# Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

# 22nd September 2023



# **KEY DATES NEXT WEEK**

- Wednesday 27th September 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 6 netball trials for all interested girls and boys
- Thursday 28th September 2.45-3.30pm EAL Coffee afternoon
- Friday 29th September
  - **2.00pm-3.00pm** Inter-House cross country Parents welcome to watch
  - 'Celebrating Languages Day' Children may dress up in their culture's clothing (not mufti day).

## **HEAD'S UPDATE**



Attendance is Fabulous: The children's attendance is fantastic and we have one of the highest attendance levels in the local area. It is all down to you making sure your child attends school in order to reach their full potential, develop their socialisation skills and take part in all the extra curricular activities. The additional support in place is planned and staffed carefully and if children do not attend then they are unable to make progress. Please note that Surrey County Council issue the fines and notices to parents who fail to ensure their child attends regularly and although I am aware that you are excellent at getting your children to school it is a legal requirement to send out the standard letter from them. It ensures all parents understand the fines and when and why they are issued. I can authorise exceptional circumstances. I do not authorise term time holiday, weddings, family gatherings, family trips, reunions in term time etc as they are not exceptional circumstances. Thank you for really driving your child's attendance and for making sure your child gets to learn and develop every school day.

**Thanks to Epsom College:** We are building further links with Epsom College and so you will notice more and more extra events happening where we attend the college for specialist reasons and we will also hopefully be getting more visits form the students and staff of Epsom College. The children had an amazing time at the Art Event this week - well done to them and thanks to Mrs Curran for taking them along.

**Parking - New Parents and Carers, New Enforcement Officers:** For the new parents and the Year 3 parents please note that you must not park on the double yellow lines or block the give way point as this is very dangerous and we are keen to keep the children safe. It might be worth mentioning that the parking enforcement in Epsom and Ewell has been taken on by Surrey County Council and they are a very vivacious team of enforcers. I have informed them of the dangerous parking outside at pick up and they will hopefully enforce parking whilst those who park safely can collect without worry.

# **THIS WEEK**

http://twitter.com/statuses/1704873500278710728

#### **Finalist at Epsom College Football Tournament**

Congratulations to the Year 6 footballers who attended a football tournament at Epsom College on Wednesday 20th September 2023 and reached the finals. Some of the footballers even got to meet England International and Chelsea professional footballer Gary Cahill. Thank you to Mrs O'Driscoll for cheering on the players and walking them back to school.













# **IMPORTANT**

## Wallpaper Needed

If anyone has any rolls of wallpaper at home that are no longer needed it would be great if we could have them to use for specific display around the school.

#### **Positive Feedback from Parent Questionnaire**

A questionnaire sent out to parents at the end of the summer. The results have been compiled and the feedback is very positive. There was an opportunity for comment and many of the comments are very enthusiastic and supportive of the hard work that goes on in school and the excellent time the children have at Wallace Fields Juniors. Here are some of the comments we received:-

"Excellent school! My son has loved his time here- I think he would stay forever if he could! I have no complaints whatsoever just high praise! I cannot thank you all enough!"

#### "Wellbeing education is good."

"(My child) has loved his time at Wallace Fields Junior School, he has always been very happy to come to school. The school teaches the children to be good citizens and kind and respectful to one another. I will be forever grateful to the school for giving (my child) such a wonderful start in his life, and we will miss all the friendly caring teachers that he has been lucky enough to work with throughout his time at the school. Thank you all so much! "We think the leadership team, teachers and office team do an amazing job and our child feels safe, happy and well looked after so thank you."

"The whole school including the office staff and the caretaker have been really supportive and it has been a really encouraging environment not just academically but in encouraging children's kind and helpful behaviour towards each other."

"Our son had a great first year at the school, he soon adapted to the new routines and procedures; he had great teaching and received support when he needed it. Miss Day was great at answering our questions and addressing our concerns when we contacted her on a few occasions."

"Receptionist is always very professional and helpful!" "Some of the office staff are friendly, easy to speak to."

"The teachers seem to be loved by my children."

"The school is great and our daughter really it enjoys it there."

We will be addressing the thoughts and ideas in future staff meetings and senior leader meetings in order to ensure that we are continually adapting and improving.

#### Interested in a Teaching Assistant Role at WFJS?

Look out for the vacancy on our website and on Eteach next week.

#### **Don't Forget To Order School Photos**





# **阙阙阙FIREWORKS NIGHT 阙阙阙**

Although the sun is still shining we are in full flow gearing up for our fantastic Fireworks Night on Sunday 5th November 2023 to be held on the Wallace Fields Juniors Top Field. Access will be via the infant school.

So don't be a firecracker and miss out on the hottest tickets in town! Priority tickets available for all firework volunteers.

Sign up early to receive a booking link to buy your family tickets before they go on general sale. Volunteer slots were released at 8pm on Tuesday 19th September via PTA events

#### www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta

We look forward to seeing you back on the field for another great night!

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#### WFIS & WFJS PTA 💥 💥 💥



#### PTA Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 11th October 2.45pm-3.00pm



# NEXT WEEK OR COMING SOON

#### New to English Coffee Afternoon Thursday 28th September 2.45-3.30pm

We will be holding a New to English coffee afternoon on Thursday 28th September at 2.45-3.30pm to welcome you to the school and answer any questions you may have about your child's learning or to help you with any problems you may foresee.

If you wish to attend, please reply to Miss Hallett, the EAL Lead <u>THallett@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</u>

#### Need Some Parenting Support and Ideas? Come to the Positive Parenting Workshop.

Lesley Lane is our Senior Family Co-ordinator from Home Start who has kindly agreed to come back into Wallace Fields Junior School to hold another popular parenting workshop on positive parenting. It is on **Tuesday 3rd October from 9.30am to 11.30am**. All parents and carers are welcome. If you are unable to attend then we will publish information and handouts in the Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter. Please <u>click here</u> to sign up so we know how many will be attending,

# Dress Up in Cultural Clothing to Celebrate Languages Day!

Our 'Celebrating Languages Day' is on **Friday 29th September 2023** to promote the learning of different languages and the different cultures we have in school. **Children may dress up in their culture's clothing on Friday, 29 Sept for Celebrating Languages Day (not just a mufti day).** 

Thank you to those parents who have agreed to come into school to help us celebrate this event by giving a short talk about their country and language and play a traditional game or teach a song.

Merci beaucoup! Grazie mille ! Gracias! Danke!

Siobhan Cornell, French Lead

#### Cross Country - Parents Welcome Friday 29th September 2023 1.50pm-3.00pm

Cross Country is on Friday 29th September!

The children have had the opportunity to run in heats for the cross country race happening next Friday. Each year group has 16 selected boys and 16 selected girls to represent their house colour. Children will be **told by Wednesday 27th if they are participating.** If your child is selected, they must **bring their PE kit to school in a bag** (unless they already have a PE lesson that day in which case they will already be wearing their PE kit). Children are welcome to wear a t-shirt which represents their house colour. Please make sure they have a water bottle too.

Parents and carers are welcome to come and watch the event. Entry will be via the field gates, using the alley way.

The confirmed timings are as follows:

- 1:50pm Lower school girls race
- 2:10pm Lower school boys race
- 2:30pm Upper school girls race
- 2: 50pm Upper school boys race

The children will not be released until the usual pick up time.

# YEAR 3



#### **Reminders**

Year 3 have PE on a Monday and Tuesday. Children are to come into school wearing their PE kit and children are not permitted to wear earrings (or watches) in their PE lesson.

Year 3 homework has been set this week. As a reminder, children have games set on Spelling Shed, Mathletics and TTRS. Handwriting homework books and reading records have also been sent home. All homework is due the following Monday.

Earrings must be studs only (not loops). All uniform must be labelled with your child's name.

#### **Pencil Cases for Year 3 and Scopay Payments**

You were contacted in July to let you know that pencil cases would be provided for year 3 and a £6 donation collected at the beginning of September. This donation request should now be on your

Scopay account and you will have received an email from Scopay with instructions on how to use the on-line payment system.

Please let us know if you have any problems logging into your Scopay account by emailing <u>office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</u> or telephone the school office on 0208 393 0350.

# Claim Free Breakfast or After School Session with JAG

	Group Welcome to Junior Adventures Group (JAG)!
	Dear Parent/Guardian,
	We hope this letter finds you and your family in great spirits and excitement as the new academic year approaches. On behalf of our JAG team, we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you and your child!
3	At JAG we are proud to be the leading provider of before, and after-school activity clubs, PE lessons and holiday programmes in the UK, with passionate teams who live and breath cour mission every day; to build brighter futures for children. For over 30 years, we've been delivering exceptional experiences for children across the UK, creating an approach to child-led care that parents and schools trust - and children love.
	We believe each child's journey is unique and deserves to be nurtured with care, kindness, compassion, and a sense of adventure. We are here to provide a safe and enriching environment where your child can thrive, learn, and make unforgettable memories with us!
	The Benefits of JAC Clubs: <ul></ul>
	What to expect at our Clubs At JAC our breakfast and after-school clubs offer children a well-rounded experience, promoting healthy habits, social interactions, and enriched learning opportunities. Our breakfast clubs kickstart the day with a nutritious breakfast to fuel children's energy for their school activities. We emphasise an active start to stimulate brain activity and concentration, ensuring they make the most of their day ahead.
$\sim$	In our after-school clubs, we provide a safe and joyful haven for children to freely engage with peers of varying ages. Alongside unstructured play, children can participate in structured activities like arts and crafts and active play. This offers a vibrant conclusion to their school day, whether





they choose to join group activities, savour a healthy snack, or unwind with a selection of ready-to-enjoy toys and games. At JAG, we prioritise the overall well-being and development of every child in our care.

Our Team We take pride in our dedicated team who are trained to support your child through first introductions and guiding them through our Clubs routine. Every time your child arrives to club, our DBS checked team will invite them to choose one of our fun greetings to help your child feel at home. Will it be a toe tap? A formal handshake? A classic hi-five? Or a silly face? We find that these greetings enable children to express their personality and feelings in an instant and are a great icebreaker.



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#### Your child's first week

#### What to expect?

It's only natural that your child may feel nervous in advance of their first visit. That's why we encourage you to bring them in for an initial visit, so they can look around, meet our friendly team and even make new friends.

- In your child's first week, they can expect: Welcome Circle Games. Ice-breaker Activities. To get a buddy friend. A JAG celebration by the end of their first week!

#### How to Secure Your Child's Place

Ready to join the JAG family now?

Registering for a JAG club or venue is easy and completely free: online registration takes about 10 minutes to complete. It includes some nice personal touches so we can help your child feel instantly at home. We invite you to provide information to help your child settle into their new environment - including their nickname, for example, and establish if they have any friends already attending our club. We'll also ask for details of any relevant safeguarding requirements you may have. Our goal: to ensure your child receives as warm and personal a welcome as possible.

QC 0333 577 1533
 QS a Millars Brook Business Park, Molly Millars Lr, Wokingham RC412AD
 Building brighter futures together
 junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

# YEAR 4



# YEAR 5



#### Parent Help Needed on River Trip 19th October 2023

On **19th October 2023**, Year 5 will be going on their exciting river trip. This links to our geography topic in autumn term and the children will be carrying out fieldwork at the **Hogsmill River**. This is a great way for the children to learn about rivers, using our local area.

On the day, all children must:- wear school uniform on the day of the trip, wear shoes which can get wet and muddy, have a waterproof coat with them, bring a packed lunch and water bottles.

We will be leaving school at around 9:30am and will be back before 3pm. Please drop off and pick up at the normal times.

The weather will be monitored closely around the week of the trip. Following our risk assessment, heavy rain in the days leading up to the trip or on the day itself will mean postponing the trip. This will be decided closer to the date and communicated to parents. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

We would really appreciate parent helpers for the trip. Please email Miss Sarjeant via <u>office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk</u> if you are available to assist for the whole day on 19th October 2023. Thank you very much in advance. We will be in touch to confirm parent helpers depending on the number of volunteers!

#### Miss Katie Sarjeant Year 5 Class Teacher

#### **PTA Class Reps Year 5**

Thank you to Jess Larner (Connor's mum) 5S and Lisa Richmond (Williams mum) 5H who have agreed to be PTA class reps for Year 5. They will be in touch shortly to introduce themselves.

# YEAR 6



#### **Additional Prefects**

The Year 6 class teachers have appointed more prefects to help with wet play.

- Ivan and Elliot (allocated to look out for 3T)
- Quinn and Angela (allocated to look out for 3D)
- Natalie and Shriya (allocated to look out for 4K)
- Liyanna and Sophie B (allocated to look out for 4C)
- Edgar and Mahlia (allocated to look out for 5H)
- Aaron and Lucy B (allocated to look out for 5S)

#### **School Ambassadors**

Thank you to all the pupils who applied to be a school ambassador. The Senior Leadership Team are looking through all the responses and will announce the short listed pupils shortly. The School ambassador short listed pupils will present to all staff on Monday 2nd October 2023.

The two ambassadors will hold high levels of responsibility and the pupils appointed will represent the school on public occasions.

- They will lead and represent the student body at school wide functions, such as Open Days and Parents' Evenings, meeting with and talking to adults and students
- They will be expected to lead school wide tours for visitors and to answer questions as well as share the schools vision with visitors.
- They will be required to chair one of the School Council meetings, expected to lead on meetings within this committee and liaise with the relevant members of SLT to discuss the ideas presented.
- They will be expected to speak in front of parents and members of SLT, discussing your experiences and sharing the ideas of students in a formal manner.

#### Year 6 PTA Class Rep

Thank you to Mrs Marginson (Henry's mum) who has agreed to be PTA class rep for Year 6. She will be in touch shortly to introduce herself.

#### Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Parents have been sent a letter from Children and Family Health (NHS) regarding their visit to school this term. Each year school children have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Please complete the consent form contained within the letter, even if you wish to opt out of screening.

#### What they need for you to do:

Complete the electronic consent form with either *Yes* or *No* (please read this letter for further information)

If you do not wish your child to be measured, please complete the e-consent form so we can record your preference.

- Visit <u>https://www.cfhschilddevelopment.co.uk/Form/NCMP</u>
- Enter your school's unique code: SR125298
- Complete the boxes

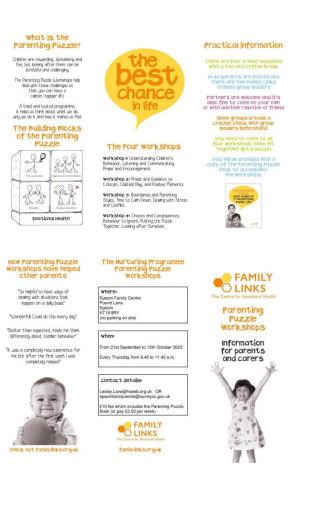
# **ONLINE SAFETY**

All children have now been given access to their Google Classrooms alongside a reminder of their Spelling Shed, TTRS and Mathletics passwords. Any new children to the school have been given new passwords and children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have the same passwords as previous years. In school, we often access these sites as well as use Kiddle as a child friendly internet search engine in our lessons.

In our Computing lessons this half term, each class will discuss our Online Safety theme of Online Privacy. Year 3 have discussed why we have passwords, Year 4 have been describing strategies to keep information safe, Year 5 discussed what information should be kept private and how to do this safely and Year 6 have created action plans to guide us on how to keep information private and safe. We will be reinforcing this subject



## **WELLBEING**



# **CLUBS**

#### GLOBO KIDZ CAMP - Fun Outdoor Activities for Kids aged 5 - 14 23rd - 27th October 2023

Monday to Friday

9:45am - 4pm (Early drop off from 8am & late pick up until 5:30pm available - please enquire)

October half term special offer: £20 per day

Tagging Games, Archery, Football, Netball, Rounders, Table Tennis, Basketball, Glow in the dark Dodgeball, Nerf Guns, Laser Tag and more...

All our staff are highly qualified and experienced school teachers

Book online via - <u>www.globokidzcamp.co.uk</u> or alternatively email to book: <u>globokidzcamp@outlook.com</u>

#### Wraparound Care Provided by Junior Adventures Group - JAG!

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

It would be very helpful if all parents could register on JAG

<u>https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/</u> 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**

#### **Flu Vaccination**

Re: Your child's flu vaccination e-consent

The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting your school on **THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER** to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray.

#### Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER by visiting:

- www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and entering your school's unique code SR125298
- If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.
- If you do not want your child to receive the nasal spray vaccine on the basis of porcine gelatine, please fill in the 'No' box indicating this, and you will be given the opportunity to consent for an alternative vaccination. This vaccination is delivered by injection into the arm (intramuscularly) and does not contain any porcine DNA agents. We will deliver this in school when we visit, if you would like you child to receive this vaccination in a clinic, please contact us on the above number or email.

An automated email will be sent to you on completion of the e-consent form from Cinnamon Digital Applications (who host the website portal for us). If you do not receive this, please check in your junk email or contact the Immunisation team.

You can find out further information about this vaccine at the following link:

Child flu vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

#### **Making the Roads Safer**

If possible, please walk to school. Mr Findlay is always on duty to ensure the traffic remains calm and controlled. Drive slowly and respectfully and please park on one side of the road and not over the resident's drives. Obviously, do not park on double yellow lines and please give way to avoid gridlock. Use the turning circle at the bottom of Dorling Drive to maintain the flow of traffic. Avoid three point turns in the road as this blocks and is dangerous to children and other pedestrians. Thank you for putting the children's safety first.

#### What Do I Wear On PE or Games Days?

On the days children do PE or games, they must come in wearing their PE kit and remain in it all day. PE kit is red shorts with the school logo, white t-shirt with the school logo, white socks and trainers. When the weather is cold Winter PE kit includes black tracksuit bottoms and the school logo red sweatshirt as children will be too cold in shorts and t-shirt. Shorts can be worn underneath. They must have plimsolls in school, as well as wearing their trainers in case they get wet or muddy feet in the day and need to change.

The days are as follows:-

- Year 3 Monday and Tuesday
- Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 5 Wednesday and Friday

#### Year 6 – Monday and Thursday

Please note that our uniform is not gender specific and the wearing of PE uniform on PE/games days means time saved from changing in and out of kit and there is more time to do sports, games and PE.

#### Linguascope Fun! Free to Wallace Fields Junior School Children.

Did you know that even 5-10 minutes twice a week can really make a difference to learning a language?

Repetition is the key! If you want to improve your language skills in a fun way practise the following this week:

Year 3: Linguascope Elementary/ Ça va?

Year 4: Linguascope ElementaryLes animaux or Linguascope Beginner /Moi et ma famille /Animaux

Year 5: Linguascope BeginnerLa vie au quotidian /Les matières (school subjects)

Year 6: Linguascope Beginner/Moi et ma famille/Les traits de personalité

#### **Unauthorised Holiday**

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher

#### **OTHER KEY DATES THIS TERM**

- Monday 2nd October Ambassadors presentation
- Tuesday 3rd October 10.30am-4.20pm Music Festival at Epsom College. Selected Choir Members invited.
- **Tuesday 3rd October 9.30am 11.30am** Positive Parenting Workshop. Parents welcome. Sign up on link
- Friday 6th October Harvest Festival
- Wednesday 11th October 2.00pm-3.00pm Year 3 Tea Party. Parents welcome.
- Thursday 12th October 2.00pm-3.00pm Year 4 Tea Party. Parents welcome.
- Tuesday 17th October 2.00pm-3.00pm Year 5 Tea Party. Parents welcome.
- Wednesday 18th October 2.00pm-3.00pm Year 6 Tea Party. Parents welcome.
- Wednesday 18th October 5pm-6pm PTA Halloween Disco
- Thursday 19th October Year 5 river walk trip
- Thursday 19th October 2023 at 3:30pm School breaks up for half term
- Friday 20th October 2023 INSET DAY (School Closed)
- HALF TERM– Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

For the latest dates click <u>here</u> for calendar on website.

#### **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 4J window).

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Stationery Shop	
Open to all children - Tuesday	
Thursday playtimes in the play Shop run by Year 6 Prefects.	yground.
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Purple pen	15p
Pencil	15p
Staedtler Pen	60p
Classmate Ruler	
Pritt Stick	£1.25
Berol Pen	
Barrel Sharpeners	90p
Whiteboard Pen	70р

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**





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Further information available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734. £5 per child Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

# **CAVE PAINTING**

Tuesday 24 October

11am-12.pm & 2pm-3.pm

Rids Club bringing history alive



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