



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

## KEY DATES

Date	Event	Year group
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 3 Parents Welcome meeting 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 3
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 Football trials 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 6
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 Parents Welcome & Residential trip meeting 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 6
	Year 6 Football trials 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 6
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 4 Parents Welcome & Residential trip meeting 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 4
	PTA Second hand uniform sale 3.30pm-4.00pm. Turning Circle	All
	Year 6 Football trials 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 6
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 5 Parents Welcome & Residential trip meeting 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 5
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Individual School Portraits during school day.(full uniform)	All
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 5 Football trials 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 5
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 netball trials 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 6
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 3 reading workshop 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 3
	Year 5 Football trials 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 5
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Year 6 netball trials 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 6
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Celebration evening 3.30pm-6.00pm	All welcome
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	INSET DAY so school is shut to children	All

## HEAD'S UPDATE

I hope everyone had great break over the summer. It was lovely to see so many smiling positive faces excited to be back at school on Thursday. It was fabulous to see all the children playing so nicely together with no tape or zones. Today I held the first whole school assembly for 18 months which was magical to see all the children in the hall listening so attentively and learning about how we celebrate achievements at Wallace Fields Junior School.

Next week I look forward to meeting some you at the welcome meetings in the hall where you will get the chance to meet your child's class teachers and hear about what they will be learning during the year as well the trips, expectations and the enrichment activities they will get chance to take part in.

## IMPORTANT

### PICK UP AND DROP OFF NEW TIMES

The various experimental systems we have tried are being revised to ensure We are always looking for an improved way of doing things and so the new approach has been discussed at length and this is how the start and end of day will be from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. **The start time has changed so all now drop off at 8.40am.** Please see the email we sent out separately for more detail and the rationale for this further change.

Year Groups	Start Time	Finish Time
Lower School Year 3 & 4	8.40am	3.30pm
Upper School Year 5 & 6	8.40am	3.20pm

### SCHOOL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

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

## **YEAR 3 WELCOME MEETING –MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 3:30pm-4.30pm Hall**

We hope Year 3 parents / carers are able to come along and meet the year 3 teachers. You will learn about some of our procedures and teaching /learning methods and find out how you can help your child settle into life at the school. Plus we are holding a **Reading Workshop on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at 3.30pm after pick up. We appreciated this is quite short notice but we were waiting to ensure Covid rules would permit us to hold this meeting. If you are unable to attend we will post the full presentations on the website. **We will be streaming the meeting live** and a Google Meet invite will be sent out before the meeting. Please wear a mask for the duration of the meeting.

## **YEAR GROUP WELCOME MEETINGS 3:30pm-4.30pm in Hall**

- **YEAR 4 - THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**
- **YEAR 5 - FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**
- **YEAR 6 - WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The meetings present a good opportunity for you to find out about routines and expectations in your new year group and meet the class teacher as well as hear about the residential trips. If you are unable to attend we will put presentation on the website and there will be lots of opportunities to meet you in the future. Please wear a mask. **Meetings will also be streamed live.**

## **CHILDREN AND SIBLINGS DURING WELCOME MEETINGS**

There is no crèche provided during the welcome meetings but children and siblings are permitted to attend as long as they sit quietly (otherwise please take them out). In the past children have been permitted to watch a movie in the classroom but this is not available this year. Children are **not** permitted to play on the activity trail in the playground.

## **INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS - MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER**

Bentley Photographic will be coming into school on Monday morning to take individual and sibling photographs of the children. Please ensure your child is **wearing full school uniform** including a red cardigan or jumper with logo. They may bring in a small comb or brush to tidy their hair but please ensure long hair is tied back off the face. On **Mondays Year 3 children** will normally wear PE kits to school but on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September please can they wear uniform and bring their PE kits and trainers in a separate bag to change into after their photograph.

## **MATHS GROUPS**

With the start of the new academic year, we wanted to let you know that some changes will have been made to maths groups depending on children's needs and how we can best support them. This is particularly the case in Year 6 where changes have been made due to the nature of 'skills based' groups. The groups focus on 'Fluency', 'Fluency, arithmetic and reasoning' and 'Developing reasoning and problem solving'.

## **TIME TABLE ROCKSTARS AND MATHLETICS**

This week, all the children have been given a Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics password. Children in Year 4, 5 & 6 are familiar with both websites and we will be talking them through as reminders in class. Any new children in those year groups and Year 3 have their login details and an accompanying letter to explain Times Table Rockstars a little further. The maths page on the school website also talks through our rationale behind using these both and how it directly links with the curriculum we following in school. Please do explore these with your children and if you have any questions please email [ksarjeant@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ksarjeant@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk) . Both TTRS and Mathletics will be used as our homework tool this academic year.

## **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 **club letters which will be sent out early next week.** Clubs will start week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## **CHOIR & RECORDER CLUB**

Next week our music teacher, Mrs Burke, will be talking to the children in assembly about her choir and recorder clubs. If your child is interested in taking part in this free lunchtime club they will be asked to come along at the following lunchtime to register their interest.

- **Tuesday lunchtimes – Year 3 & 4 choir**
- **Wednesday lunchtimes – Year 5 & 6 choir**
- **Thursday lunchtimes – Year 5 & 6 recorder club**

If your child would like to take part in recorder club we would ideally like you to purchase a recorder (although we do have some in school).

## INSET DAY AND EXTRA LONG OCTOBER HALF TERM

A reminder that the School is shut on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September** for an INSET day. Plus all Surrey Schools will be **shut on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## DINNER MONEY & ACCESS TO OUR PARENT PAY SYSTEM SCOPAY

Passwords for the new Year 3 children and Dinner money statements for all school dinners will be sent out next week.

## YEAR 3

### HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

If you haven't done so already, please read and sign the home school agreement with your child and give the form to your child to bring into school.

### PENCIL CASES

Your child will now have received their pencil case at school. Next week we will be emailing you with a request for a voluntary contribution of £6 to pay for the pencil case. You pay online through Scopay – we will send you login details and passwords next week.

## YEAR 6

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL SELECTION TESTS

It has come to our notice that a number of children in Year 6 are planning to sit the Grammar School selection tests over the next month. If you have not done so already, please inform the school office and class teacher if your child does plan to take part. Authorised absence will be given for the **half day** of the test but any time in excess of this for cramming/preparing for the exams will be considered unauthorised. We do not want children to miss crucial Year 6 curriculum teaching by taking time off over and above what is necessary to sit the test. It is important to note that grammar schools not only look at academic results, but also request attendance records from junior schools.

### BIKEABILITY MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Year 6 will be offered the opportunity to take part in cycle proficiency during weeks commencing 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October. In previous years most children have taken part. More information will be sent out next week.

## SPORTS

### YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS ARE NEXT WEEK

Trials for the school football team will be held over a couple of weeks and for the time being, we will hold separate sessions for years 5 and 6, to get a better picture of each child's ability. Every child is welcome and they should bring suitable clothing, including football boots (**no metal studs please**), astros or strong trainers, plus their water bottle.

**Year 6 - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.**

Each player will ideally attend all three sessions and if anyone likes playing in goal, please remind them to bring their gloves. Some children will already have other club commitments for next week, so if they can attend at least two of these sessions it will enable us to assess them properly.

**Year 5 - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3.30 - 4.30 pm.**

As for the year 6s, each player will ideally attend both sessions and if anyone likes playing in goal, please remind them to bring their gloves. Some children will already have other club commitments for these days, but if they can attend at least one of these sessions it will enable us to see how they play.

Going forward, it is our aim to amalgamate the two year groups to form one squad, from which the school A & B teams will be created in the hope that we will be able to play competitive matches against the other Epsom & Ewell schools over the next two terms. This "selection" process is always difficult due to the high skill levels always displayed by the Wallace Fields Junior children and inevitably a number of players have to be told that they have not been successful in joining the squad, though encourage anyone who would like to give it a shot to come along as we might see a talent within them that they did not realise they had!

**If your child has permission to attend these trials, please email me to confirm this.** I will presume that any child who is normally allowed to walk home unattended will still be able to do so at this later time unless you tell me otherwise. Thank you. Louise Wilson [g](#)

## YEAR 6 NETBALL TRIALS

If your child would like to try out for the school netball team, I will be holding trials on Wednesdays **15th and 22nd** September, from 3.30-4.30pm. This is open to all the **Year 6** boys and girls. They should bring comfortable sportswear, trainers and water bottles. **Please email me to let me know if your child will be attending** (giving permission) so that I can plan the session according to numbers. I will presume that any child who is normally allowed to walk home unattended will still be able to do so at this later time unless you tell me otherwise. Thank you. Louise Wilson [lwilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lwilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)

## REMINDERS

### YEAR 5 & 6 WALKING HOME

**Children in Year 5 and 6** must be collected by their parents at the gate unless we have a signed permission slip to allow them to walk home (or even to walk up the road to a meeting point). If permission was given last year, this will be rolled forward from Year 5 to Year 6. Permission slips were emailed out earlier in the week.

### PE AND GAMES KITS

On the days children do PE or games, they must come in wearing their winter PE kit and remain in it all day. The days are as follows:-

- **YEAR 3 – Monday and Tuesday**
- **YEAR 4 – Tuesday and Thursday**
- **YEAR 5 – Wednesday and Friday**
- **YEAR 6 – Monday and Thursday**

Winter PE kit includes **black tracksuit bottoms and the school logo red sweatshirt** as children will be too cold in shorts and t-shirt. Shorts can be worn underneath.

Trainers must be worn for outside games. Trainers may get wet or muddy so they are not permitted in the hall so children must have bare feet or wear plimsolls.

### LUNCHTIME BOOKS

We now have a sheltered quiet reading zone in our playground, children are allowed to take books and magazines out at lunchtime but not paper and pencils. They are welcome to bring their own book from home, but please ensure it is labelled with their name or has a named bookmark.

### NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a nut-free school, so please ensure none are included in any pack lunches or snacks at any time.

## TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL EMAILS

If you need to talk to your child's teacher, please contact them through their professional email address, which is as follows:

3B	<a href="mailto:HBirch@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk">HBirch@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</a>
3M	<a href="mailto:SMarriage@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk">SMarriage@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</a>
4C	<a href="mailto:PCrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk">PCrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</a>
4D	<a href="mailto:CDay@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk">CDay@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</a>
5S	<a href="mailto:KSarjeant@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk">KSarjeant@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</a>
5C	<a href="mailto:PCrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk">PCrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</a>
6K	<a href="mailto:SKidwai@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk">SKidwai@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</a>
6H	<a href="mailto:THurd@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk">THurd@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</a>

These, as well as other teachers' emails can be also found on our website <http://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/staff>. Click on the envelope symbol below their profile on the staff page. Teachers will not be able to respond during school hours or at weekends and will try to respond within 48 hours. Requests for private reports will need a 10 day turnaround and we prefer to email directly to the professional. For urgent enquiries, absences and general enquiries please email the school office on [Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)

### 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.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM CLARIFICATION

Some parents have asked for clarification regarding the summer school uniform. Children may wear their summer uniform, summer polo shirt and summer dresses, **up to the end of this Autumn half-term (21<sup>st</sup> October 2021)**. The logo on the summer polo shirt is now being produced with a printed logo; however, all old style summer polo shirts are still allowed.

### WELLBEING AT WFJS

If you are concerned about your child's mental health or wellbeing; please contact one of the following: The class teacher, Mrs Bruen (ELSA), Mrs Fowler (ELSA), Mrs Thompson (Year 3 and 4 Wellbeing champion) or Miss Hallett (Year 5 and 6 Wellbeing champion). Please refer to the links and resources on our school Wellbeing webpage by [clicking here](#).

# PTA

## WORKING PARTY NEEDED FOR THE CELEBRATION EVENING

Hi all and welcome back for the new term! As you know, we had to postpone Celebration Evening at the end of last term but it's all set for **Friday 24th September** and we need as many people as possible to come to celebrate and support the event to make it run as smoothly as possible.

**Without a working party the celebration evening might not be able to go ahead.** Any and all offers of help are hugely appreciated so please sign up, even if just half an hour slot, it all adds up! It's always great fun, with a fully stocked bar and plenty to keep the kids amused, so sign up today and feel good about it all weekend! Oh and for those of you who signed up to help for slots post 6pm, you may receive an email to say your slot has been cancelled- this is because the event is now 3.30-6pm so please do sign up for an earlier slot instead!! All details listed here so click away thank you:

<https://school.plansocial.app/events/61697>.

## POP UP SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There will be a pop up second hand uniform sale on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September on the traffic island 3.30-4pm.**

Please keep social distancing and wear face masks. If anyone has any uniform with logos that you wish to donate, please bring them into the school office early next week.

## PTA IS A VITAL SOURCE OF FUNDS

The PTA did an amazing job last year raising £13,000 despite all the Covid restrictions! A huge well done to all the parents for their support. Please support the PTA as it is a vital source of funds. We cannot run an active PTA calendar without your support, and none of us want to see events unable to be run, so a little from many will make a big difference.

The new focus for PTA expenditure is refurbishing the library. We have the books already but we are looking to make the space more appealing to get children reading improve the seating area, and accessibility with audio books etc . This is likely to cost between £13,000 and £18,000 so PTA's help is critical.

## PTA VACANCIES

Wallace Fields Junior School has an active and really friendly PTA team who are looking for new members to join to help drive future fundraising events and idea for the coming year. We have the following roles available and would love to chat to anyone keen to consider these, or elements of them from Autumn term:

- **PTA Chair:** With a hands-on team and plenty of parents willing to help, this role helps to schedule termly meetings, drive fundraising ideas, structure event plans and liaise with the school in terms of R&R's and communicating plans with parents. This could be a Co-Chair role if preferred to split as a team.
- **General PTA members:** We are always looking for more people to join the team with whatever skills you have to offer, great at social media management (creating posts, events and responding to queries), admin support (inc. PTA email account, school office liaison, etc), creative skills fundraising experience & lead generation, great local contacts for raffle and auction prizes, event planning, etc etc – we would love to hear from you all!

Please contact the Jenny Houghton PTA Secretary if you are interested in find out more:

[jen.houghton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jen.houghton@hotmail.co.uk) / 07766336216

# UPDATED GOVERNMENT COVID RULES

From the 16<sup>th</sup> Augusts, self-isolation rules for a close contact changed. .

## **When to self-isolate**

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

## **You should also self-isolate straight away if:**

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you

## **When you do not need to self-isolate**

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will **not need** to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

## **Someone you live with has symptoms or tests positive**

If someone you live with has symptoms or tests positive and you do not have symptoms, you may not need to self-isolate see exemptions above but you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

For more information [click here](#).