



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HEAD'S UPDATE

Without any intention to over dramatise the situation, this has been one of the most challenging and difficult years the school has ever faced. The children have been truly amazing coping with lockdown and the vast majority of them engaging with the remote learning. The teachers and staff have all come together in a time of crisis with me absent from November and the lockdowns and closures making things especially difficult. I wanted to give a very clear message to convey my admiration for the children coping, my pride in the staff pulling together and recognition for you the parents and carers who have coped with the stresses and strains it has put on you.

I have had a vast array of feedback and positive comments from you and I am very grateful for all those messages. I am particularly grateful to Mrs Day who stood in to lead the school in my absence and to thank Mrs Crabb who was placed in the position of acting deputy to support Mrs Day. I know that they were a superb team together and got through many of the challenges that Covid, DfE, PHE and the day to day running of the school presented. It has been lovely to see the school do so well and to maintain stability and progress in my absence.

Thank you to all those supportive parents and carers who have been so keen to make schooling and remote learning work. We said goodbye to the Year 6 today – they have been an amazing year group who also suffered closures and issues in Year 5. They have proven to be a very collegiate and resilient group and all the staff will miss them greatly. I am glad to be back, I am hoping the pandemic subsides enough to ensure that we can hit the ground running in September without the restrictions, but please keep a close eye on your emails in case the DfE change the guidance for us.

Some ideas have been kept from the Covid school times. **Please note that we are keeping PE and games days with children in full PE kit – to reduce changing time and prevent lost property. We will send details in the new term.**

It leaves me only to say a huge good luck to all the Year 6, I am sure they will thrive and prosper. Well done to Year 3, 4 and 5 – they have done so well and I hope you have a very restful and relaxing summer break.

Kindest regards

Mr Lee

THANK YOU FROM ALL THE STAFF

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a wonderful and restful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Thursday 2nd September 2021**. A huge thanks from all the staff for your kind gifts and wishes.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As the academic year draws to a close, we reflect again on what has been a very difficult and challenging period for all. The constant changes to guidelines alongside restrictions to our personal and professional lives, have meant we have had to show incredible resilience and patience, whilst ensuring the children remain safe and happy.

Wallace Fields Junior School worked tirelessly to deliver a fun, diverse and broad curriculum during this time. All staff have given their time to adapt to these new ways of delivering education. Online meetings, assemblies and basic day to day interaction has allowed pupils to see each other, communicate and share work.

The Governing Body has supported the school throughout the year with online meetings and strategic reviews. We have also had to change our ways of working with the school, moving to online calls, staff meetings and interaction with the Senior Leadership team.

We again reflect on the sudden illness that our headteacher, Mr Steve Lee, endured recently. We are delighted to see his return to work and ongoing health recovery. On behalf of the Governing Body, and I am sure the community, we thank Mrs Andrea Day and Mrs Paula Crabb for how they stepped up to the acting roles of Head and Deputy. The support from the SLT and whole staff has been remarkable.

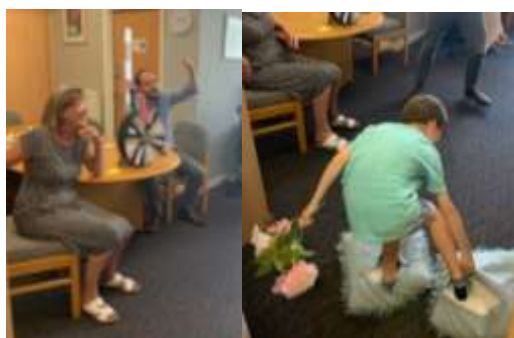
It is that time where we have to say goodbye and good luck to the Year 6 cohort. We wish you all the best in your new schools and ongoing education.

Also, to the staff that will be leaving at the end of term, we thank you for your commitment and dedication to Wallace Fields Junior School.

Finally, thank you to parents and carers for your support and positive messages. We wish everyone a healthy and happy summer break.

Best wishes,
Anthony Mollet, Chair of Governors.

THIS WEEK



WHOLE SCHOOL QUIZ

There was much hilarity this week with Quizmaster Hurd's whole school quiz, which included the "Wheel of For-Jane" and slippers by year 4.

IMPORTANT

STAGGERED START AND END TIMES

We have worked together with Wallace Fields Infant School to endeavour that these new timings accommodate any parents with children in both schools as much as possible. We are still awaiting the finalised government guidance for September, however we are mindful of the possibility of an increase in infection rates in the Autumn term. Therefore in order to minimise the possibility of further Covid-19 outbreaks, which would be a risk to the school remaining open, we are keeping an element of a staggered start for both schools; and we are sure you will agree there will be benefits in terms of traffic congestion and parking at what are busy times of the school day. Please see below for the new staggered timings for school drop off and pick up:

- **Lower school (Yr 3 & 4)** 8.40am drop off and 3.25pm pick up
- **Upper school (Year 5 & 6)** 8.45am drop off and 3.30pm pick up.

CLUBS IN SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to welcome back in September over twenty different extra curriculum clubs at Wallace Fields Junior School including a new and exciting Rock Bands club led by our new Music Teacher and a Survival Super Squad with drawing and other activities with an Eco-children's book author. The draft clubs timetable is attached separately and watch out for the club letters with more details on how to sign up when you return to school in September.

ABSENCE PENALTY NOTICE REMINDER

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not need to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

EXTRA LONG OCTOBER HALF TERM

We have just been informed by Surrey Schools that we will be **shut on Friday 22nd October** which is the day immediately before the October half-term. This is in lieu of this additional bank holiday to celebrate the Jubilee which falls in the summer half-term break.

BOOST CHILD'S LEARNING AND WELLBEING

The Department for Education have launched a brand new site, designed especially for parents, with the support, information and resources they need to help their children enjoy the summer holidays and prepare for the next academic year. The site features links to programmes, activities, resources and videos to boost children's learning and wellbeing aimed at parents of 0-19 year olds, with extra information for parents of SEND children. Please [click here](#) for more information.

TREK TO TOKYO

The children achieved an amazing 5,950miles which is the distance of Surrey to Tokyo.

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PTA

SUMMER RAFFLE & PTA FUNDS RAISED

Congratulations to all our lucky winners and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the summer raffle – we raised a staggering £638 so thank you all! The PTA raised **£13K this year**. It has been an amazing year and would not have been possible without parents and school support.

CELEBRATION EVENING:

This year's Celebration Evening has now been confirmed as taking place on **Friday 24th September 3.30-6pm** – for those of you who have previously signed up for roles, it would be great if you're still available and we'll be in touch nearer the time to confirm areas we need support, i.e. set up, running stalls, etc.

AUTUMN TERM EVENTS:

We are very excited at the prospect of finally being able to organise some events in school and will be working out plans for the autumn term over the summer so hopefully we can start booking in some fun events for the kids so watch this space!

This is my last term as Co-Chair of the PTA as I handover to Emma Ware for next year and will support in the role of secretary for the PTA so I just wanted to say a Huge Thank You to everyone for your support of raffles, treasure hunts, donations and help over the past year – it hasn't been easy to continue to raise funds for the school when unable to host events so we're really grateful to everyone who has ensured that we have still generated considerable funds for the school and here's to next term with cake sales, disco's and fireworks to fill out diaries with and have a wonderful summer break in the meantime!

Jenny and all of the PTA team.

How Parenting Puzzle Workshops have helped other parents

"So helpful to have ways of dealing with situations that happen on a daily basis"

"Wonderful! Could do this every day"

"Better than expected, made me think differently about toddler behaviour"

"It was a completely new experience for me but after the first week I was completely relaxed"



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The Nurturing Programme Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Where:

Epsom Family Centre
Pound Lane
Epsom
KT19 8SD

When:

From 16th September to 25th November 21
Every Thursday from 9.45 to 11.45 a.m.

Contact details:

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Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Information for parents and carers



IMPORTANT!

IF YOU REQUIRE YOUR UNIFORM BEFORE THE START OF TERM, IT MUST BE ORDERED NO LATER THAN 2ND AUGUST TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

We will do everything we can to get orders out quickly but please be aware that if the current Covid restrictions change, this could lead to delays in dispatch and delivery.

This message is particularly important for NEW STARTERS, as they have no existing uniform to wear!



Thank you and have a great summer!

The Mapac Team



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