Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

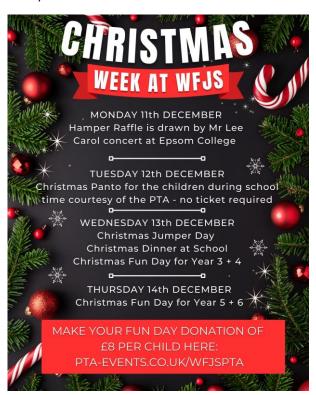
24th November 2023



KEY DATES

- Monday 27th November 2023
 - Mufti Day for Christmas Hamper Gift Donation
 - Year 6 Macbeth Workshop
- **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. 1.25pm Upper School. 1.30pm Lower School (Y3 & Y4)



Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

HEAD'S UPDATE



Whole School Wellbeing: Last week's Wellbeing Day went very well and was a time to reflect, develop self awareness, consider friendships and take some time to give themselves some peace and quiet. The school constantly maintains a calm and supportive atmosphere all day long and this positivity was picked up by the prospective parents when they had their tours around the school.

Inconsiderate and Illegal Parking: I have contacted Surrey Parking enforcement to request a visit from their wardens due to the a number of cars parking inconsiderately. They replied that they are very busy covering schools across Surrey and that we can report vehicles by phone or by email with email being the quicker option. If you wish to report a vehicle or vehicles parked in contravention of parking rules you can email directly using SurreyParkingEnforcement@nslservices.co.uk³. Or during office hours you can call them on 03301755930, though it should be noted that any report taken over the phone is then sent to the above address so it is quicker to email your report directly.

THIS WEEK

Year 5 River Walk

http://twitter.com/statuses/1727706509776187689

Year 3 Factory of the Future STEM workshop http://twitter.com/statuses/1727259046896599141

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

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

³mailto:SurreyParkingEnforcement@nslservices.co.uk

Year 6 Slipper Making

http://twitter.com/statuses/1727658951502614797

Match Report - Auriol School Tournament

It was a cold wintery afternoon on Friday 24th November 2023 when the A team travelled to Auriol School for a football tournament. They competed against six other schools from Epsom and Ewell. We came top of our group and went on to play in the final where we just missed out on the trophy in extra time 2 goals to 1 to the home team. Thank you for all the players for supporting the players. We are very proud of how we played and achieving second place.

IMPORTANT

PTA Hamper Gift Mufti Day - Monday 27th November 2023

This is a reminder that Monday 27th November is a PTA Mufti Day. In exchange for wearing mufti, children can donate colourful items for the Christmas Hamper in their year group allocated colour. Be creative, be inspired and remember the colour your year group are donating - it can be sweets, jars, bottles, Christmas items, small gifts and pretty Christmas trinkets.



Urgent Response to Gauge Expression of Interest in Strings Day at Epsom College

Does your child play a stringed instrument? Would your child (Years 4-6) like to take part in a Strings Day at Epsom College on Tuesday 6 February 2024 from 10-4.20pm?

I am contacting you to gauge interest in this event. On Tuesday 6 February 2024, the Director and Assistant of Music at Epsom College will be running a strings day for pupils from local prep schools and have also invited Wallace Fields string players.

The event aims to bring together pupils from Years 4 to 6 for a day of playing as an ensemble. All string players are welcome. The music will be learnt on the day and all abilities will be catered for (although it is probably not appropriate for extreme beginners as a certain level of sight-reading ability will be required).

The day will start at 10.10am and finish at around 4.20pm after a concert for parents and guests. If we have enough players to make it viable for us to attend, I will walk the children to Epsom College from school in the morning. We usually need a parent volunteer or two to help with the walk but if you are free and would be happy to attend the whole day as an additional adult, this could be very useful (again depending on numbers).

If your child plays a stringed instrument and would like to take part, please complete this google form by **Monday 27th November** so that I can decide whether to go ahead and accept the invitation offer.

Click here.4

Parent Helped Needed Morning of Monday 11th December

Thank you to the parents have already signed up. We still need some more parent volunteers to walk with the children to and 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.uk⁵

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.

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 6

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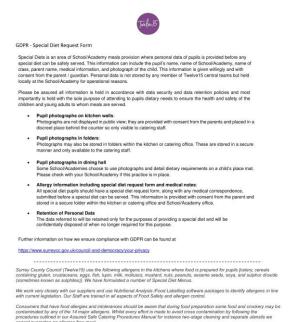
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March 2023 For more information please visit – www.itstwelve15.co.uk/allergies

confirm that I have read and understood the above:

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 here⁷ and complete the Google form.

Print Name

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 keep 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.uk⁸

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.

⁷https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqr ZKjBwx1PnXag6XJLVssCdtjhRm96uTthLOw5wHkhw0yQ/viewform?usp=sf link

⁸mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

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.

Help Raise Funds for All Weather Pitch

We have held a series of fundraising events this term with a pure focus on the all-weather pitch! See below some great photos from the Upper and Lower School football fundraisers. The all-weather pitch will enable children to play outside at playtime and lunchtimes whatever the weather. Our aim is to fund fun fitness for all and inspire children to race for a healthy heart, healthy brain and healthy body. There is still time to donate - there are 39 days more of our Crowdfunder page

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

There are special rewards for those that can donate £50 and £100 and even more, so please if you have any pennies to spare, we would be most grateful!

















YEAR 3

Year 3 Linguascope Topic

Year 3 Linguascope Elementary topic this week is **Pays** (countries- to say where I live (town and country).

YEAR 4

Year 4 Residential Trip to Ufton Court

Thank you to those parents who have signed up and paid a deposit for their child to attend the residential trip next year. Please make a note of the following instalment dates. You may check your balance on Scopay if you are unsure of your balance:

Payment Amount and Due Date:

- Deposit £60 Was due 3rd November 2023
- 2nd Instalment £75 2nd February 2024
- 3rd Instalment £75 15th March 2024

YEAR 5

Year 5 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill

Thank you to those parents who have signed up and paid a deposit for their child to attend the residential trip next year. Please make a note of the following instalment dates. You may check your balance on Scopay if you are unsure of your balance:

Payment Amount and Due Date:

- Deposit £60 Was due 12th June 2023
- 2nd Instalment £115 Was due 30th Oct 2023
- 3rd Instalment £115 26th January 2024
- 4th Instalment £110 1st March 2024

Year 6

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

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 27th 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 £11.** Please make your payment through Scopay, our online payment system.

Year 6 Residential Trip to France

Thank you to those parents who have signed up and paid a deposit for their child to attend the residential trip next year. Please make a note of the following instalment dates. You may check your balance on Scopay if you are unsure of your balance:

Payment Amount and Due Date:

- Deposit £120 was due17th November 2023
- 2nd Instalment £120 22nd January 2024
- 3rd Instalment £120 25th March 2024
- 4th Instalment £120 10th June 2024

ONLINE SAFETY



WELLBEING



Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport

We have many fantastic sports players at our school and we know lots of our children enjoy active clubs in their free time. Please take a look at the following link which takes you to a website provided by the NSPCC. It gives guidance on how to keep your child safe whilst participating in sport and has useful videos to support their explanations.

https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents



https://youtu.be/6glBhB2pkLQ



CLUBS

Clubs Finishing for Christmas

Please check your club letter or with your club leader when your children's clubs finish for the Christmas holidays.

Tennis club has already finished for Christmas. There will be no clubs in the final week of term week commencing 11th December 2023 and some finish a few weeks before that such as Year 4 lunchtime Science club which finishes on 28th November and Chess club which finishes on 29th November 2023.

Please put these dates in the diary so your child is not waiting for collection at the end of school. You might want to book into the wraparound care provider JAG for the sessions the clubs are not running. For more information click here.⁹

Theatre Arts Club Christmas Shows

Theatre Arts Club will be doing their usual little shows in the last sessions of Theatre Arts on the 7th and 8th December. The parents are invited for 4pm and I hope we will be finished by 5pm!

In order to prepare for the show the club leader has also invited the children to stay until 5pm in their sessions before the show, on the 30th November and 1st December 2023. Anyone who can't stay on the late rehearsal night can be collected from the office at 4.30pm.

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

⁹https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/wrap-around

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.

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

Don't Forget To Bring in a Named Coat Every Day



Penalty Notices For Unauthorised Leave

With Christmas holidays approaching we thought it was important to remind you or our attendance policy. We do not authorise term time holiday in line with an agreement with the local cluster of primary schools.

The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council 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. Click here¹⁰ for our attendance policy.



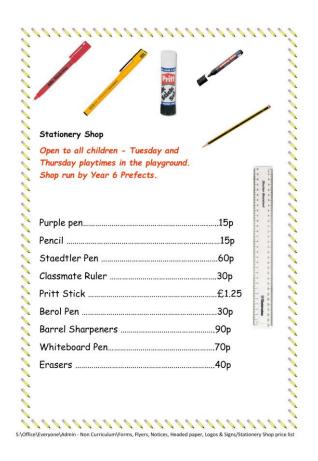
¹⁰https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/attendance

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

Toby Receives his Third Blue Peter Badge



Toby received his 3rd Blue Peter badge this weekend. His book badge. He is an avid reader and has received star reader certificates nearly every week this year and enjoys book club. His initial blue Peter blue badge had the idea of a Blue Peter book club and book badge, they showed his letter and drawing on the TV show. So he is very pleased they introduced the badge and he has one!

Applying for a Junior School Place for September 2024

The closing date for on-time applications to Wallace Fields Junior school for children wanting to start in Year 3 in September 2024 is **15 January 2024.**

If your child does not have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and are leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2024 then you should follow the steps on this page on the Surrey County Council website by clicking here¹¹.

If your child is already in primary education and needs to change schools outside the normal admissions period (for example, if you are moving house), you should apply for an in-year admission instead by clicking here.¹²

If your child has an EHCP, you must follow the procedure for applying for a school place for a child with an EHCP by clicking here¹³.

Surrey County Council Encourages Residents to Offer Supported Lodgings / Foster

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers' themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of

¹¹https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply#start

¹²https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/in-year

¹³https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/send

children they care for to grow and thrive. 'Any of Us' is available to watch from the 26th September 2023.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk¹⁴ or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering¹⁵ You can watch 'Any of Us' via Any of Us - YouTube and connect with

the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering



https://youtu.be/DSb7l6kqY9k

Hear the Marsden Kids Campaign to Stop Move from Royal Marsden

A former Wallace Fields Junior School parent has launched a campaign to oppose NHS London's decision to close and move all children's cancer services from The Royal Marsden in Sutton and move into Central London to either St George's in Tooting or Evelina London in Lambeth. If you would like to find out more and support this campaign go to:

https://www.change.org/p/hearthemarsdenkids-campaign



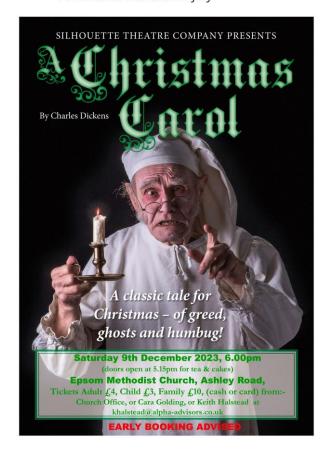
¹⁴mailto:supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk

¹⁵https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering



3rd Epsom Scouts'
Charity Crockery Smash
in aid of
The
Children's Trust

For children with brain injury







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 Judician, Nirmer of the International Organ Fessila at St Albarts, plays Alec Rowley's Horizon and Constant Production of the International Organ Fessila at St Albarts, plays Alec Rowley's Horizon Constant Production of the International Organists and State of the International Production of the International Production of Harrison and Harrison, 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 I his spare time, he is Director of Music at St Michael's Crydon, with its woodeful 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.

