

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 26th February 2021

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

We are all very pleased to be welcoming back all children on the 8th March, after what seems like such a long time, without a full school. The systems and safety measures in school will be very similar to those in the Autumn Term



including the staggered start and exit times. I sent out a letter on Thursday with all the key details but <u>click</u> here to see the letter.

Star	t Time. Do not arrive early.		
	Start	Finish	
Year 3	8.40am	3.00pm	
Year 4	8.45 am	3.05pm	
Year 5	8.50am	3.10pm	
Year 6	8.55 am	3.15pm	

There is a 5 minute slot for each group. A member of staff will wait here at the allotted time to collect the group and take them to the classroom.

Don't forget to get your child to try on their school uniform, shoes and plimsolls before returning- you may find that they have grown!

Next week will hopefully be the last week of online education. There be Google meets at 9.10am on Monday and Thursday only. However, next **Friday 5th March is parent consultation day,** so the teachers will not be available in the Google Classroom at all on this day. Parents should ensure they have booked a 6 minute consultation slot on the SchoolCloud virtual booking system. <u>Click here</u> for the letter and <u>click here</u> for the guide to booking an appointment on SchoolCloud.

COLLABORATIVE WORKING WITH WALLACE FIELDS INFANT SCHOOL

On Wednesday morning, 24th February, we had a very successful joint meeting of senior leaders at Wallace Fields Junior School and our counterparts at the Infant School. The purpose was to agree our new strategy for working collaboratively and to plan several projects for the current and up-coming academic years. Our initial projects include opportunities for training and joint working between subject leaders to promote development of each school's curriculum, some shared actions around promoting staff well-being, and development of an enhanced transition programme for our Year 2 children as they move to Year 3 in September. We will be sending out a joint statement and further details in the coming weeks. The meeting was incredibly positive and we are looking forward to working more closely with the Infant School for the benefit of our shared school community.

See you all very soon! Mrs Day

DON'T FORGET ON 8th MARCH

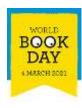
- Water bottle filled with water only-taken home to be cleaned each day.
- School bag with pencil case, with pencil, ruler, rubber, white board pen (that works!)
- Packed lunch, if not ordering a school lunch.
- Hand sanitiser and wipes are encouraged
- Keep a pair of plimsolls in school but NO PE bag.

PE/GAMES DAYS

Your child will need to keep a pair of plimsolls in school daily. Please do not bring in a PE Kit. On PE/games days, your child **should** come to school in their PE kit, wearing trainers. Trainers cannot be worn in the school hall, only bear feet, or plimsolls. PE Days are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6 Year 3	Year 3 Year 4	Year 5	Year 4 Year 6	Year 5

WORLD BOOK DAY ON MARCH 4th



The children are asked to dress up (if they wish) as a Superhero, online AND in school. Many fun activities have been planned next week linked to books and reading. A reminder that staff have PPA on a Thursday afternoon and will be

getting ready for 'normal school' after the Google Meets, so will not be available in the Google Classroom for the end of the day.

We are all very excited to celebrate reading and books next week as part of our annual Book Week. This year our theme is SUPERHEROES. The children will have activities linked to this theme and books in their Google Classrooms next week. We also have two very exciting competitions to celebrate World Book Day.

The masked reader where our staff have recorded snippets from well-known books. The children will try to guess which member of staff it is.



They will also be able to enter our amazing 'toilet roll' book character competition.



These will be shared with the children next week. They can be spent on line or in participating shops that are currently open. The £1 books that will be available on this website https://www.worldbookday.com/books/

We have registered for digital World Book Day Tokens and hope to be able to distribute these next week.

We are incredibly proud of all our readers who have contributed reviews on the books they have read to our year group padlets - they are an incredible resource of ideas on what to read next. Please take a look by following the links year group padlets: <u>Year 6</u>, <u>Year 5</u>, <u>Year 4</u>, and <u>Year 3</u>

YEAR 4 D&T REMINDER

Because of the current climate, we would like the children to complete their cooking DT project at home this year. Designing and planning of their muffins will take place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th March and we will ask the children to complete their baking on Friday or over the weekend. We will provide an alternate task that is linked to muffins (but not using food) for those in school.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL LUNCHES

For the return to face to face schooling on 8th March we will be assumed that you will continue with the same school lunches, as per Autumn Term. If you wish to change, please **email by Monday 1st March** at the latest, Mrs Sewell on <u>csewell@wallacefields-</u> jun.surrey.sch.uk

WELL BEING

Please <u>click here</u> for a link to the resource pack sent through from Surrey to support children's return to school. You do not need to read the whole pack; simply use the table of contents to refer to the area that interests you. There are links to useful websites and organisations that you may find helpful. As children return to school, staff are aware that they all will have had varied experiences over the lockdown period. With this in mind, we will once again be supporting their return to school emotionally as well as academically.

- This is based on the Recovery Curriculum, which includes: understanding that some may be happy to return to school, however some may need school relationships restored;
- recognising that the curriculum has been based in the community;
- understanding that some pupils may feel like they have lost out on learning;
- that students will have been learning in very different environments and may need time to adapt to working in school; and
- space to rediscover themselves and to find their voices in the school environment.

RETURNING AND DONATING SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Please bring back any school library books and drop them in the return box outside the School Office as soon as possible. Currently our library shelves are looking very empty. We would like to have time to quarantine the returned books and restock the shelves before children return to school on Monday 8th March. We are also accepting donations of good condition second hand books suitable for our school library – please place in a plastic bag marked donations and put in the return library book box.

RETURN OF LOANED CHROME BOOKS

Please can all loaned Chromebooks be returned to the School on Friday 5th March by 3pm. We are very pleased to have been able to loan so many Chromebooks and if any parent would like to make a voluntary donation to the PTA for their loan, this would be very much appreciated. Click here to donate via <u>CAFbank with gift aid</u>

CLUB VALE – SPACES AVAILABLE!

Club Vale – Spaces available! COVID Safe Breakfast and After School Club. We are excited to be returning to school on Monday 8th March and we now have availability on all days both breakfast and after school club. So many fun activities to choose from; football, outside play, board games, arts and crafts! We are following government guidance relating to COVID-19. So if you would like to give us a try for your childcare needs please do call us on 07905394029 or email us on clubvale@hotmail.co.uk

NEW MEMBER OF STAFF

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff to Wallace Fields Junior School. Mrs Legg had already been volunteering in the Autumn and is now starting as a new Teaching Assistant in Year 6 to replace Mrs Tonna

ROSEBERY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Admissions Policy for September 2022 entry to Rosebery School has been determined and the arrangements can be found on their <u>school website</u>



POPPY APPEAL

We received a thank you card today for the £319.20 we raised in the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all those families who bought poppies.



PTA

As we all get ready to return to school it's a good idea to check everything still fits! If you find you have redundant uniform please donate to the PTA for our upcoming second hand uniform sale. You can leave donation with Emma at 49 Bridge Road KT17 4AN.

We hoped you enjoyed the half term Love Ramble! The prizes will be distributed through the school once we have returned. We've had loads of great feedback, we'd love to hear your thoughts <u>The Half Term Love</u> <u>Ramble</u>

Don't forget the Weekly Raffle. You can share the raffle with friends and family! Remember the more who play the bigger the prize.

We are currently arranging the PTA Bingo and another Happy Bags collection, watch this space!

If anyone has any fundraising ideas they think families would enjoy in these unusual times we'd love to hear from you please email <u>emmaware@rocketmail.com</u>. Thank you! PTA

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