



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

Wow! What a term that was!

[CLICK HERE](#) TO WATCH TODAY'S HEADS UPDATE, with special guest starring Malia as Mrs Day, which replaces the usual celebration assembly.

I'm so pleased we've made it to the end of our remote learning successfully- working collaboratively on our virtual learning journey.

We're ending the journey with our first ever virtual parent consultation. We really wanted to be able to talk to you, as well as see you, so we hope you enjoy this experience. We moved it especially, so we could talk to you before the children came back. We hope that the children will be excited about coming back to school to see their teacher and friends. **We are certainly all very excited to have them all back!** There's no doubt that there will be nerves for both you and the children, but we'd like to reassure you that we continue to have all our Covid safety measures in place (see overleaf for all the measures).



ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

To help us get the children in safely in the morning, please ensure:

- stand 2m apart
- wear a mask
- arrive/pick up on time

Send your child to the line at their allocated time. **Year 3 are first in and line up at 8.40am, with 5 minute intervals thereafter, the member of staff will wait for the 5 minute slot and escort them into class.**

Children walking to school alone, should be strongly advised **NOT TO WALK TO AND FROM SCHOOL IN LARGE GROUPS**, or meet in groups in the park at the end of the school day. **By helping us with this message, if we all work together, we can help to keep each class bubble open and reduce cross contamination.**

STAGGERED TIMES FROM 8th MARCH

| | Start 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 |

PLEASE NOTE THEY ARE DIFFERENT TO THE AUTUMN TERM

WELLBEING

Our Wellbeing focus next week is: Wellbeing all around us. If you have any recent personal information relevant to you family circumstances that you feel the teacher should know, please do email them, although we have been in touch with most of you through regular phone calls home, if your child has not been in school.

SPORT IN BUBBLES

We are thrilled to announce that sport will continue as per our normal schedule with the Coaching Academy using Coach Joe and Coach Haroon, who have trained with Chelsea FC. Children can come in on PE and Games days in their sports kits.

THANKS

It just remains for me to thank you for being so incredibly supportive throughout this phenomenally challenging time. You have been so fantastic at ensuring your child has registered, attended Google Meets, turned in work and completed assessments. You have sent in kind messages to staff and so have the children, which you can read in the pupil questionnaire results on our website [click here](#) and attached separately.

We can't wait to see you all on Monday!

If you can, please walk to school, and if not, please drive safely and avoid parking in the parking circle to ensure the safety of the children.

With my best wishes,

Mrs Day

COVID SYSTEMS AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Children will be welcomed back to school as part of their '**class bubble**' and remain with their bubble for all lessons to limit interactions within school.
- There will once again be **staggered start and finish times** to ensure that 'bubbles' don't mix. Please **DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY**, or mix with other bubbles. Children should not walk to school in large groups and stick to the government rules.
- Playtimes will be in **year group zones**. Lunchtimes will be in zones and staggered timings. Each area will be **wiped down** between sittings.
- Children will **wash their hands** as they arrive, as they come in from play, before lunch and after lunch and before they go home. They may also bring in their own antibac as well if you wish.
- **Low and high ventilation** will be used in classrooms. On colder days, children may wish to wear under layers to keep warm.
- To help us **get the children in safely in the morning**, please ensure you stand 2m apart, wearing a mask and arrive on time. Send your child to the front of the line at their allocated time. Parents and carers must stand at a distance outside the school gate and do not approach the member of staff on the gate. Please contact the teacher via email.
- Children walking to school alone, should be strongly advised **not to walk to and from school in large groups, or meet in groups in the park** at the end of the school day. By helping us with this message.
- **No-one must attend school site if they have symptoms of COVID-19** such as a new continuous cough, high temperature, or loss of taste or smell.
- **Visitors are not permitted** in school. Please contact the school by phone or email. When dropping medical supplies off, please press the bell and the staff will collect the item outside.

BOOK WEEK SUPERHEROES

We had a fantastic Book Week Google Meet yesterday morning! It was really lovely seeing all your fabulous superhero outfits! Lots of real life superheroes too.



Remote learners



Red group



Yellow group



Green group



Blue group



Purple group

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 5 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| Year 3 | Year 4 | | Year 6 | |

SQUAD TRAINING RETURNS

- **Year 5 football** will resume from Tuesday 9th from 3.10 to 4.30pm
- **Year 6 netball** will resume from Wednesday 10th from 3.15 to 4.30pm
- and **Year 6 football** will resume from Thursday 11th from 3.15 to 4.45pm.

Mrs Wilson's after school squad training returns next week and parents have been informed via WhatsApp. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the children will need to bring kit to change into (**they will not wear these all day**). On Thursdays, the Year 6s already have PE/Games so will be in their PE kit all day, so will not need to change but will need to bring pads and football boots and may choose to change into football strip. Don't forget a water bottle

RAPID TESTING FOR HOUSEHOLDS & CHILDCARE BUBBLES

If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a school pupil, college student or of a staff member, you can get twice-weekly symptom-free tests. **The symptom-free tests for households are not available from schools** or colleges. Households can use any testing offered by their employer, or book an appointment online at a symptom-free testing site, or collect a home-testing kit from a designated collection point, or if unable to travel to a site, order a kit online. You can find out more by [clicking here](#). If your child or a household or bubble member develop COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free testing. Book a free test by [clicking here](#) or call 119.

STAFF NEWS

- We are welcoming a **new student teacher Mr Collier** next week who will be working in 4C with Miss Day.
- **Ms Halett will be covering the music teaching** role as Mrs Mihaylova is currently off for personal reasons.

ANXIETY & WELL BEING

IS YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCING THESE SYMPTOMS?

With school returning on Monday 8th March, this may cause a range of emotions for everyone. Many of us will be feeling positive but it may also stir up some feelings of anxiety. If your child is feeling anxious, they may display some of the following physical and emotional symptoms:

- headaches and stomach aches or just feeling unwell
- dizziness, faintness, palpitations, breathlessness & sweating
- not sleeping
- not eating properly
- being clingy, feeling panicky, or tearful
- seeming to be worried or anxious and needing lots of reassurance
- feeling down
- having difficulty concentrating
- wanting things to be perfect and getting frustrated if they're not
- lashing out at others
- hyper-alertness and difficulty keeping still

TOP TIPS TO SUPPORT ANXIOUS FEELINGS

Top tips to support anxious feeling:

1. Explore ways to help your child cope with their anxieties and worries. Try working together to test out fears gradually - setting small, specific goals (e.g putting on their school uniform, practice the journey to school, bedtime routine, doing an activity independently).
2. Stay calm, supportive and practical. Try not to get drawn into your child's emotions. Praise and reward small (and big) successes when a child faces their fears. It can help them if you remain positive and encouraging, without forcing them into anything.
3. Take time to talk and listen. Focus on what helps. Instead of trying to reassure a child that nothing bad will happen, focus on what helped them cope when they faced a similar situation. Help a child think through what they have learned about their fears and themselves. Did their worry come true? Did they cope?

COPING STRATEGIES

You might want to try a variety of techniques out to see which ones work best for your child to help them through an anxious time.

- Mindfulness is one technique that helps children relax physically and emotionally.
- Sometimes concentrating on self-care can help children to re-focus.
- Meditation or relaxation activities can support your child to Unwind.

A range of suggestions and activities can be found on our Wellbeing page on our website [click here](#).

CLUB VALE – SPACES AVAILABLE!

COVID Safe Breakfast and After School Club that remains in **Wallace Fields Junior School year group bubbles** as well as follows Government Covid guidelines. They 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! For more information [click here](#). 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



WELCOME BACK FROM CATERERS

Please see a leaflet regarding school dinners by [clicking here](#).

PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED LEAVE

A full copy of our Attendance Policy is available on our website. The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of SCC, may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a Parent / Carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount. **If a child is taken out of school for more than 5 days / 10 sessions, unauthorised leave, (this need not be consecutive) without the authorisation of the school, the amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent, per child.** This rises to £120, if paid after the 21 days period, but within 28 days. If not paid, legal action will be taken against the recipient for the period shown on the penalty notice, the local authority, Surrey County Council must prosecute the Parent / Carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Please read the [Attendance Policy](#) to ensure you understand the criteria for unauthorised absence and its implications.

SPONSORED VIRTUAL RUN /WALK

We are “virtually” walking / running as part of our whole-school challenge to complete the length of England (from Berwick-Upon-Tweed to Land's End)



We will be co-ordinating this event with Our Wellbeing week, **culminating on Red Nose Day wearing a red nose & mufti on Friday March 19th**, to raise money for some more Chromebooks to assist the children's learning.

Since they were so brilliant last time, we are confident the children will be able to complete this challenge in just one week between them! Each child will be contributing to the class total and you will be sponsoring the entire class as a whole unit.

PTA

As our collective home school effort comes to the end of term I know we'd all like to thank the school for all the help and support over the last year.

As we locate **uniform and PE kits** this weekend please bag up anything that no longer fits and leave on the doorstep of Emma at 49 Bridge Rd.

The **prizes for the Love Ramble** will be available in named paper bags at the school gate on Tuesday, don't forget to collect them.

Thank you to everyone who has entered the **PTA Weekly Raffle**, from next week this will be played fortnightly. Watch this space for our Bingo nights dates! Follow our fabulous facebook page for updates at [Wallace Fields Junior School PTA](#)

Finally, we have **our next PTA meeting on 24th March**. We will post a link in the bulletin nearer the time, it would be lovely to see you there. Good luck to all the children and the school on the return to the classroom on Monday!

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