



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



DATES NEXT WEEK

- **Monday 15th January 2024** - Selected Year 5 & 6 Swimming lesson
- **Friday 19th January 2024** - Year 4 Football 7 a-side tournament at **Auriol Junior School** 1.15pm- 3.00pm.

[Click Here¹](#) for Upcoming Events

[Click here²](#) for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

HEAD'S UPDATE

Label Winter Clothing: The winter is definitely with us now and so the children are bringing in their warm waterproof coats, gloves, hats and scarves - this means a huge surge in the lost property, and already people are looking for coats that are not named. Please label as much as you can and it will find its way back to the owners. If you do want to look in lost property - come into the office as it has been moved to the quad to keep it dry.

New Orienteering and Outdoor Learning Opportunities: The teachers spent this week's staff meeting completing their orienteering and outdoor learning training. We have bought in a new active resource that not only teaches effective orienteering skills but comes with a whole raft of outdoor learning lessons that link the entire curriculum to the outdoors. Next time you are in school you may notice the special orienteering information signs on display around the school grounds (including our upper field) and the children will soon be using these to their full effect.

THIS WEEK

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1745753586074636409>

Netball Match Report

Two teams took part in a netball fixture with St. Josephs hosted by Wallace Fields Junior School on Wednesday 10th January 2024. It was a brisk afternoon and St Josephs brought two very competitive sides. Wallace Fields Juniors fought resiliently though they were unable to match St Josephs ability to find space and score. Wallace Fields Juniors resilience to keep battling for points was admirable and recognised by St Josephs who wrote- "Wallace Fields children played great and although it did not go their way this time they did not give up and carried on even though it was so cold!" Many thanks to all the players and any supporters who braved the cold. Mr Sellars. Sports Leader.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1744370731335442888>

Year 5 Learning about Poetry

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1744319699553321022>

Year 5 have been looking at poetry in English since we returned to school. We have been looking at Karl Nova and his style of poetry, learning some poetic techniques through many of his poems and performances. Year 5 read and performed his poem 'Famous' earlier this week and we were lucky

¹<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events>

²<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar>

enough to get a response from Karl Nova on X! We are really proud of the Year 5s for their creativity and confidence when performing, and we are looking forward to our poetry festival in school next week. Please look out on X for some videos of the children performing next week.

NSPCC "Buddy" Assembly

Wallace Fields Juniors are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. Programme*** this term. *Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

This week, Monday 8th January 2024, we held an assembly encouraging the children to speak out to stay safe if they are worried about anything. We introduced the NSPCC mascot "Buddy" and next week we will be running classroom activities on speaking out to stay safe. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout³.



Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

- **Parent/Carer support** - Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents⁴
- **Activities to extend learning at home** - Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities⁵
- **Online Safety Hub** - For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety⁶
- **Childline under 12s** - Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy⁷ (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids⁸ (7-11)

³<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout>

⁴<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents>

⁵<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities>

⁶<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety>

⁷<http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy>

NEXT WEEK

NSPCC Rocks is back on Times Table Rock Stars!



NSPCC Rocks is back on TTRS! **This competition is running on Friday 2nd February 2024.** The children have a 1-hour time limit to contribute to the tournament on this day. This is a really good way to raise awareness about the NSPCC, especially following our recent assembly and lessons, and continue to strengthen our fluency with our tables. We are really looking forward to celebrating the most valuable players in Celebration Assembly the following week. Miss Sarjeant.

YEAR 4

Year 4 Football Match 19th January 2024

Ten Year 4 children have been selected to play football for the school on **Friday 19th January 2024** in a Year 4 Football 7 a-side tournament. The tournament will take place at **Auriol Junior School, Vale Road, Stoneleigh KT19 0PJ**. The tournament starts at 1.15pm.

The parents/carers of the invited children have been contacted by email and must complete the Google Form to confirm their attendance.

The finish time is estimated to be around 3.00pm. The children will need to be collected from **Wallace Fields Junior School at 12.40pm after lunch and taken to the tournament and then collected at 3.00pm from Auriol**. All parents are welcome to support the team and if you are unable to transport your child, please arrange lifts with another parent. The children should wear warm clothes and also bring a drink.

⁸<http://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

Year 4 – Residential Trip to Ufton Court 7th – 8th May 2024

Please make a note of the following instalment dates:

- 2nd instalment of £75 due 2nd February 2024
- 3rd instalment of £75 due 15th March 2024

YEAR 5

Year 5 Homework Change

Year 5 have moved their maths homework dates due to staffing. The date the **maths homework will be set is now a Tuesday** and it will be **due in on a Thursday. This will start next week.** The children have all been informed this week. Thank you for all your support with the homework.

Year 5 and 6 Swimming

Following the swimming assessment lesson on Monday 8th January 2024, we have now chosen those children who will continue swimming on Monday mornings. Parents have been informed. **Lessons will continue on the following dates:**

15th, 22nd and 29th January,

5th, 26th February,

4th and 11th and 18th March 2024

Voluntary donations of £50 have been requested and this can be made via Scipay. Please remember to pack swimming costume/trunks and a towel for each Monday as we leave sharply at 8.55am.

Year 5 – Residential Trip to Marchants Hill 7th to 10th May 2024

Please make a note of the following instalment dates:

- **3rd instalment £115 due 26th January 2024**
- 4th instalment of £110 due 1st March 2024

YEAR 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 Mobile Phone Policy

We have had to speak this week to some of the children about inappropriate use of their mobile phones within the school grounds. This is a safeguarding and online safety issue and the children have been made well aware of this numerous times.

Mobile phones are not encouraged, for their own safety and the safety of their peers, so we do require a reason for your child to bring their phone on to the premises - which is highlighted on the 'Mobile Phone Policy for Pupils⁹'.

Key points are as follows:-

⁹<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/policies>

- Mobile phones should be switched off at the gate before they enter school and handed in to the class teacher or the School Office. Phones can be collected at the end of the school day or after a club.
- All phones have been given a label so that children can write their name on their phone; this is to prevent children taking the wrong phone; which has happened previously.
- Parents must sign the 'Mobile Phone Policy for Pupils should you decide to send your child into school with their phone. Please click here ¹⁰to download the form or pop into the School Office.
- If phones are brought in to school without a name, without the signed permission slip with a valid reason, or still turned on beyond the gate boundary, they will be confiscated in line with our policy. Parents will be asked to collect the mobile phone at the end of the day.

Thank you for continuing to safeguard all children.

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YEAR 6

Year 6 – Residential Trip to France 15th to 19th July 2024

Payments

Please make a note of the following instalment dates:

- **2nd instalment of £120 due 22nd January 2024**
- 3rd instalment of £120 due 25th March 2024
- 4th instalment of £120 due by 10th June 2024

Passports

All children will be required to use their own passport for the French Trip. If you need to apply for a passport, please do so in plenty of time. Please note current UK passports must be at the time of travel:

- Less than 10 years old

¹⁰<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/forms>

- Valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave France

You will need to send in your child's **passport to the school office by 6th June 2024.**

EHIC / GHIC

All children will require either a valid in-date European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). If your child's EHIC is out of date then you should apply for a GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card).

PTA AND FUNDRAISING

PTA Comedy Night

WFJS welcomes the return of the infamous Comedy Night. Bring your sense of humour and get ready to laugh. Funniest tickets in-town are now available to book via pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta¹¹

Doors open at 7:30pm on **Friday 15th March 2024** First drink and bar snacks included WFJS PTA.



¹¹<http://pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta>

PTA Valentines Disco - Thursday 8th February 2024.

Valentines Disco for the children is selling really well and we can't wait for DJ Findlay's playlist for the kids to boogie and play games to. Get your child's ticket via PTA Events: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta>



Other PTA Events

SAVE THE DATES 2024	VALENTINES DISCO 8TH FEBRUARY
WORLD BOOK DAY 7TH MARCH	COMEDY NIGHT 15TH MARCH
CIRCUS 25TH APRIL	RACE NIGHT 17TH MAY

General Reminders and News

Join the Exciting Globo Kidz Camp this February Half Term Camp at Wallace Fields Junior School!



After an extremely successful October Camp, we are thrilled to announce an action-packed and exhilarating February Half Term Camp at Wallace Fields Junior School! Get ready for a week full of sports, games, and endless fun for your children.

Date: 12th February – 16th February 2024.

At our camp, your child will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports and activities. From football to table tennis, netball, invasion games to glow dodgeball, and even laser tag and nerf wars, we have something for everyone!

Our experienced and enthusiastic coaches will guide the children through various sports drills, skill-building exercises, and exciting team games. They will not only have a blast but also develop their teamwork, coordination, and sportsmanship skills.

To register your child for this fantastic February Half Term Camp, simply visit our website www.globokidzcamp.co.uk ¹²or give us a call at 07725021035. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

We can't wait to welcome your child to the Wallace Fields Junior School Half Term Camp, where they will make new friends, learn new skills, and create unforgettable memories. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Best regards,

Globo Kidz Camp

Library Book Donations Wanted - Are you having a sort out?

You may find that books are in some of those presents under the tree - so time to have a book clear-out of the books that have been enjoyed. We are looking for good quality books for 7 to 11 year olds to be donated to the class book corners and library.

If your child receives duplicate copies of books at Christmas then perhaps you could donate them to the school library?

Please bring them in at the start of next term. **Thank you!**

¹²<https://www.globokidzcamp.co.uk/>

French Homework

French Linguascope practice: (remember it's optional but will help prepare you for our Top Translator Event)

Year 3: Linguascope/Elementary/Colours

Year 4 : Linguascope Beginner/Moi et ma famille/Description du visage (for eyes and hair colour)

Year 5: Linguascope Beginner/Les vêtements 1 & Les vêtements 2

Year 6: Linguascope /Beginner/L'alimentation/Les snacks (for food cognates)

Book Club Schedule for Spring Term 2024

The schedule for Spring term 2024 is below:

DATE	YEAR 6	YEAR 3	YEAR 5	YEAR 4
TUES 23 JAN	Book 1	Book 1		
WEDS 24 JAN			Book 1	Book 1
TUES 20 FEB	Book 2	Book 2		
WEDS 21 FEB			Book 2	Book 2
TUES 19 MAR	Book 3	Book 3		
WEDS 20 MAR			Book 3	Book 3

For those who have signed up for Book Club please find the schedule above and don't forget to pay for this term if you have not done so already. Any questions please contact the Book Club leader Steph Clarkson by emailing steph.clarkson@btconnect.com¹³

¹³<mailto:steph.clarkson@btconnect.com>



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What Children & Young People Need to Know about

FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly, being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called "hate speech" and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vital to a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having our challenge helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem, even though some people would find that offensive. It isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demagoguing and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics, referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

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BY BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER!

Starting back from 9th January

Tuesday Afternoons at Ewell Family centre
1.30pm – 2.30pm

Contact cc.office@ewellfamilycentre.com or 0208 337 7310 for inquiries

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Surrey County Council Planting Trees on the Highway Scheme

Surrey County Council were in St John's Avenue last Friday planting replacement trees in the verges. Some of the gaps in Dorling Drive are now filled with new trees. The following contact details of the individual at SCC who can be contacted to request replacement trees. He is open to requests from

residents. His details are: Robbie Stewart - Highways Environmental Officer.
Robbie.Stewart@surreycc.gov.uk¹⁴ Mobile: 07971 943242

There are lots of other gaps that could be repopulated, should you wish a tree to be replanted please contract SCC directly.

Surrey County Council have committed to facilitate the planting of 1.2 million trees by 2030, one for every Surrey resident.

Click here¹⁵ for the website which explains how residents and organisations can apply for trees to be planted outside their own property or on local areas of large highway verge.XXXX

Well done Heidi



Well done to Heidi L in 5S for being part of Leatherhead Theatre's Robin Hood Pantomime this year. Heidi was a dancer in the yellow team and performed numerous times from 16th December until the last performance on 30th December 2023.

Reminder for Parents with Year 2 Children

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2024 entry is **15th January 2024**.

SCC encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions¹⁶

Two Vouchers for a Free Swimming Lesson Available

We have been given two vouchers for a few swimming lesson by Colin Bull Swimming. If you wish to claim them pop into the School Office.

¹⁴<mailto:Robbie.Stewart@surreycc.gov.uk>

¹⁵<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/permits-and-licences/planting-trees>

¹⁶<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions>



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Saturday 13 January 1pm to 2.30pm

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to travel back two thousand years in time, to when the whole known world was ruled by the mighty Roman Empire?

Have you ever wondered how their food tasted, the feel of wearing their clothes, what their language sounded like, and the look—and smell! of their buildings?

A visit from the Butser IX Legion will bring the Roman world alive for you. Find out what a Roman schoolchild had to learn, try on Roman armour, and if you are tough enough, undergo Roman army training: all orders in Latin – we will teach you!

Cost £5 per child per session . Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell. Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON

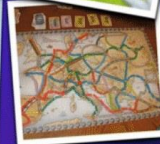
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Drop in Times – No appointment necessary

Fridays 5, 12 and 19 January 10.30 am - 1.30 pm

Venue: Ewell Hall (7 London Rd, Ewell, KT17 2AY)

Contact: Jo Taylor 020 8394 0050

St. Mary's Parish Office 020 8393 2643

EPSOM & EWELL FOODBANK

Our local foodbank hopes to support around 550 households who find this time of year particularly difficult. Can you help with a donation? You can give via their website or directly into their bank account CAF Bank - Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, sort code 405240, account number 00034980.

Urgently needed: instant coffee, custard, instant mash, toilet rolls, mayonnaise, longline sponge puddings, ladies deodorant, shaving foam and dog food.

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked: Weetabix and cat food.

You can donate at St Mary's Church Ewell, Sainsbury's Kiln Lane, Waitrose Epsom and Banstead, Asda Burgh Heath and Tesco Leatherhead, or directly to Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Good Company Hub, (Behind West Ewell Primary School), Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm excluding Bank Holidays.

You can sign up to the Foodbank newsletter on their website at www.epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk.

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