

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024



UPCOMING DATES

- Monday 29th January 2024
 - Selected Year 5 and 6 Swimming Lesson
 - Year 5 French Fashion Show
- Friday 2nd February 2024
 - NSPCC Rocks Competition on Times Table Rock Stars
 - Year 3/4 Girls football fixture at Auriol School 1.15pm-3pm Selected parents invited
- Wednesday 7th February 2024 Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Thursday 8th February 2024 PTA Valentines Disco
- Friday 9th February 2024
 - Sponsored Walk forms due into school
 - Break for half term usual finish time 3.25pm/3.30pm. Return Tuesday 20th
 February 2024

Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events

Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

HEAD'S UPDATE

Local Councillor Supporting Parking Patrols Outside School: I met with Councillor Steve McCormick this week and it was a very productive meeting. He shares my frustration with dangerous and disrespectful parking that is putting pedestrians (and specifically children) at risk. Surrey County Council have taken on the parking controls from Epsom and Ewell. Despite many requests, patrolling of parking infringement has not occurred and so Councillor Steve McCormick is helping join the campaign to have parking patrolled properly outside school. I have asked many times for parents and carers to not park on double yellow lines or over local driveways and so hopefully with a push on patrolling by Surrey, they can start to give out some fines and hopefully discourage poor parking and make it safer outside school.

Available on the Gate: I make it a key part of my day greeting the children at the gate every morning and seeing them off at the end of the day. I generally know most of the names of the children (I am still learning a few newer children and some Year 3) and they are always polite and respectful in saying good morning in reply. If you would like a quick chat or want to ask a quick question please do approach me and I will do my very best to help. I will be at the gate in rain, wind or snow though if I have a governors' meeting then I am afraid, I will not be there - this is only once every half term. I want to say a special thank you to Joe Findlay, our caretaker, who goes over and above to marshal the traffic, greet the children and he has even been seen fixing bikes and helping parents with enquiries. Without Mr Findlay directing the traffic we would have grid lock and lost tempers and he is a great asset to the school.

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

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

Common sense - Walking to School: After some time the water authorities have discovered where a significant leak was occurring in the area. They are currently repairing that leak and they have closed one of the footpaths to school and clearly marked and signposted this. Children walking to school alone are considered by parents and carers to be sensible enough not to walk in the road or put themselves at risk. Please remind your child that they should cross over to the far side on their approach to school rather than put themselves in danger in the road. At the same time I would ask politely that those driving to school should take extra care and drive very slowly when approaching or departing from the front of the school due to the increase in pedestrians crossing over due to the closed footpath. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

http://twitter.com/statuses/1750858101538902276

Winner Of PTA Circus Poster Competition

HOORAH! We have a winner of our PTA circus poster competition.

CONGRATULATIONS to AARYA from Wallace Fields Infant school

You have won a family ticket for the Circus on Thursday 25th April 2024



Teaching Assistant Vacancy at Wallace Fields Junior School

Wallace Fields Junior School currently have an exciting opportunity for a passionate Teaching Assistant to join our fantastic team in our happy and friendly school. The role is for approximately 18 hours per week term time only (including some inset days). For more information click here³.

Closing date is 1st February 2024 12 noon. We evaluate applications on receipt and may contact suitable candidates for interview before the closing date. Please note, the role will close as soon as a successful candidate is appointed so early application is recommended. Interviews are scheduled for the week commencing 5th February 2024.

Match Reports

• WFJS Boys A football team played St Joseph's this week. It was a fantastic game. Wallace Fields Juniors went up 2-0 in the early stages with goals from Ben LO and Henry M. Although St Joseph's came back to lead 3-2 in the second half. WFJS kept playing well and Aaron made a great save from a penalty. Following that James O equalized. WFJS

³https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1398958

unfortunately did not come away with the win after a shot from Cassius Dubey scraped over the cross bar. Final score was a draw of 3-3. Thanks for an entertaining match.

- WFJS Boys B Football Team first fixture proved to be a great success. WFJS proving to be the stronger team from the beginning. Goals came from a solid performance from Edgar teaming up well with Freddie W to create many opportunities and were successfully followed up by Oscar O and Woody M who scored. Wallace Fields Juniors also showed some potential to work well as a team with Jaydon E and James K creating space from the back. Final Score was St Joseph's O, Wallace Fields Juniors 5. Well done to all the players who took part.
- It was great to see our **girls' Football team** growing stronger at their fixture this week. We saw performances from Dolsie S, Ivy and Suria M who all had shots on goal though unlucky not to find the back of the net. Final score was St Joseph's 1, WFJS 0. Well done girls we are very proud.
- Our netball team played an away match against St Martin's this week. Our team again showed much determination throughout the match. Although St Martin's agility made it really challenging for our players to mark. WFJS kept on trying and managed to steal the ball back on a few occasions. Finding Ayesha and Jessica to score. Final score to St Joseph's 11, WFJS 6. Well done to all the players, spectators and parents who took players to and from the venue.

Mr Sellars Sports Leader.

Slapped Cheek

We have had a few cases of Slapped Cheek virus in school. Most people do not know they have slapped cheek until they get the rash. You can only spread it to other people before the rash appears, so we will remind children about good hygiene. NHS guidelines are that children with the rash can come into school if they are feeling well in themselves. For more guidance click here.⁴

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 training. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 20th February 2024. The next INSET day is Friday 24th May 2024.

ALL WEATHER PITCH SPONSORED WALK FUND RAISER

WALK FAST LOG SWIFTLY

⁴https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/



Each class has been challenged to work as a team to walk, jog or run a certain VIRTUAL distance and be sponsored to raise funds for the all weather pitch.

Year 3 – walking/running 53 miles to Brighton.

Year 4 - walking/running 61 miles to Portsmouth.

Year 5 - walking/running 70 miles to Cambridge.

Year 6 - walking/running 80 miles to Dover.

The children will be given the opportunity each week during the Weekly Mile and at the start of each games lessons to complete as many laps of the playground in a designated time. Their laps will be counted, converted to a distance and recorded. All pupils will have 3 weeks to complete the challenge. Each child will be contributing to the class total and you will be sponsoring the entire class as a whole unit. If you or anyone in your community wishes to sponsor your child's class, your child has been sent home with a sponsorship form or you the form is below.

We ask that all sponsorship be paid online via a Crowdfunding page by the end of the half term. https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/all-weather-pitch-sponsored-walk

Please return all sponsorship forms to the school office and make your donations by **Friday 9th February 2024.** Any donations are highly appreciated.



3T are "virtually" walking / running 53 miles to Brighton.

Please help them raise money to assist in purchasing an all-weather pitch. They will be using their Weekly Mile and first five minutes of their PE lesson (usual warm-up time) to travel as many laps of the playground as they can (12 laps = 1 mile) and have 3 weeks to complete the challenge. Each child will be contributing to the class total and you will be sponsoring the entire class as a whole unit.

Your name	Address (for Gift Aid purposes)	Amount sponsored for completion of the task
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Ve will not be collecting cash but will ask that all sponsorship is paid online a https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/all-weather-pitch-sponsored-walk by the end of term.

Thank you so much.

NSPCC Rocks is back on Times Table Rock Stars!



NSPCC Rocks is back on TTRS! **This competition is running on Friday 2nd February 2024**. The children have a 1-hour time limit to contribute to the tournament on this day. This is a really good way to raise awareness about the NSPCC, especially following our recent assembly and lessons, and

continue to strengthen our fluency with our tables. We are really looking forward to celebrating the most valuable players in Celebration Assembly the following week. Miss Sarjeant.

Have you got any unused or unwanted books?

We are looking for good quality books for 7 to 11 year olds to be donated to the class book corners and library.

Please bring them in to School Office. Thank you!

YEAR 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Tournament - Friday 2nd February 2024

Ten Year 3 & 4 girls have been selected to play for the school on **Friday 2nd February 2024** in a football 7 a-side tournament. The tournament will take place at **Auriol Junior School, Vale Road, Stoneleigh KT19 0PJ**. The tournament starts at 1.15pm. The finish time is estimated to be around 3.00pm.

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

YEAR 4

Year 4 - Wear PE Kit on Wednesday 31st January 2024

Year fours swopping PE days so children need to wear their P.E kits on Wednesday 31st January 2024 instead of Tuesday 30th January 2024 next week.

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

Please make a note of the following instalment dates:

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

YEAR 5

Year 5 French Fashion Show

As our theme in French for Spring 1 is clothing, we are delighted to be **holding a French Fashion Show on Monday, 29th January in the hall.** The Year 5 children will be presenting their fashion collections (i.e. winter, spring, summer or autumn) to both year 5 classes and their teachers. To be able to strut their stuff on the catwalk, children have already brought in their clothes and these will be kept at school until after the fashion show and then taken home on 29th January. Thank you for your co-operation.

Vive la mode! Mme. Cornell

Year 5 Date For Your Diary

Year 5 Music Assembly - Tuesday 12th March 1.15pm (Parents of performers are invited to attend)

If your child would like to take part in the music assembly, auditions will be 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 – Residential Trip to Marchants Hill 7th to 10th May 2024

Please make a note of the following instalment dates:

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

Year 5 and 6 Swimming

The chosen children will continue swimming on Monday mornings. Parents have been informed. Lessons will continue on the following dates: 29th January, 5th February, 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 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, then 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.

Year 6 Date for Your Diary

Year 6 Music Assembly - Tuesday 27th February 1.15pm (Parents of performers are invited to attend)

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**. 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.

PTA AND FUNDRAISING



PTA Comedy Night

WFJS welcomes the return of the infamous Comedy Night. Bring your sense of humour and get ready to laugh. Funniest tickets in-town are now available to book via pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta⁵

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

⁵http://pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta



PTA Valentines Disco - Thursday 8th February 2024

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



Other PTA Events



Reminders and News

French Homework

The optional Linguascope practice for this week is as follows:

Year 3: Linguascope E/Couleurs

Year 4: Linguascope B/Moi et ma famille/Description du visage

Year 5: Linguaascope B/Moi et ma famille/Les vetements 1 et Les vetements 2

Year 6: Linguascope B/L'alimentation/Les fruits

Artistic Adults Needed to Create Mural

Mrs Curran is looking for volunteers who would like to paint a mural on the climbing wall at the school. Any adults who are artistic and would like to be a part of this project, please may they contact Mrs Curran via office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁶

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



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

Date: 12th February - 16th February 2024.

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

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

To register your child for this fantastic February Half Term Camp, simply visit our website www.globokidzcamp.co.uk ⁷or give us a call at 07725021035. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

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

Best regards,

Globo Kidz Camp

⁶mailto:office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

⁷https://www.globokidzcamp.co.uk/





Wellbeing and Safeguarding







Surrey Police Advice on Scams

Please consider this if you know vulnerable people who may be caught out or if you think you may be falling for a scam. This is a growing crime now and Sussex Police & Surrey Police have produced The Little Book of Big Scams, it is a booklet for within the community and for vulnerable fraud victims. Click here⁸ for more information.

CLUBS

WFJS Book Club – January 2024 Meeting

We talked all about our Christmas reads and any books we were delighted to receive as gifts. The Questions from the Book Monster This Month: How can you challenge yourself reading-wise in 2024? And, January can be a dull month – what's your go-to book to give you a lift? Before next meeting we can choose to read:

Mrs Clarkson's Pick of the Month – The Final Year – tells the challenges and triumphs of a boy in Year 6 entirely in free verse. Moving, beautiful, unique and uplifting.

Year 6: The Monkey Who Fell From the Future by Ross Welford; The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow; How to Rob a Bank by Tom Mitchell or Crook Haven – School for Thieves by J.J. Arcanjo



Year 5: The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow; The Cosmic Diary of Our Incredible Universe by Tim Peake; The Incredble Talking Machine by Jenni Spangler or Crook Haven – School for Thieves by J.J. Arcanjo

⁸ https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/os/operation-signature/



Year 4: The Beasts of Knobbly Bottom by Emily-Jane Clark; The Cosmic Diary of Our Incredible Universe by Tim Peake; The Incredible Talking Machine by Jenni Spangler or Crook Haven – School for Thieves by J.J. Arcanjo

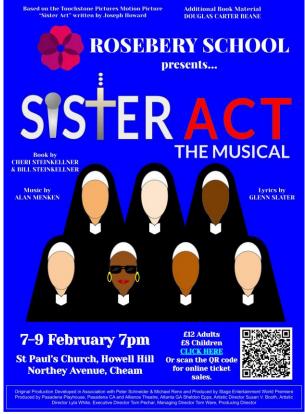


Year 3: Marnie Midnight and the Moon Mystery by Laura Ellen Anderson; The Beasts of Knobbly Bottom by Emily-Jane Clark; The Cosmic Diary of Our Incredible Universe by Tim Peake; The Incredble Talking Machine by Jenni Spangler



COMMUNITY NEWS











WHAT TO BRING...







Water



Medication If Required















My daughter is fully inspired and will not stop talking about the amazing time she had. The Staff were experienced, welcoming and encouraging."
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