessment dates click on the link for the letter sent out earlier this week.

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM & BEYOND

The Department of Education (DfE) has confirmed that **schools will close as usual over February half-term** (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February) and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. The Prime Minister has also announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning for the majority of pupils and students **until 8 March at the earliest.**

## COVID TEST RESULTS DURING HALF TERM

The School has been asked to support the track and trace effort over the February half term. This is only required for those children attending school. If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of being in school and then tests positive for Covid-19, please inform the school on our email CovidAlerts@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk. We will check this email daily throughout the half term between 12pm and 2pm. We will contact any close contacts that the child may have had whilst in school in accordance with PHE guidelines. If your child develops symptoms after 3.30pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and then tests positive for Covid-19, advise the school of the required isolation period for your child however track and trace for this instance is not required.



## SAFEGUARDING

At school, we continue to follow safeguarding procedures if we have concerns about a child or a family. However, now more than ever, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of a child, please report it to the school's

safeguarding team or Contact Surrey Children's Services on 0300 470 9100 or for further details click [here](#). Nobody minds checking, even if it is a false alarm. Most things are easy to resolve, and support can be put into place if parents/carers are struggling. If you have urgent concerns for a child's safety, please phone the police on 999.

## NEXT WEEK – GOVERNOR ART AWARD & WELLBEING-REDUCED SCREEN DAY

Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February is **Children's Mental Health Week** and to celebrate this we are providing activities for a reduced screen wellbeing day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Children should join in with their usual live assembly, wearing a **yellow** item of clothing (if they can) to celebrate this important theme. This year yellow is the colour for Children's Mental Health Week. Also look out for the Governor's Art Award. Details have been added to Google classroom. There are book voucher prizes for the children winners selected from each year group.

## STRUGGLING WITH YEAR 3 ENGLISH?

Year 3 will be doing a live Google Meet on Wednesdays at 11am as an English support drop-in. It's for children that are struggling with the English work or have any questions about the English lessons.

## MATHS DURING LOCKDOWN SURVEY

A questionnaire about the remote online maths learning will be going out to some children across the school early next week. Please can children keep an eye out for that. It will not be going to everyone, just a few from each year group to see how children are coping with their Maths learning during this national lockdown.

## SCHOOL STAFF COVID LATERAL FLOW TESTS

Staff have now all signed up for the Covid lateral flow tests and will be self-administering their tests twice a week. This is designed to identify positive cases and reduce the spread of infection in school. It is also helping to make staff less anxious about working in close proximity to each other and the children.

## MUSIC UPDATE

Children have been doing some amazing composing using Chrome Music lab in Y6. The children had to compose a sequence of musical phrases at different tempo to go with a movie. Check out these songs created with Song Maker. **Click on the name to hear the songs they created on Song Maker:** [Hanna E](#), [Alex K](#), ...a little X-Mas rendition from [Aeysha K](#), ...and [Xavier's](#) super creative melody... We are try to increase live attendance, so do encourage your child to join the lesson.

## INTERVENTION WITH MRS CLAYTON



We are constantly learning and are delighted to be using “Jambord”, which is a shared whiteboard with children at home. Children can use virtual post-its and record their answer virtually! The session run by Mrs Clayton went very well.

## UPDATE ON MR LEE

As you are aware our Head teacher, Mr. Steve Lee, is away from work owing to a health issue. It remains the case that he is receiving ongoing treatment as part of his recovery and at this time, he is unable to return to the School. Mrs. Day is fulfilling the role of Acting Head Teacher, with Mrs Crabb assisting with Deputy Head duties. The School is operating with a full compliment of staff and they continue to provide daily education provision for all pupils attending the school and for those at home remote distanced learning. On behalf the Staff and Governing Body, we send messages of support and warmest wishes for Mr Lee’s recovery. We continue to respect the family’s wishes at this time. Regards, Anthony Mollet, Chair of Governors

## LOADING WORK ON CHROMEBOOK

We are hoping these videos might help children with Chromebooks in school (or home) with uploading work by taking a photo. Lucas and Henry have recorded videos - one for the old style Chromebook and one for the new style. Click on the links: [How to upload a](#)



[photograph of work - Old Chromebook](#) and [How to upload a photo of your work - new chromebook](#)

## TABLES AVAILABLE FOLLOWING REFURBISHMENT

We are excited that new tables and chairs were delivered for Year 4 today. The old tables are available for a very small donation to the PTA. If you are interested, please contact the School Office.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day. The theme this year is trust online. Miss Sarjeant has prepared a whole school assembly and activity for the children to complete on that day or during the week. It is an extremely important theme, especially given the increase of our use of the online world whilst learning remotely. Please refer to the school computing page, on the website, to find links for parents and children in regards to keeping safe online. Under the 'Remote Learning' tab, you will find videos to remind the children how to upload assignments, access comments from their teachers and log on to other learning platforms: [Click here](#). Thank you for your continued support with keeping our children safe in the online world!

## YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY – STAR WARS



Enjoy watching this Star Wars themed assembly link created by Year 5, but will be amusing for all to watch. <http://tokata.fr/star-words/?id=1x10fqj>

## BOOL REVIEWS BY YEAR 5

Year 5 have started creating a PADLET full of book reviews that they are adding to regularly and



sharing with each other so that we can see the amazing books we are reading. We are trialling this in Year 5 at the moment.

## PTA

Thank you to all the families who have signed up to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wfjspta/> we currently have 102 members. We would love to get this up to 110, its ever-so easy and we get a free £5 donation when you reach £15! There's even an app, just type 'easyfundraising' into the app store, it couldn't be simpler! The PTA are planning some covid safe events, watch this space for a cash raffle and zoom bingo! Finally, don't forget the AGM next Tuesday at 7pm. The zoom link is in the attached agenda. Find a quiet corner, pour a glass of something and join us, it'd be lovely see you there! Take care, stay safe, stay happy! Regards, The PTA

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