Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

17th November 2023



KEY DATES

- Monday 20th November 2023 Year 4 Factory to the Future
- Wednesday 22nd November 2023 Year 3 STEM talk
- Thursday 23rd November 2023
 - Year 5 River Walk
 - No Girls lunchtime football club today
- Friday 24th November 2023
 - Green House Mufti
 - Football Tournament at Auriol Junior School 12:50 -14:15

Some Other Key Dates Leading up to Christmas

- Monday 27th November 2023 Mufti Day for Christmas Hamper Donation
- **Monday 11th December 2023** Christmas concert Epsom College Chapel Rehearsal am, Evening for parents.
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 Christmas Panto. All morning.
- Wednesday 13th December 2023
 - Lower School PTA Christmas Fun Day all included for one donation Morning
 - Christmas jumper or headwear and tinsel with uniform for Christmas lunch with crackers. Open to Packed Lunches
- Thursday 14th December 2023
 - Upper School PTA Christmas Fun Day all included for one donation Morning
 - Choir lunchtime singing in the park 12:45-13:10
- Friday 15th December 2023 early finishing after lunch

Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events

Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

HEAD'S UPDATE



Anti-Bullying Week: The children have had a full on week learning all about bullying and building the strategies to act on anything that makes them feel sad or unsafe in school. One off incidents are not bullying and repeated incidents are, so all the children are able to identify bullying and know what to do if they feel bullied. We have also been covering bullying outside of school especially online

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

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

bullying which is possible through electronic devices, mobile phones and online gaming. The advice from the National Online Safety group is regularly included in these newsletters and provides vital information and advice to help parents with online safety and give tips and ideas about keeping our children safe. With electronic devices and mobile phones, even though our children are indoors they are still vulnerable to online dangers and we can take steps to prevent this.

International School Award: There is an award commissioned by the British Council called the International School Award. It recognises all of the international activities, the diversity rich curriculum and the active international links that the school works on through the year. We have held this award before, however it lapsed during the pandemic for obvious reasons. We do hope, however, under the positive guidance of Mrs Kidwai to go for reaccreditation. If we are successful Mrs Kidwai, as our diversity lead, will announce it in the newsletter.

Fabulous Sports Crew: The Sports Crew enjoyed their formal training this week in Tadworth and returned happy with new t-shirts and badges. My thanks to them as they were singled out with one other school as being the most organised and the most polite school at the training. The Sports Crew have a varied role and are responsible for maintaining, distributing and collecting the sports equipment - including break times. They take their role very seriously and many staff have noted how responsible and reliable this team are. Congratulations and well done to Dolsie, David Julia, Alejandra, Edie, Jess K-Q, Lucy L, Elliot W, Henry D, Fraser, Ivan and Jack in Year 6.

Parent Questionnaire Feedback - Expectations and Homework: Parents were asked if they felt that the school expects their child to work hard and do their best - 45.3% said they strongly agreed, 39.6% agreed and 13.2% were indifferent. That is a hugely reassuring **84.9%** agreeing and 1.9% disagreed. It is important that expectations remain high as the children need to be secondary ready by the time they leave Year 6 and generally the feedback from the high schools is very promising.

Parent Feedback - Homework - this is a contentious one, usually with half parents wanting more and half wanting less. In our questionnaire 17% strongly agreed appropriate homework was set, 56.6% agreed and 17% were indifferent. So here **73.6%** agreed and 9.4% disagreed. The children's homework is carefully set with deadlines and all homework relates to concepts explored in the classroom that week. This was a pleasing feedback result and we are always open to ideas and feedback on homework especially if there are technical problems.

Good Range of Activities - 54.8% said they strongly agreed and 43.4% agreed we provide a good range of activities for the children to take part in including trips, visits and visitors. This totals **98.2%** agreeing (no one disagreed, 1.8% indifferent). This confirms that all the effort that goes into organising, booking and leading trips is appreciated and understood for its importance by parents.

THIS WEEK

http://twitter.com/statuses/1725459753264947420

Wellbeing Day - Skipping Workshop and Cosy Reading.

On the 17th November, 2023 children and staff took part in our Wellbeing Day. The children had the opportunity to take part in exercise in a skipping workshop as well as settle down for some cosy reading and complete some wellbeing conversations, activities and reflection.

http://twitter.com/statuses/1725460994392989826

http://twitter.com/statuses/1725479327842615561

Exciting Science Workshops for Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 took part in some exciting science workshops this week. See the X posts below.

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http://twitter.com/statuses/1725088319665549805

Year 4 Treat for Harvest Collection Success

Year 4 had a mini campfire activity on the lower field on Friday 17th November 2023, as a reward for achieving the most harvest donations for the Epsom Food bank. The food bank have sent their thanks and this special campfire activity was a thank you to the children in Year 4 for their generosity and hard work.

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Happy Bags

Thank you so much to all those people who brought their Happy Bags into school on Tuesday morning - it was a very impressive pile of unwanted garments. The collection managed to raise £154.55 from our Happy Bags Collection this week - thank you for your efforts.

The next collection is 11th June 2024 and there will be reminders in the newsletter leading up to that date. Keep those items aside for the summer during your spring cleaning.

Sports Crew - Formal Training

Year 6 Sports Crew attended their first training Festival this week. The children worked fantastically as a team, learning new skills and games to bring back to school. I was very proud of how mature they behaved and their confidence. Sports Crew 2023-2024 are really looking forward to working hard to achieve their silver and gold badges. Thank you to the parents who transported them to and from the venue, it could not have happened without you.

They really were a credit to the school, as the feedback shows:

"Thank you for attending the Sports Crew training session today and congratulations on having a newly formed Sports Crew within your school. I just wanted to re-iterate how impressed myself and Ana were with all your students today, not only do we think they will be fantastic leaders they were so enthusiastic, respectful and motivated today it was an absolute pleasure delivering the session



Ms. White





Lower School Football Fundraiser Raises Almost £500

The Year 3 & 4 parents v children footy match was on 16th November 2023. The total raised this week was £150.75 online £316.25 in cash so a grand total of £467. Both upper school and lower school matches raised a staggering total of £1085.50!!!

All proceeds go to the all weather pitch fund.

Click here³ to donate more funds.

A huge thanks again to the staff who made it happen and the PTA for donating and organising refreshments.

Finally, thanks to all staff who cheered and supported the children on the side-lines.

It goes without saying, that an enormous thanks goes to the parents who played.

IMPORTANT

Lego Club is Now Full

The Lego club sessions on Tuesday 28th November and Tuesday 5th December 2023 3.20pm-4.30pm are now fully booked. It was hugely popular. It is run by our Teaching Assistant Mrs White and she will be running the club again in January. She will confirm if children have a place. Contact details are swhitelegoclub@yahoo.com⁴.

Green House Mufti Day - Friday 24th November 2023

Green House Mufti Day: Each week in assembly the House Point monitors read out the weekly winner and the current leaders for the half term. At the end of the half term the winning house get a free mufti day. The winners last half term were Green House. The mufti day has been set for Friday 24th November 2023. All children in Green House can wear their own clothes and children usually wear something in team colours within their outfit in order to celebrate their victory.

Christmas Dinner Open to Packed Lunch Children

The School Christmas Lunch is on **Wednesday 13th December 2023**. All School Dinner children will get a Christmas lunch.

³ https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/all-weather-pitch

⁴mailto:swhitelegoclub@yahoo.com

If your child is currently Packed lunch, they are invited to have a Christmas Lunch as it is open to ALL Children. The cost is £2.70 via SCOPAY. Please complete the **attached form by Thursday 30th November** to confirm that your child would like a Christmas Lunch.

Click here 5

Do You Need a Holiday Club this Christmas?

Globo Kidz Camp hold holiday clubs holds camps at Wallace Fields Junior School and are planning to run a Christmas Holiday Camp from **18th to 22nd December 2023.** This can only go ahead if there is sufficient interest so please click here⁶ and complete the Google form.

Globo Kidz Camp are an independent Ofsted registered holiday kids camp providing fun activities throughout the year for children aged 5-14. All of their staff are highly qualified, experienced school teachers who hold qualifications in a variety of sports. They are dedicated to offer the most exciting environment where children can experience a full range of activities whilst being active learners.

Christmas Carol Concert

Please ensure you have the evening of **Monday 11th December 2023. 7pm** - 8pm in your diary. The Christmas Carol service at the Epsom College Chapel is the only opportunity for the whole school to be together so we expect all children to attend. All parents and siblings are welcome to come to watch the concert. If for religious reasons your child is unable to attend, please email office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁷

Parents/carers must NOT arrive before 6.30pm and there is no parking on site.

We expect your child to attend the rehearsal (on the morning from school) and the evening service unless we hear from you. We need some parent volunteers to walk with the children over to and back from the Epsom College chapel in the morning of Monday 11th December 2023 for the rehearsal. We are leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 11.45am. Parents do not need to stay for the whole dress rehearsal unless they wish to. If you can help please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁸

Lost Property - Are these Your Property?

Do any of these items belong to your child? None of them are labelled. Please contact the School Office to claim them. Unclaimed items will be put in the next Happy Bags collection or sold at the next PTA Pre-owned uniform sale.

⁵https://forms.gle/RQVQE2A2NAmbZPWb8

⁶https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqr ZKjBwx1PnXag6XJLVssCdtjhRm96uTthLOw5wHkhw0yQ/viewform?usp=sf link

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PTA and Fundraising

Help Raise Vital Funds for Our School While You Online Shop



BLACK FRIDAY Shopping day is a great way to HELP RAISE VITAL FUNDS for our school WHILE YOU SHOP!



Please remember to use EASYFUNDRAISING when you do your Christmas online shopping this year.

Over 7,000 brands including eBay, John Lewis, Argos and M&S WILL DONATE TO WFJS PTA FOR FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for the children in school when you buy anything from decorations and festive food to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

These donations make a HUGE difference to the children's learning experiences and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wfjspta

Christmas is coming to Wallace Fields Juniors!





Christmas is coming to WFJS But not as we know it. This year the children are doing Christmas their way.

The PTA will be hosting an in house Christmas Fun Fair, throughout the school day Spread across two days the participating children will enjoy festive inflatables, Christmas games and prizes, arts and crafts, delicious *hot chocolate and snacks.

So parents - no need to volunteer this year and no need to stand outside in the cold buying hot drinks and hotdogs. The PTA have got you covered! We are simply asking for £8 per child payable via PTA events.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta

But don't worry our Christmas loving parents, we haven't forgotten about you, our famous festive hamper raffle is happening and we hope it will be bigger and better than ever! PTA Elves *all dietary needs accommodated



As the fair is different this year we will not be having a bottle tombola. Therefore, in exchange for mufti on Monday 27th November 2023 children each donate an item for a Christmas hamper please

in their year's allocated colour. We will collect these at drop off. Please take note of your years colour!



Carol Singing in the Park - Thursday 14th December 2023

It would be lovely to see parents coming along and supporting the school choir, as they welcome the Christmas Spirit into Alexandra Park. The School Choir will be carol singing in Alexandra Park

Recreation Ground by the Park View Café on **Thursday 14th December 2023** from around **12.45pm** until 1.10pm. All parents are welcome to come along and watch. The café will have extra treats available and there will be a collection for the All-Weather Track fund, so if you do have any spare change, donations are much appreciated.

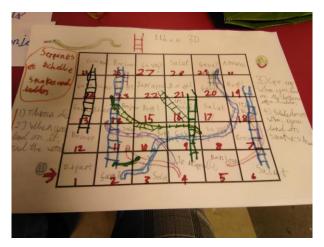
YEAR 3

"Fabulous Autumn French homework by Year 3! Bravo!"















YEAR 4

Toy Cars Needed for Science Lesson



Please can Year 4 parents bring in toy cars for our Science lesson for Monday 20th November 2023.

YEAR 5

Year 5 River Trip and Clipboards Needed

As we are currently studying the journey of the river and its surrounding environment in Year 5, we have organised a river walk and a visit to Bourne Hall to learn about the importance of the spring in Ewell on **Thursday 23rd November 2023.** We will be leaving school at **9.30am** and **returning to school at 3.00pm.**

Children will be required to wear their **school uniform** and must bring a **warm waterproof coat.** They can wear **trainers or comfortable shoes** that you do not mind getting muddy. All children must have a **packed lunch** provided from home, **a fruit snack** for the morning with an extra drink. (No glass bottles please).

As we already have parental consent for local walking trips, we do not require you to sign a permission slip.

Do you have any clipboards at home we could borrow for our trip? For the Year 5 river walk, we are taking our school clipboards but do not have enough for one each. If anyone has a clipboard that they would be happy to lend to the Year 5s, please ensure it is named so we can give it back to you on Thursday afternoon. **Please can any clipboards be given to Miss Sarjeant by Wednesday afternoon 22nd November**. Thank you very much in advance.

If the weather is bad it will be cancelled and rescheduled for the summer term and linked to our settlements topic.

Year 6

Year 6 Slipper Making - Equipment Needed

Year 6 will be making slippers, during the afternoons, next week (w/c 20th November) at school.

To create their slippers, the children will need:

- A cereal box big enough to draw around both of your feet.
- A piece of material measuring approximately 0.5 m2. The most suitable material would be a
 fleece/sweatshirt, felt or brushed cotton (a material that can be easily cut, sewn and will not
 fray). We have found that an old fleece or sweatshirt, once 'opened' up at the seams,
 provides enough material. Materials that are too thick, like a fluffy blanket, will be very hard
 to cut and sew through.
- A material that could be used for the soles. This needs to be strong, durable and able to be cut in class. We recommend an off-cut or sample of lino from a local flooring shop. We would really appreciate if you could (if possible) get more than one or extras to help others who may not have the means or opportunity to secure this material thank you very much to Jack S for supplying extra material already but if there are any more donations that can be made, we would be very grateful! Other ideas for the sole could be to take apart an old slipper and re-use the outer sole. Children were shown some ideas on Friday at school please discuss materials with them and be creative.
- **Some other materials needed**: J Cloth (blue and white kitchen cloth) and thick card/cardboard for inner sole.

'Macbeth' – The Young Shakespeare Company Workshop - Monday 27th November 2023

As part of the Year 6 Literacy Curriculum, we are looking at classical texts and famous authors. Following the enormous success of last year's visit, we have been fortunate to secure a visit from The Young Shakespeare Company on **Monday 28th November 2023**

The storytelling workshop, delivered by a team of experienced actors, will provide a fun learning experience bringing to life the text of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. We are sure it will be an enjoyable and educational experience for the children.

In order to cover the cost of the visit we are asking for a **voluntary contribution of £9.75.** Please make your payment through Scopay, our online payment system.

ONLINE SAFETY



CLUBS

Football Fixtures and Club News

- Thursday 23rd November 2023 No Girls lunchtime football club today
- Thursday 23rd November 2023 Match against The Vale has been cancelled by The Vale
- Friday 24th November 2023 A team football tournament at the Auriol school 12.50 14.50. More information on SPOND

Children Must Leave Club in School Uniform

Children changing for a club must change back into their school uniform when they complete the club. Obviously if they are in PE kit and do not need specific kit for the sports club, then they remain in PE kit. Club leaders will include changing time in the club finish time and to ensure the children in school uniform change back into it (including shoes).

Piano Lesson - Available Slot on Mondays at 3.30pm

Mrs Cratchley holds one to one 30 minute piano lessons at Wallace Fields Junior School. She has had a space become available on Mondays at 3.30pm. For further information please contact Ms Cratchley by calling 07526 602231 or email alisonmcratchley306@gmail.com⁹

Gardening Club - Don't Forget Your Wellies



Children who take part in Gardening Club **MUST wear wellington boots or a spare pair of old shoes and coat**, otherwise unfortunately they will be unable to take part.

Wraparound Care Provided by Junior Adventures Group - JAG!

Junior Adventures Group Club (JAG) provides excellent wraparound care at Wallace Fields Junior School. They run Breakfast Club from 7:30am until 8:40am and After School Club from 3:25pm until 6:00pm. From September, a new part session 4.30pm -6.00pm has been created for After School Club and is live on the JAG Magic Booking system (price is £11.00). This means your child can attend a Wallace Fields Club and then join JAG at 4.30pm at the reduced price. This is from September 2023 and available to juniors only.

⁹mailto:alisonmcratchley306@gmail.com

It is very helpful if all parents could register on JAG https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/ even if they never use JAG during their time at WFJS. This would allow a late pick up in an emergency. JAG cannot take unregistered children due to them being under a different Ofsted registration. The office cannot look after a child beyond school day and those children who are regularly picked up late must register with JAG.



General Reminders and News

GET READY FOR BLACK FRIDAY... STARTS FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER!



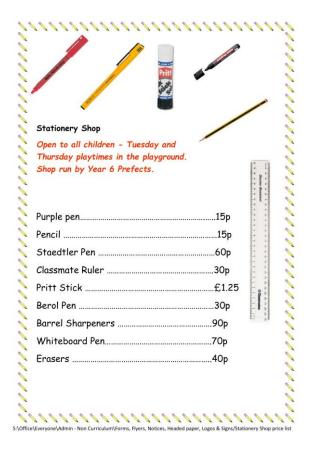
School Dinner Menus for Autumn / Winter 2023





Stationery Reminder

Your child must have the right stationery in class and if not this impacts on everyone, disturbing them. Please ask your child to check if they need stationery. Class teachers may send your child home with a slip indicating which stationery they need. Parents may provide their child with a little cash so that they can buy replacement stationery as necessary. Children may purchase replacement whiteboard pens, glue sticks, pens and pencils at our stationery shop run by Year 6 prefects on Tuesday and Thursday break times (at the 4C window).



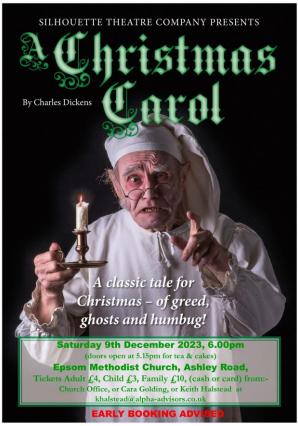
COMMUNITY NEWS

Fantastic Year 6 Musician

Well done to Yoon Seul in 6K who took second place at the SUTTON MUSIC FESTIVAL held on November 11th 2023. She played Gavotte from Mignor by A Thomas and won Second Prize for Violin

for Instrumental Novice Class Any Age. She showed the whole school in assembly today and wore her silver medal with pride.









www.festivelightdisplay.co.uk



10am - 3:30pm 12 noon - 1:30pm

3:30 - 6pm Family after-school club

with games, kid's entertainment & evening meal

Plus! One-stop advice café every week. See over for details...



- · Simply drop in, no booking required
- Wednesdays from 1st November to 13th March
- Epsom Methodist Church, Ashley Road, KT18 5AQ







Upcoming musical events at St Mary's Ewell November and December 2023.

Tuesday 31st October Trinity Laban Chamber Choir 1.05pm followed by afternoon tea. Free Admission.

Saturday 25th November join with the Parish Choir to sing excerpts from Handel's Messiah.

Meet at 3pm in the Parish Room, rehearsal from 3.30pm – 6.00pm (with tea break!) The concert starts
at 7.30pm. Dress: black, or black and while.

Audience and performers suggested donation £10, free 18 and under.

We welcome singers from surrounding choirs to sing some brilliant music.

Email me at <u>directorolmusic@stmanysewell.com</u> if you'd like to come and sing.

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Friday 1st December, as President of Bromley and Croydon Organists Association, I will be hosting a celebrity concert at 1.05pm followed by tea at 2.30pm. Free Admission and all welcome. Richard Mander, Organist at St Mikifed's Addiscombe, plays, Langlias La Nativite; Herman Loddan, Nirmer of the International Organ Fessila at St Albarts, plays Alec Rowley's Petrological Condens, Normer of the International Organ Fessila at St Albarts, plays Alec Rowley's Petrological Condens, Normer of the International Admission Andrew is responsible for many of the leading organ projects both here and abbrack including the major restorations and new organs at the SFH, Kings College Cambridge, Canterbury Cathedral, York Minster, The Guards' Chapel and Norwich Cathedrall this spare time, he is Director of Music at St Michael's Crydon, with its wonderful Father' Willis organ. Andrew will play some of Guilmant's Noels.

Sunday December 3rd at 5.30pm is the Advent Carol Service.

Tuesday December 5th at 1.05pm Jonathan continues the all Bach lunchtime series with some Advent and Christmas Chorales, and Variations.

Saturday December 9th at 7.30pm – Jonathan and Sarah Holmes invite you to the ever-popular 'Christmas Cracker.'
This features well known carols for the audience, and Christmas music, solos and duets for organ and piano. Get into the spirit of Christmas by putting on your Christmas jumper and having a great sing-

Sunday December 17th at 5.30pm is the Christmas Carol Service.



