

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

## Friday 9th February 2024



## **UPCOMING DATES**

- During Half term 16th February 2024 Tickets available on Epsom Playhouse website for Epsom & Ewell Choir Festival
- Monday 19th February 2024 INSET day (School Closed)
- Tuesday 20th February 2024 Children return to school
- Thursday 22nd February 2024
  - Baden Powell Founders Day Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts may wear their uniform to school (not compulsory)
  - B Team Football Match
  - Auditions for Year 6 music assembly during Music lesson
- Monday 26th February 2024
  - Year 5 and 6 Swimming (selected pupils)
  - Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip
- Tuesday 27th February 2024 1.15pm-2pm Year 6 Music Assembly Selected musician parents invited
- Thursday 29th February
  - Police Visit to give talk about Use of Phones and WhatsApp. Parents Welcome to Talk
     3.00pm -3.30pm

### **Other Key Term Dates**

• Tuesday 5th March 2024 - Audition for Year 5 Music Assembly (during Music Lesson)

- Thursday 7th March 2024 World Book Day Dressing Up
- Friday 8th March 2024 Mother's Day/Special Person Day
- Tuesday 12th March 2024 1.15pm-2.00pm Year 5 Music Assembly Selected musician parents invited
- Friday 15th March 2024 PTA Comedy Night
- Thursday 21st March 2024 Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
- w/c Monday 25th March 2024 Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday 25th March 2024 Parents Evening Face to Face
- Tuesday 26th March 2024 Parents Evening Virtual
- Tuesday 26th March 2024 and Wednesday 27th March 2024 Selected Choir to Epsom & Ewell Choir Festival (and dress rehearsal on Monday 25th March 2024)
- Thursday 28th March 2024 End of term. Break up for Easter holidays

Click Here<sup>1</sup> for Upcoming Events

Click here<sup>2</sup> for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

## **HEAD'S UPDATE**

Half Term is here! It has been a varied and rewarding half term and lovely to see the achievements of the children including more sporting events and some fabulous topic work projects coming together. The new orienteering drive has gone down well with the children and they are very keen to develop it even further - lots of exciting lessons to be had there and even lessons planned that extend up onto our upper field. I hope you have a restful half term and remember the children return on Tuesday 20th February 2024. The whole staff meet on INSET days to review the mid year targets and it is the perfect time for the staff to reiterate the school goals and check the school development plan (SDP) as a whole staff. Have a enjoyable and fruitful week.

**Thanks - Disco:** The PTA disco went very well and the children had a great time. A wonderful time was had by all and due to it being the second disco of the year the children were much more familiar with the routine for drop off and collection. This kind of event is only possible with the support of the PTA and the parents that volunteer their help. Thanks also to all the teachers who helped registering and monitoring the children - also thanks to Ms. Beeny from Year 4. Thanks to D.J. Mr Findlay for rocking the room! Where do that man's talents end? Thanks lastly to all those parents who helped with monitoring and serving snacks to make sure the whole event went smoothly and the smooth and prompt collection at the end.

#### THIS WEEK

http://twitter.com/statuses/1755901732977103359

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar

## All Coming Home with a Little Treat from the PTA!



## **Final Sponsored Walk Donations**



The sponsored walk was in aid of the all weather pitch and we are pleased to announce that all classes managed to walk to their destinations!

We are getting closer to the finishing line! At £27,000 in the pot, we only have a few more thousand to raise! A huge thanks to everyone of their efforts.

All classes have managed to walk to their designated location! Year 3 walked to Brighton, Year 4 walked to Portsmouth, Year 5 walked to Cambridge and Year 6 made it to Dover!

So far in the Crowdfunder for the sponsored walk we have raised £300. Here is the link to donate: https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/all-weather-pitch-sponsored-walk <sup>3</sup>

#### **Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Tournament Match Report**

Well done to all the Year 3 and 4 children who took part in the girls' football tournament on Friday 2nd February 2024, at Auriol Junior School. It was a fantastic event and our girls came out firing on all cylinders. Opportunities came through for the girls who proved triumphant and finished top of the group securing a place in the final with Auriol School.

Wallace Fields Juniors went ahead in the first half, however Auriol School came back to win 2-1. Wallace Fields Girls are proud to be runners up at the end of the tournament. Massive thank you to

<sup>3</sup>https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/all-weather-pitch-sponsored-walk

coach Tim who's experience and enthusiasm is inspiring our budding Year 3 and 4 girls' football team.

## Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' Football Match Report



On Wednesday 7th February 2024 the Year 5 and 6 girls had a home football fixture with St Martin's . St Martin's brought some strong and experienced players who clearly knew their way around a football pitch. Our girls worked hard though St Martin's proved to be just too good. A fun experience for our girls non the less. Well done to Wallace Fields Juniors who backed by Tamzin in goal showed more assertiveness and therefore had more success in the final quarter. Thanks to all our players and supporters

## Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament - Friday 9th February 2024

Today, Friday 9th February 2024, Year 3 and 4 took part in a tournament alongside five other teams. We played three matches, we lost the first two but the won the third match. In the third match we saw some amazing goals and some incredible goal keeping from Carter, so everyone left feeling positive with a 4-2 win.



## Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th February 2024 http://twitter.com/statuses/1754822480349319320

On Tuesday 6th February 2024, it was **Safer Internet Day** and all children participated in lessons to raise awareness around online safety. This year's theme was about change and influence online, allowing children to recognise both positive and negative influences the internet can bring.

UK Safer Internet Centre is a great resource to support school communities with online safety and they have created a page directly for parents and carers to support discussions at home. Here are examples of frequently asked questions that helps parents support their children with internet use.

If you would like to read more, visit their website on:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers

We also have a wealth of resources and parent explainer videos through the National Online Safety site.

Sign up here for free to access the videos and information posters:

https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school

Thank you for your ongoing support to monitor children's online activity.

Miss Day

Things change so fast online, it's hard to keep up with what my child is doing

Staying up to date with what children are doing online can feel like a challenge sometimes. Here are a few simple steps you can take to help bridge the gap.

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My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do?

The easiest way to address this is to research the game or app before you download it, to see what it is and what it offers e.g., in-app purchases, or connection with others etc.

My child is asking for a new device and I'm not sure they're ready

It's important to think carefully before getting any kind of device for your child. Not only can it be an

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I'm not sure if the content my child is watching is a good influence on them, what can I do?

Children begin to be influenced by the content they watch as soon as they're old enough to go online https://saferinternet.org.uk/afafer-internet-day/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day/2024/parents-and-carers/im-not-sure-if-the-contentnoti-id--watchine-is-a-mod-influence-on-them-whatca-ran-i-do

# Happy Chinese New Year 新年快樂

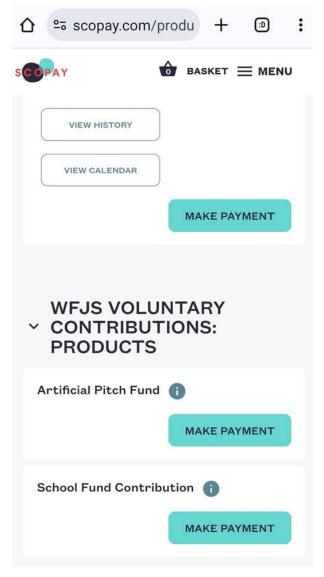


### **IMPORTANT NEWS**

## **INSET DAY - Monday 19th February 2024**

Please don't forget that there is an INSET day on **Monday 19th February 2024** when school is closed for staff training and a very important mid-year review of our school development targets and plans at a whole school and individual pupil level. The children return to school on Tuesday 20th February 2024. The next INSET day is Friday 24th May 2024.

## **Another Way to Donate to School Funds**



You can donate to school funds using **Scopay**. Just click on WFJS Voluntary Contributions Products and select either contributions to the Artificial Pitch Fund or the School Fund Contributions.

## **Gardening Club**

Gardening Club will resume on Tuesday lunchtimes starting on the first day back after half term.

All children are welcome and please remember that old shoes / wellies are needed as we do not want mud taken back into the classrooms.

If the children want to bring gardening gloves too that would be lovely, as we have several pairs though we are in short supply.

I know we have asked previously - if you are having a tidy up of your shed and have any spare tools that would be really helpful too as would any seed compost as we are almost ready to germinate some seeds ready for Spring planting. Expect some pots for your window sills soon!

## Police Talk: Phones and WhatsApp - 29th February 2024

We are delighted to welcome police for an educational visit to Wallace Fields Junior School on the afternoon of **29th February 2024.** They will be talking about the use of phones and WhatsApp. The schedule for their visit will be as follows:

- 1.10 -1.30pm Whole school assembly
- 1.30 2.45pm Year 6 Talk on Use of imagery and WhatsApp
- 3.00 3.30pm Year 5 & 6 Parent talk.

The police would like to invite parents in for a talk about the use of phones and WhatsApp from 3pm to approximately 3.30pm. This is mainly aimed at upper school parents/carers (Year 5 and 6) though all are welcome. Please complete the Google link by clicking the link below if you are interested in attending.

#### https://forms.gle/n3vvVB78SZXGsPTY8

## Founders Day / World Thinking Day - 22nd February 2024

Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts are all permitted if they wish to wear their guides, brownie, cubs or scout uniform to school on 22nd February 2024 to celebrate Founders Day /World Thinking Day.



World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

If you are a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger your school has kindly said that to celebrate World Thinking Day you can wear your Girlguiding uniform to school on Thursday 22 February!

If you are interested in Girlguiding in Epsom please visit our website: www.girlguidingepsom.org.uk



### YEAR 5

#### **Year 5 Music Assembly Auditions Tuesday 5th March 2024**

If your child would like to take part in the music assembly, auditions are taking place during the Year 5 music lessons on **Tuesday 5th March 2024.** Please ensure your child brings their instrument and music on this day ready to perform. Parents of children selected to perform will receive an email. **Year 5 Music Assembly will be held on Tuesday 12th March** 1.15pm and parents of performers are invited to attend.

#### YEAR 5 and YEAR 6

## **Year 5 and 6 Swimming**

The chosen children will continue swimming on Monday mornings. Parents have been informed. Lessons will continue on the following dates: 26th February, 4th March and 11th March and 18th March 2024. Voluntary donations of £50 have been requested and this can be made via Scopay. Please remember to pack swimming costume/trunks and a towel for each Monday as we leave sharply at 8.55am.

#### **Year 5 and 6 Playhouse Choir Festival**

Great news! The Playhouse Festival organiser has come back to say that we can bring a few extra singers each night so all the Year 5 & 6 choir who would like to attend will be able to so.

We have distributed to the parents/carers of choir members (by email) the list of the two groups, one Tuesday 26th March and another Wednesday 27th March, matched as best as possible with the choices you sent in on the Google forms.

The choir will attend the rehearsal day as a whole. The only downside of having two groups is that due to time limitations they will not get to practise separately on stage (unless like last year rehearsals finish early and we can sneak on stage again!). I will ensure we rehearse at school in the smaller groups so they will be familiar with it.

Tickets for the event will go on sale on Friday 16th February (during half term) from the Epsom Playhouse website.

Tickets have often sold out, so I would recommend booking tickets as soon as possible. For the evening performance, the children will be expected to wear smart school winter uniform and if the girls could wear grey tights again that would be much appreciated as they all looked so wonderfully coordinated last year. I will send out a further email regarding the rehearsal day arrangements in the next few weeks.

Many thanks for your support. Mrs Jo Johnstone. Music Lead.

#### YEAR 6

#### **Year 6 Junior Citizen Scheme: 26th February 2024**

A letter has been sent to parents/carers with details of our forthcoming trip to Epsom Downs Racecourse for the Junior Citizen event on **Monday 26th February 2024**. In order to cover the cost we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £11.50 payable via Scopay.

If your child is currently taking part in the swimming course on Monday mornings, they will miss the swimming for this week only and join the rest of year 6 for Junior Citizen. If you have already paid for swimming, an adjustment will be made to your contributions when we continue swimming in the Summer term for those that need it.

## Year 6 Auditions for Music Assembly - Thursday 22nd February 2024

If your child would like to take part in the music assembly, auditions will be taking place during the Year 6 music lessons on **Thursday 22nd February 2024**. Please ensure your child brings their instrument and music on this day ready to perform. Parents of children selected to perform will receive an email. The **Year 6 Music Assembly will be held on Tuesday 27th February 1.15pm and parents of performers are invited to attend.** 

## PTA AND FUNDRAISING



## **PTA Comedy Night**

Wallace Fields Junior School welcomes the return of the infamous Comedy Night. This is a popular event and an excellent selection of circuit comedians will be bringing the mirth along for a fun evening (adults only). Bring your sense of humour and get ready to laugh. Funniest tickets in-town are now available to book via pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup><u>http://pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta</u>





### **Reminders and News**

#### **Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave**

**Are you starting to think about summer holidays?** It is important to remember our attendance policy.

Term time holiday will not be authorised in line with an agreement with the local cluster of primary schools and the infant school. 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 here<sup>5</sup> for our attendance policy.

#### **French Homework**

The optional Linguascope practice for this week is as follows:

- Year 3: Linguascope Elementary/Review Couleurs, Nombres 1-12, Ecoutez-moi (Classroom instructions)
- Year 4: Linguascope Beginners/Moi et ma famille/Description du visage
- Year 5: Linguascope Beginner/Moi et ma famille/Les vetements 1 and 2
- Year 6: Linguascope Beginner/L'alimentation/Les fruits & Les legumes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/attendance



#### **Reminder - Children Seatbelts**

You can be fined £500 if a child under 12 years old is not in the correct car seat, or, over 135cm tall, wearing a seatbelt whilst you are driving.

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt.

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

If you need to check UK rules please click here<sup>6</sup>. For more information from Surrey Police click here<sup>7</sup>.

# **Wellbeing and Safeguarding**





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules#:~:text=Children must normally use a,your child's height or weight.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/seatbelts/#:~:text=Children under 135 cm (4,seatbelt whilst you are driving.



**Online Vulnerability Awareness Resources - Internet Watch Foundation** 



The internet is a wonderful facet of modern life. Humans have never had as much access to information than they have today, at the touch of a keyboard all knowledge can be acquired largely for free. But it has also made us contactable at all times, in a manner that goes far beyond the voicemails that used to typify telephonic communications. Now photographs, voice notes, and videos can be exchanged to any device at will. This has made young people more vulnerable than ever to unwanted messages and images. Research done by the Internet Watch Foundation, shows that 1 in every 4 teens has received unwanted sexual messages online. Awareness of how to mitigate this issue is vital to securing the young people of tomorrow, and to help in that endeavour the Internet Watch Foundation has created a resource pack. If interested please follow the link below:

https://talk.iwf.org.uk/8

<sup>8</sup>https://email.kjbm.safeguardinginschools.co.uk/c/eJyEkMvO0zAQhZ8m2aBGY8eXZOEFCCqx5gGiiT1p3SR28IVff XtE\_wAbJHbWd44\_aQ4exxRwJ7PiA2d\_ySUmWlIMJV-OFF21xcfQOuOEHGdoyTANmjExqKGlHf02Odr8D0rPyTvDRjkOSmkB\_Zl6ZziTvB80KHGynXLGG03leZB5R3OK6Czm



https://youtu.be/EKUgIDDP1aw

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



Thursday 15 February 11am-12.pm & 2pm-3.pm





In the deep time of prehistory early men crawled down into the darkest caves and used light from primitive candles to paint pictures of themselves and the animals they hunted.

They left behind a vivid record of their way of life and some clues of what they believed in. Discover how and why these paintings were created.

Then by flickering light try to create your own cave painting in our very own 'caves'  $\,$ 

Cost £5 per child. Two identical sessions will be run, please book to reserve your place; maximum 16 children.

Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734.

Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

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Myths, gods and monsters Saturday March 9 Kids Club
bringing history alive

1pm to 2.30pm



Think myths, gods and monsters are things of the past,? Learn how they pop up everywhere from brand names to days of the week. We look at cosmic turtles, the Norse gods, and the Odyssey, with storytelling and poems from all over the world. You can take part in the popular World Cup of Mythological Monsters, and choose the victor of several rounds of monster fights. It's a fun way to learn about the origins and evolution of legendary dragons, yetis, gorgons, the sphinx, the minotaur and the bunyip, a creature originally from Australian Aboriginal mythology but now part of Australian culture.

£5 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734. Email

dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



#### **Epsom and Ewell Foodbank**

Thank you to all our wonderful, faithful supporters. Your kindness and generosity is always so appreciated by us, and those we meet in our centres.

We are open for donations at our Hub Monday - Friday 9-2, or at any of our donation points.

#### We urgently need:

Urgent-Tinned Fish (we have none)
Urgent-Spong-Puddings (we have no
Urgent-Deodorant both male and fen
Urgent- Mist bouthbrushes and Tooth;
Tea
Tea
Squash
Powdered milk
Mayonnaise
Chocolate Spread
Peanut Butter
Vegetarian Tinned Food
Shampoo



Please use our supermarket donation points or bring donations directly to us at Epsom & Ewel Foodbank, Good Company Hub, behind West Ewell Primary School, Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0.

We are open for donations Monday - Friday, 9am-2pm (closed Bank Holidays)

Please ensure donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol.

Many thanks for all your support - we really do appreciate it!

We always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in need. Donations will be shared across <a href="Epsem & Ewell Foodbank">Emerge Tonations</a> go to help people who use our services wherever they are.

Please <u>contact us</u> if you have any questions about donating food.

Do let us know if you book a supermarket delivery direct to us so we can tell our warehouse team when to expect it.

We are unable to accept refrigerated or frozen items.



All of the Free adult learning courses can be found on the Surrey County Council website by clicking below.

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/search?keyword=parenting

## Free Monthly Cyber Security Webinars by Surrey and Sussex Police



Surrey and Sussex Police Cyber Crime Unit are thrilled to announce a series of FREE monthly webinars on Cyber Security, spearheaded by our dedicated Protect Officer from the Surrey and Sussex Police Cyber Crime Unit!

**Gentle Learning Version – 4th March 6pm** - Tailored for those less confident with technology, this session adopts a slower pace to ensure everyone feels at ease while enhancing their online safety. Webinar - Cyber Security for Humans : Gentle Learning Version Tickets, Mon 4 Mar 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite. Click here.<sup>9</sup>

**General Version – 18th March 6pm -** This session is your go-to guide for mastering essential strategies to significantly reduce your risk of falling victim to Cyber Crime. Cyber Security for Humans - Easy Tips to Stay Safe in a Digital Age Tickets, Mon 18 March 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite. Click here<sup>10</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-cyber-security-for-humans-gentle-learning-version-tickets-823627420787?aff=oddtdtcreator

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-cyber-security-for-humans-easy-tips-to-stay-safe-in-a-digital-age-tickets-823926826317?aff=oddtdtcreator