

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

4th October 2024



DATES NEXT WEEK

- Wednesday 9th October 2024 2.00pm Year 3 Tea Party Bring in cake donations at drop off.
- Thursday 10th October 2024
 - 8:30am-9:00am Happy Bags collection
 - 2.00pm Year 4 Tea Party Bring in cake donations at drop off.
- Friday 11th October 2024
 - PTA Bingo Night 7.30pm.
 - Tag Rugby Tournament re-arranged date 12.40pm for 1.15pm start at Auriol School

Click here¹ for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar Click Here² for Upcoming Events

HEAD'S UPDATE

Thank You Volunteers!

A quick thank you to those who signed up as Helping Hands (volunteers) for the school and for those who have started already. I will make a very big effort to get round and see you. Apologies to those who are still waiting for the relevant checks, the safeguarding process is very thorough and we appreciate your understanding while you wait. Please remember to bring in your ID if you haven't already done so in order for us the process your checks.

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

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

Gas Main Works

Thank you for your patience with the gas main work. I did contact the project leader when some heavy lorries were still in the road at 8.40am and this was remedied for the remainder of the week. It appears the company filling the holes differs from those digging up the road and fitting the mains. The children have been very sensible and the works have moved up the road and round into Wallace Fields (the road) already. Please encourage your children to stay on the paths as much as possible if they are walking to and from school alone.

Bingo Night! Have Some Friday Fun!

The PTA have collected together amazing prizes to ensure the **Bingo Night** is a great night out. If you want a fun night out that is a bit different and you want to help the school raise funds then make sure to book your tickets. These events are always a great success though without your support they just cannot happen. Get some friends along (they do not have to be Wallace Fields Junior parents) bring your family along (it is an adult event so get a baby sitter in) and really make something of the start of your weekend. These times are short lived and before long they will be at secondary school and these fun nights will be a thing of the past. Leave the Netflix alone for one night and get out and live life to the full. See below for details.

THIS WEEK

Official Opening of Astro Pitch

After 5 years of fundraising, we are delighted to be able to officially open the new ASTRO pitch. The big opening ceremony was on Thursday with a few words from our sports crew and a quick fire house game, "BEAT THE GOALIES", against Mr Sellars and Mr Findlay. We had a great time!

The new all weather pitch will allow the children to play all year round on the field and at lunchtime. This will be available for football and other ball activities and on Friday we plan to promote girls' football.

We are so grateful to everyone over the last 5 years, who have put money in the bucket, or sponsored a sporting event in school on our Crowdfund page.

Take a look at the pictures- to see how fantastic this new resource is for the school.









Claudia Macdonald (England Rugby Player) Visit

Former pupil, member of the England Rugby Team (number 11) and the Exeter Chiefs visited us on Friday. Claudia talked to the whole school in the morning about sustainability and her life as a rugby player. She also took a class for a rugby skills lesson. Claudia was a pupil here at Wallace Fields Juniors where she excelled in all sports including tag rugby, football and netball. She was also successful academically and her mum was a teacher here for a time. The children were very excited and were inspired by her talk about how we can all do small things to make a difference - like not running the tap whilst brushing our teeth and alternatives to wrapping presents up to save paper. Some children were lucky enough to get an autograph when she was mobbed at playtime. 6H had the most house points and so they got to have a personal rugby skills session with Claudia in the

morning and they enjoyed that very much! We wish Claudia all the best for the future and thank her for spending time to come and see us.













Epsom College Music Festival

The Upper School Choir enjoyed a lovely day out at Epsom College on Tuesday this week, taking part in their annual music festival. The programme took us around the world with lots of catchy songs, snippets of which can be heard on 'X'. The children worked really hard to learn and prepare the songs for a fantastic concert at the end of the day. The singing was so full of energy and it was such an uplifting experience to be part of. I have sent a message of thanks to the wonderful conductors who led the day - Mr Johnson-Hyde and Mr Wickham whose enthusiasm and piano playing talent

providing the live accompaniments made it even more enjoyable. For more photos and videos see our website Music page by clicking here³. Mrs Johnstone (Music lead)



http://twitter.com/statuses/1841594468845212115

http://twitter.com/statuses/1841593279776735538

Sports Crew 2024-2025

It was an honour to take the newly appointed Sports Crew to their Sports Crew Training this week at Leatherhead Leisure Centre. The children displayed every one of our BELIEVE values and represented Wallace Fields Junior School beautifully; even being singled out to demonstrate an activity to the 6 other schools due to their great teamwork.

Well Done Sophie W, Alexandra S, Maia S, Arlo O, Avi N, Naomi W, Celine P, Tiffany S, George D, Oscar O, Clarissa W and Rory H for your enthusiasm and hard work. I know you will be a great Sports Crew and we cannot wait to see your ideas being put into practice. Ms White.



³https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/learning/music







Inter-house Cross Country Race

Well done to all the children who took part in the school inter-house cross country today, Friday 4th October 2024. Although there were some initial nerves they all made us very proud by trying their hardest. Particular thanks to the Year 6 Sports Crew who helped set up and all the Year 6 for marshalling and who gave vital encouragement and moral support making it a great event. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the runners. Results will be available next week.

Following the race, the sports coach will select children to take part in the District Cross Country on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at Sutton Grammar School Playing Fields. Children will need to be collected early from school so they can arrive at 3pm for a 3.30pm race and ideally it would be great

if all parents stayed to watch. Information will be emailed to parents of those selected early next week.









River Trip

Year 5 had a very exciting (and dry!) trip down to Ewell and along the Hogsmill River on Thursday. This trip enables us to consolidate our learning and key vocabulary from our rivers topic so far, as well as giving us some key information for our learning in the rest of our geography unit.

The children were able to spot some key features (which we have learnt about in our lessons) in real life where we walked and on maps showing all 10km of the Hogsmill. We played a game of 'Pooh sticks' over a bridge and measured the speed of the river with a stopwatch. The Year 5s also used a compass to work out the direction of the river flow.

The children were amazing and represented our school brilliantly. We were all in awe of Mr Hurd's knowledge and expertise as he took us on our own magical history walking tour through Ewell and along the Hogsmill! Thank you to Ms White, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Hernandez and Mr Herbert for joining us on our trip and helping to make it happen. We hope the Year 5s have been telling you all about it (and Mr Hurd's incredible knowledge of Ewell!)

Miss Sarjeant





Update on Ambassador Elections

The ambassador candidates all did beautifully inspiring presentations to the whole school on Monday 30th September 2024. The teachers had tears of pride in their eyes on hearing their speeches. The children across the school will now be starting to vote - it will be the toughest year yet to decide - and results will be in next week. The ambassador candidates were as follows: Clarissa, Edith, Lalana, Naomi, John, Heidi, Freddie B, Arjun and Neil. I spoke to a couple of the candidates who told me that although they were nervous, they found the process fun. "It was a once in a lifetime opportunity." "It feels like your chance to get liberty and say what you like in front of the whole school."



New Faces Around School

Your children might mention seeing some new faces around school. Ms Paoputzoglou started this week as a trainee teacher in Year 4 and will be with us until the Spring Term and we also have a

trainee teacher Miss Prinz from Germany who is volunteering for a couple of weeks in Year 3. They are very welcome and we hope they are enjoying their time at our school.

BELIEVE Awards



1 - Believe= Brilliance Enthusiasm Learning Inspiration Equality Vision and Every pupil matters are the key school values and the teachers choose one child who has shown all of these values over the year. This is award is presented only once each month and comes with ten house points / Dojos. These were the amazing children that were selected for the school Believe Award today. Congratulations to each and every one of them as they are clearly very special, hardworking and kind young people.

NEXT WEEK & COMING UP

SIGN UP FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT WITH AMAZING PRIZES



Click on the link below to sign up for all the great PTA events coming up.

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

PTA Class Reps

Thank you to the who have kindly signed up to be PTA class reps this year. They are essential to help co-ordinating support for PTA events. Without our fabulous class reps and PTA helpers we simply wouldn't be able to have as much fun and raise as much money as we do.

• Year 3 - Mrs Dodd and Mrs James

- rkjames2013@gmail.com⁴ 07947733649
- jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk⁵ 07595514035
- Year 4 Mrs Dave and Mrs de Bliquy
 - kirstendebliquy@gmail.com⁶ 07470566275
- Year 5 Miss O Connor and Mrs Oxer
 - joanneoxer@yahoo.co.uk⁷ 07983598648
- Year 6 Please contact the PTA chairs Mrs Tebbs and Mrs Dodd with offers of help. No-one has yet stepped up. The Year 6 role is definitely a team effort with tea party, leavers hoodies, leavers book as well as all the normal PTA events such as school disco, fireworks, fair etc so please volunteer to help even if for just one thing only.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Cauliflower Christmas Card artwork will be done in class and sent home with the order forms before half term. Children are welcome to do their own designs at home if they wish. Please order and pay online for the Christmas cards or other merchandise you would like. It is a great way to raise money for the school.

Please send artwork and order forms back into school by Tuesday 5th November 2024 and the PTA will send off the artwork for the items to be created. The Christmas cards and merchandise will be delivered to school by early December.



Pumpkin Competition Launched

The pumpkin making competition for this year is underway!

Design a pumpkin of any shape or size. If you need any resources, please ask Mrs Curran. Have a look at these designs for inspiration:

Hand-in date: 18th October 2024 to Mrs Curran. Winners will be announced on the 21st of October.

There will be three prizes per year group. **1st prize will be a £5 Amazon** voucher, **2nd and 3rd prizes** will be a delicious chocolatey treat! Prizes are kindly donated by the PTA.

⁴mailto:rkjames2013@gmail.com

⁵mailto:jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk

⁶mailto:kirstendebliquy@gmail.com

⁷mailto:joanneoxer@yahoo.co.uk

We can't wait to see your amazing designs!

Kind regards, Caroline Curran





Year Group Tea Parties

Next week the first of the Year group tea parties start. For the Tea Party, the children must bring in donations of cakes and then have their books available to show you. The child will serve you tea and cake, and there will be another opportunity to meet the teachers and to mingle with other parents. The children usually sing a song that they have been learning in music and there is a brief talk from the head and deputy before the song. A lovely relaxed afternoon.

The Tea Party dates are as follows:-

- Year 3 Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 2.00pm
- Year 4 Thursday 10th October 2024 at 2.00pm
- Year 5 Thursday 17th October 2024 at 2.00pm
- Year 6 Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 2.00pm

Open Day for Prospective Parents

Would you like to visit our vibrant school, meet the Headteacher and get a personal tour with some of our pupils? We are holding two open mornings for prospective parents/carers this term. This is the perfect opportunity to tour around our amazing school with our prefects, see the classes in action, view the school at first hand and ask questions. There will be a brief presentation on arrival at 10.15am and then a questions and answers session with the Headteacher at the end of your personalised tour.

The tour is aimed at prospective parents planning to join us next year in Year 3 and this is an opportunity to see the school in action. The children will get a chance to meet their new teacher and see the school in the summer term if successful in gaining a place. If you have younger, pre-school children we appreciate that you may have to bring them on this tour however, please note that there are no crèche facilities.

The dates are:

- Tuesday 5th November 2024 10.15am 11.30am
- Wednesday 6th November 2024 10.15am 11.30am

Places are limited to 60 per day so please book early to avoid disappointment.

If you are interested in booking the tour, please click on the following link and complete the form if you would like to attend.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER⁸

We look forward to seeing you.

Year 6 and Year 5 Tag Rugby Tournament 11th October 2024

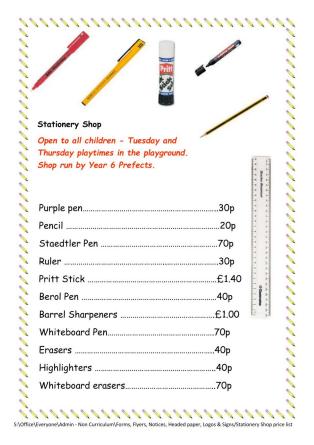
Year 6 and Year 5 Tag Rugby Tournament was postponed on Friday 27th September 2024 due to a water logged pitch. It will now go ahead on **Friday 11th Oct 2024.** If your child has been selected then they will need to be collected at 12.40pm to take to Auriol School for 1.15pm start. If you haven't done so already, please complete the Google form.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Stationery Shop

The stationery shop is run by Year 6 and is open every Tuesday and Thursday playtime from the window of 4C. If you would like your child to purchase any stationery items, please supply them with cash on the day.

⁸https://forms.gle/SrK5weWgH53p9sCu7



Please Always Bring A Coat

Please ensure your child brings in a **named coat** as we encourage children to go out at playtime and lunchtime to get some fresh air unless it is absolutely pouring down. It is now autumn term and the weather is always unpredictable so a coat is always needed.

500 Words Competition - Now Open!

Every year, the BBC run a 500 word story competition. It is an opportunity for children to write a story with no more than 500 words. There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year olds. If your child wants to enter, all they need to do is write a story in 500 words or less!

All children are encouraged to enter; spelling punctuation and grammar are not marked. It is all about the creativity! If your child would like to enter, details can be found on the BBC website. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

Entries are to be submitted via the BBC website but please do bring in your story to school to share with your class teacher too. We would love to read them!

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

Good luck! Miss Day, English Writing and Phonics Lead



Your Donations and Help Needed For the New Rooms

Our old computing suite has now been divided into a **meeting room and a nurture room.** Unfortunately we have very limited funding so we are looking for some kind donations of the following items. **Do you happen to have one of the following in good condition but looking for a new home?**

- A very large flat screen TV for us to link to the class computer.
- A couple of comfortable or occasional chairs
- A small fridge
- A disco ball
- LED strip lights
- A big gym ball

Please contact the school office if you think you are able to help and maybe send us a photo of the item.

We also need someone with great wallpapering skills and can spare us some time.

Any of the above would be amazing to help us create this space.

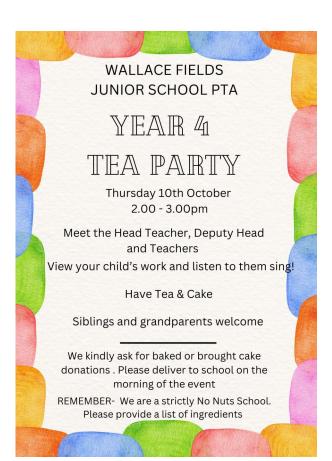
Thank you in advance.

Kindest regards, Mrs Elliot, SENCO

Grant Application Expertise Needed

Do you or anyone you know have grant application experience would be willing to support school in this way? Please contact the School Office. Much appreciated.









Secondary School Open Days and Tests

This term, some Year 6 children attend secondary school Open Mornings and some will be taking grammar school tests. Please contact Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk if you child will be absent for any reason including visits and exams.

Please give us as much notice as possible so we can plan their teaching around these planned absences. Absence will be authorised for the visit or exam time only, so children should come into school before or after a visit or exam. Year 6 is an important time so it is vital that they miss as little curriculum time as possible.

The headteacher does not authorise absence for 'hot-housing' or preparation for entrance exams and this will be marked as unauthorised absence and the absence record will be sent on to the next school.

For information on **Secondary School Open Mornings** please contact the schools directly:

- Rosebery Open Mornings Tuesday 8th October or Thursday 10th October 2024.
- **Glyn** Open Mornings Tuesday 15th October 2024, Wednesday 16th October 2024, or Thursday 17th October 2024.
- Blenheim Open days have now passed.



Apply for Secondary School Place Before October Half Term

From 1st September 2024 you can apply for a secondary school place. **Surrey County Council suggest you submit your application by 25th October 2024** as this is the Friday before the half term holiday. Closing date for applications is 31st October 2024. Please also find attached below a Surrey County Council leaflet with important dates for applying.



How do I apply?

The quickest and easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Visit surreycc, gow.uk/a/dmissions to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. It is important that you consider this information carefully when you make your application.

time from 1 September 2024 but you must have completed it by 31 October 2024. We would suggest you submit your application by Friday 25 October 2024, before the half term holiday.

- You can download the app ParentComms to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.
- On 3 March 2025 you will receive an email with the outcome of you application and, if you have registe for ParentComms, you will also red a notification with the outcome.
- You will need to accept or decline your offer.

What else do I need to know?

- September or October, Please check each school's website for the most up to date information about open days or evenings. You should contact schools directly if you'd like to arrange a visit.
- You can name up to six schools on your application form, in the order that you prefer them. Where possible the local authority will allocate a place at one of these schools.
- Schools will not know where you have ranked them on the application form so the order of your preferences does not disadvantage you.
- The local authority has a duty to provide a place for your child but it does not have to be at one of your preferred schools.
- If you have an older child already at the school, you must still apply for a younger child.
- If you have more than one child applying for a school place, you must make a separate application for each of them.
- If you live in Surrey you must apply to Surrey, even if the schools you list are outside Surrey.

- Some schools may need you to submit a supplementary information form in addition to the application form. Find out more about supplementary information forms at
- If you are registered for council tax you must supply the name of the borough or district and the council tax account number for the property where your child normally lives. Otherwise you will be asked to provide evidence of where your child lives.
- When applying online you must make sure that you press 'submit' at the end of your application and that you receive a confirmation email which sets out your preferences and confirms your applicatio
- If you do not receive a confirmation email you should check your application to ensure
- If you write to us or submit information to support an application, remember to include your child's name, date of birth and application reference number (if you
- appied online].

 If your child has an education, health and care plan, there is a separate process and you will receive more information from your child's SEND Case Officer.





WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL





Happy Bag Collection 10th October 2024 8.30am

Are you having a clear out at home? Please bring your bags in on 10th October 2024.

Happy School Bag is an easy fundraising scheme that helps schools, clubs and other organisations to raise funds through the collection of pre-loved reusable clothing. They are doing a collection from Wallace Fields Junior School on 10th October 2024. **Please drop off items by the school gate before 8.30am on that day**.

Please keep any second hand logoed uniform and bring into school for the next uniform sale by the PTA.



CLUBS

Piano Lesson Slots Available

There are a couple of free slots for private piano lessons with Mrs Cratchley. The times available are Friday lunch times and also 4pm on Fridays. The lessons are not within the school lesson time so curriculum time is not lost. If you are interested please contact Mrs Cratchley directly, here details are below.

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE

Piano lessons take place after school at Wallace Fields Junior School from 3.30 to 5.30pm in 30 minute slots. For further information please contact Ms Cratchley

by telephone number: 07526 602231 or email: <u>alisonmcratchley306@gmail.com</u>.

Sign Up for Excellent Wraparound Care - JAG!







Discover a fun-filled daily schedule at Junior Adventures Group's Breakfast & After School Clubs!

Unforgettable sessions for 4-11 year olds delivered here every day throughout the academic year!

Junior Adventures Group [JAG] is the UK's leading provider of Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Their staff are expertly trained, DBS-checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified, experienced and passionate about the activities they offer.

New to JAG? <u>Click here</u> to start your adventure with JAG today!

Rise then Shine

JAG's Breakfast Clubs, called **Rise Then Shine**, prepare children's minds and bodies for a busy school day! A healthy, nutritious breakfast keeps them energised throughout the morning, while the focus on an active start stimulates brain activity and concentration, ensuring children get the most out of their day.

Find out more at: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/breakfast-club

After School Clubs

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{JAG's}}$ After School Clubs, called $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Stay}}$ and $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Play}}$, offer fun, happy, safe places for children to play freely across age groups and take part in structured activities

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such as arts and crafts and active play. Providing an energising end to the school day, children can join group activities, enjoy a healthy snack, or chill out with toys and games that are all set up and ready for them to enjoy.

https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/

JAG's fun and enriching Breakfast and After School Clubs run daily throughout the academic year

The Adventure Programme!

At the core of JAC's Breakfast and After School Clubs is the Adventure Programme. Comprising seven action-packed categories, this programme is backed by research into child development and created in partnership with experts, providing children with opportunities to develop essential life skills, explore their interests, and have fun. With a wide selection of activities focused or physical education, arts, STEM, and wellbeing, children can whip up tasty treats, get sporty, or unwind with yoga and mindfulness.

The Adventure Programme features seven exciting categories

Power Teams: Dive into fun games, thrilling challenges, and dynamic group activities to develop lifelong team skills.

Brain Boosters: Crack codes, solve puzzles, and engage in captivating science experiments and STEM activities that explore the wonders of the world.

Global Kids: Embark on a journey to become better global citizens by developing essential life skills and discovering the world around you.

Super Sports: Participate in energetic and fun sports sessions designed to build essential skills for a lifetime of active living.

Wellbeing Warriors: Discover activities that enhance happiness, mindfulness, and overall wellbeing.

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"Creative Inventors: Unleash your imagination through creative activities that blend arts, materials, and crafts, helping you unlock your inner inventor and

blend arts, Indeedids, and Goods in Property of the discover hidden talents.

Flavour Fest: Explore food and nutrition with interactive, engaging activities designed to promote healthy eating habits.

Each category gives children the opportunity to develop life skills, explore their interests, and create friendships for life—all while having fun!

Access the links to the JAG website below to find out more!



Breakfast & After School Club activities:

.uk/term-time/activities/

The JAG adventure Programme: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/advice/unlocking-adven tures-through-research-the-jag-adventure-programme/

Flexible Payment Options

JAG understands that affordability may be of concern for families in the current climate. Their flexible payment options offer families several ways to make payments manageable. From their handy instalment plans to supporting your eligibility to access funding schemes – JAG strives to make childcare services available for every child. Find out more about our flexible payment options available to you at:

https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/payment-options/

Booking Information

To book please login/create an account if you haven't already and secure your place online at: https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/. Please follow the quick step guide below:

- Register a Junior Adventures Group account
 Please confirm that you have read the Terms and Conditions
 Add your desired Breakfast or After School Club location as centre
 Add your child(ren) to your Junior Adventures Group account before
 attempting to make a booking
 Ensure all the Consent questions, Collector, Emergency Contacts and
 Doctor details are added.
 After this Click on "Book Activity" to make a booking
- After this click on 'Book Activity' to make a booking.
 Select the dates you wish to book!

More information

If you're looking for more information about Junior Adventures Group Clubs, visit some of their key webpages below;

- ✓ Parent Support: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/
 ✓ Our Story: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/our-story/

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REMINDERS and MORE INFORMATION

Parents Handover to Staff at Morning Clubs and Wraparound Care

Parents/carers must handover to staff at morning clubs such as dodgeball and tennis and JAG Wraparound Care. Children must **not** be left alone in the car park. Some staff have found children wandering around the car park in the morning alone which is a safeguarding issue. If you are running late then call the club leader to make them aware and then wait with your child until a member of staff can take your child through to the club.

The best way to avoid issues attending morning clubs is to allow a lot of time to be on time. The club leader waits for the majority at the main gate and then needs to go into school to start the club. Thank you for helping us keep the children safe. Parents picking up and dropping off at JAG are permitted to drive right into the staff car park (please drive extremely slowly).

Please Label All School Uniform

Please ensure all school uniform is clearly labelled. If uniform is found then the Year 6 helpers make sure the item gets returned to the correct child.

There are lots of items currently in lost property labelled with children who are no longer at our school which may be cause these items have been bought second hand and not renamed. If lost they cannot be returned to their owner. It was great to see so many people supporting the PTA second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 18th September. If you buy second hand uniform please use a permanent marker to delete old names or cut the old name tags out and clearly re-name with your child's name.

Water Bottles Every Day

Please send your child in with a named water bottle every day. Bottles go on a trolley that is kept with the lunchboxes. Please label the water bottle clearly. The water coolers and taps are available all around the school and opportunities to refill are build into the day and the children are reminded to refill their bottles at the end of break.

Have Your Contact Details Changed?

Make sure your details are up to date! Please contact the office if your contact details have changed this is **extremely important** to ensure we are able to contact you in an emergency. Email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁹ with your updated contact details. Thank you.

School Fundraising 2024-25

We have a fantastic PTA who raise significant funds for the school. With their efforts, they are able to fund many resources. For example they have funded whole school experiences, outdoor benches, the outdoor classroom, musical instruments, the school library system licence as well as the annual Christmas pantomime to name just a few recent purchases. Please help at / attend the PTA's exciting fundraising events during the year.

Our own School Fund has also been a very important source of income over many years, providing funds to support other things, which have enriched the educational experience of your children including the recent refurbishment of our computer suite, converting it into two separate rooms and contributing to the fundraising for the all-weather surface.

Funding is becoming tighter and finances are being squeezed.....we are expected to do more with the same – or even less. With staffing costs making up around 85% of an average school's expenditure, balancing the budget while focusing on a broad and balanced curriculum is an ongoing challenge. Your donations make a huge difference to the offer and experience we are able to provide for your children.

How can you donate/help us this year?

Please do consider donating to our School Fund – this can be done via Scopay - *under WFJS*Voluntary Contribution at the bottom of your Scopay screen https://www.scopay.com/wallacefields-iun

Also there are lots of other ways to contribute as well – these can be achieved while you are shopping!

https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools - you scan, ASDA donates. The school has registered so please sign up and choose our school.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wfjspta - the PTA has registered. The retailers include Sainsbury's, Tesco, Amazon, Ocado, Waitrose, ebay, Argos, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Expedia and Thomas Cook to name a few.

Thank you in advance for your help and continuing support.

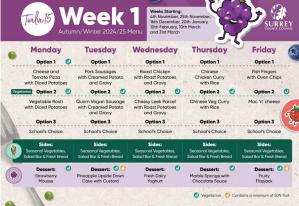
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Update on School Dinners from Twelve 15

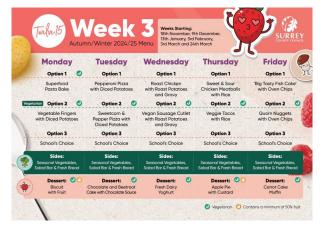












SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING



Surrey School Nursing Team Online Sessions on Bedwetting

The Surrey School Nursing team will be delivering virtual support sessions on early toileting advice throughout the year for children experiencing Bedtime wetting. In the first instance we are inviting parents and carers to attend a virtual session that aims to provide them with general advice and support to help manage bedtime wetting. If a child in your school is experiencing bedwetting, please signpost parents/carers to the children and family health Surrey web site link below to book a session www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/continence ¹⁰

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Wallace Fields Infant School Need Governors



Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery are looking to appoint Governors

Do you know someone who is retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity?

Do you know someone who works in a corporate organisation offering Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV), also known as Corporate Volunteering, where the organisation's employees take paid time off to volunteer during work hours?

Does your company offer you the opportunity to take time off to volunteer?

The Board of Directors at <u>South Farnham Educational Trust (SFET)</u> have delegated certain functions to be locally managed, which means that the <u>Local Governing Board of WFIS and Nursery</u> has general responsibility for the effective management of the school, allowing individual pupil needs to be met effectively. Local Governors target resources and develop the nature and character of the school to effectively meet the needs and wishes of parents, children and teachers.

The Governing Body is made up of individuals with a broad range of skills who collectively help to set and implement the aims, ethos and strategic direction of the school by volunteering their time.

The Local Governing Board meet every other month during the academic year to discuss a wide range of school issues. Each Governor has an area of responsibility, and the role of a Governor gives volunteers an opportunity to become involved with the life of the school and local community.

To find out more about our Governing Body please click here.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact the Clerk sconstantino@sfet.org.uk.



2 - Our main feeder school is Wallace Fields Infant School. We keep in close contact with them and they need governors. They are under the South Farnham Education Trust (SFET) and so they have separate governors and Trustees that oversee the school. If you are interested in becoming a governor for them please look at the details in this poster.

Latest News about the SmartPhone Free Childhood

SURREY IS SECOND ON THE PARENT PACT LEADERBOARD The parent pact leader board was published this morning. Within 2 weeks, across the UK, 35,000 parents signed the pact. And Surrey came second on the leader board!!! This is paving the way and helping parents to have a choice. When you think you're the only one, you feel like you have to get your child a smartphone. Not anymore! The parent pact helps: - Parents to see that they're not alone -

Headteachers to see that there is demand from parents to make a change - Politicians to see that there is a groundswell - Tech companies to see we want our kids safe Sign the parent pact here:

https://surreyparentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/

Christmas Photo Sessions Available to Book



CHRISTMAS MINI SESSIONS 2024



I'm so excited to introduce the Christmas sessions.

The time has come for this special event of MINI CHRISTMAS SESSIONS! $\clubsuit\, \clubsuit$

Make Christmas a little more magical.

Christmas mini photoshoot is an opportunity to capture the magic and warmth of the holiday season, create memories, and share your love and joy with others in a uniquely festive way. It's the time of the year to really enjoy being together, laugh, have fun and document these moments in the form of beautiful pictures.

PACKAGES starts from £77

This year my Mini Sessions will be in Epsom

Wallace Fields Junior School Epsom KT17 3BH

I cannot wait to photograph your family and capture those moments of pure magic.

Link to bookings is through the link or QR Code above.

https://book.usesession.com/s/R_pFlk6Az

Thank you and see you soon

Anna Pelech Capture Moments Photography

If you have any questions, you can email me on annapelechphotography@yahoo.com or text on 07362456429.

Girl Footballers Needed



Bourne Hall Events



Norse Gods and Runes

9 November 1pm to 2.30pm

The Viking Age, from 800 to 1050 AD, saw bands of Norsemen going raiding, colonising, conquering and trading throughout Europe, reaching as far as North America. Learn about the Vikings, their beliefs, gods, and language. Discover how to translate and write in Futhark runes, and also handle some replica artifacts.





Cost £6 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk





On 6 November at 11am, the Garden of Remembrance in Bourne Hall Park will be opened by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell and local schoolchildren to honour and remember all those who died in the service of their country.

Schools will be performing songs and poems and placing poppy crosses to remember the loss of servicemen and women in all conflicts.

After this ceremony, the public can place their own crosses and tokens of remembrance.

If you would like your school to take part please contact me at: dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk







bringing history alive

From June 1941 until 1949. buying new clothes was rationed in Britain. A short film was made by the Ministry of Information in 1943, and was called Make Do and Saturday 12 October Mend.



1pm to 2.30pm

This was part of the Government's campaign urging people to repair, reuse and reimagine their existing clothes during the War. Because all the cloth was going to make millions of uniforms, handmade and hand-repaired clothing became an essential part of wartime life.

This inspired people to be more resourceful in general, and we can learn much from it about recycling and waste reduction today.

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Epsom Halloween Walks
Wednesday 30 October
And Friday 1 November
At 3pm to 4.30pm also
5.30pm to 7pm and
8.00pm to 9.30pm,

Meet opposite the fire station in Church Street Epsom Cost £6 per person. Numbers are limited: to reserve your place please contact David Brooks—020 8394 1734 dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, EWELL, Surrey,

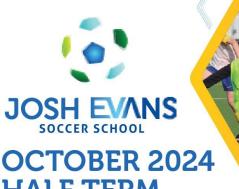
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A Halloween walk in Epsom, visiting where the dead do not rest, flats, pubs, old houses, ghostly children, and school teachers in Epsom's most haunted house, the matchstick ghost, the ghost that moved next door, an infamous 18th century ghost, a WW1 nurse, ghost policemen. Perhaps the ghost of Nell Gwyn and Mrs Beeton and is Epsom clock tower a ghost!

Other Community Events



HALF TERM **FOOTBALL CAMP**

We are delighted to announce our Josh Evans Soccer School October half term Football camps are now available to book! Available for girls & boys (ages 4-13)

Venue: THERFIELD SCHOOL **LEATHERHEAD SURREY KT22 7NZ**

Mon 28th Oct 2024 - Thu 31st Oct 2024

THE CAMP WILL RUN FOR 4 DAYS:

RECEPTION & YR1: 9AM - 12PM

This camp will be held in the OLD sports hall.

YRS 2-8: 9AM - 3PM

This camp will be held on Astroturf.

BE ON IT, BELIEVE IN IT, **BE YOU**

WE AIM TO CREATE A FUN, POSITIVE **ENVIRONMENT** FOR CHILDREN OF **ALL ABILITIES**

AVAILABLE TO BOOK NOW!



SCAN ME TO BOOK ONLINE

Book here: https://joshevanssoccerschool.classforkids.io/camps

Early drop off available from 8am • No late pick up • Sibling Discount • Numbers are limited so please book early

For all other enquiries and details of our other sessions, please email admin@joshevans.co.uk

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