WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Friday 13th December



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ATTACHED: CHANGE OF REQUIREMENTS

SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

- Christmas lunch and Christmas Fair reminders
- Message from your Year 4 Class Rep
- Cookery Club is on this week

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 17 th Dec	Carol concert Rehearsal
	Carol concert
Thurs 19 th Dec	Pantomime - Alice in Wonderland during the morning
Friday 20 th Dec	End of term – school finishes early 1:30pm

IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL

REHEARSAL FOR CAROL CONCERT ON TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER MORNING

The children will walk to the Chapel for a rehearsal on Tuesday 17th, regardless of the weather, so please ensure they have waterproof jackets or coats, scarves, hats and gloves! Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to help walk the children to and from the rehearsal at the chapel but we do need a few more. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 11.30am. If you can help please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT - TUESDAY 17th December 6:30PM-8.00PM

Please ensure you have the evening of Tuesday 17th December in your diary as all parents/carers are welcome to come and watch our Christmas Concert. If your child is not attending the chapel, please email Mr Lee or the school office as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already. We are celebrating diversity at Christmas and sending Christmas wishes. All children, unless specific instructions from the class teacher, must **wear full school uniform** for the concert.

ARRIVING AT THE CAROL CONCERT

- There is limited parking at Epsom College so please walk if possible.
- Children need to arrive at 6.00pm.
- Entry into the chapel for parents/carers is from 6.15pm so please be prepared to queue outside the chapel whatever the weather. If you have any elderly or disabled guests attending the concert please let us know in advance by emailing the school office by Monday 16th December and seats can be reserved and early admittance to the chapel may be permitted.
- Seats will be reserved for car park marshalls, school governors, special guests of the school and PTA committee members; but, where possible, we would appreciate if you could enter with the other guests and then alert the school office staff that you have a reserved seat.
- The concert starts at 6.30pm which is earlier than previous years.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOING THE CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Please feel free to photograph and video the Christmas service but these should be for personal use only and must not be shared on social media. The Christmas celebration at the chapel will be filmed professionally by Magicbox Pictures. If you would like to order a copy of the DVD for £14, please see the form sent previously. Please send in your order slip with cash or cheque (no payment on Scopay as this payment is directly to an external supplier), by Wednesday 18th December and they will be delivered in the New Year.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE CAROL CONCERT

- After the concert parents and visitors will exit out of the main doors (at the rear).
- All WFJS children will exit out of the side door.
- The Year 3 (and siblings of Year 3 with siblings) leave first, then Year 4 (and siblings of Year 4) and so on.
- There will be marked out areas, on the grass, to the side of the chapel for each year group.
- The children will wait with their class teacher in their year group area.
- All children will be dismissed by their teacher to their parent/carer.
- No children will be allowed to walk home alone.
- Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.
- If your children are to be collected by anyone other than their parent/carer please email the class teacher by midday on the day. (Tuesday 17th December).

DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you see yourself making an active contribution to the school why not contact the school office to let us know of your interest. We are dedicated to equality and valuing diversity. We welcome parents, grandparents and in particular those members with links to the local community.

YEAR 6 REFURB UPDATE

The initial building work has started. You will see fencing and temporary structures going up around, and next to, the unit. Access and safety will not be compromised – everything will be self-contained including toilets, admin and rest areas for the building staff. The site will look very different for a while. Once the groundwork has been done, there will be no more activity until the temporary classrooms arrive in January and Year 6 move into them. Thanks in advance for your ongoing flexibility and cooperation.

YEAR 5

5S Class Assembly Friday, 17 January 2020

Parents are welcome to attend the 5S class assembly from 9am until 9.30am.

5S SWIMMING STARTS MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2020

Just to remind children in 5S swimming lessons start on Monday 13th January. If you have not completed the permission slip and paid online the donation of £49 then please do so as soon as possible. Please remember to bring in your labelled costume, towel and swimming hat as well as a fruit snack for when you return to school. 5C swimming will start later in the spring.

PARENT HELP NEEDED IN YEAR 5 - THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2019

Thank you to all those parents who have agreed to help. We are still looking for a few more parents to help with the construction of model shelters in Year 5. We will be using saws and hot glue guns and would appreciate some extra eyes and ears in the classroom! This will be an all- day event, so anytime you can give to us would be very helpful. Sessions start 10.30am – 12.10pm and 1.15pm – 3.30pm. Please email Mrs Crabb or Miss Sarjeant on pcrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk or ksarjeant@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

YEAR 6

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO FRANCE

Second instalment of £90 was due today 13th December 2019

REMINDER & OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

CLUBS FINISHING FOR CHRISTMAS

There are no clubs running in the last week of term except for the postponed Tuesday Cookery club which will now be held on Monday 16th December. Please do check with your club leader if you are unclear about term finish and start dates. If a club leader has cancelled a lesson during their term, please check with them directly if they are planning additional lessons during the last week of term or a refund. Their contact details will be on their club letter or website.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHILD'S WATER BOTTLE

Plastic cups are very bad for the environment so please don't forget your named child's water bottle.

INTERNATIONAL LINK TO A JAPANESE SCHOOL

We have established a new international link with a Japanese school, which has suffered twice, as a result of the 2011 Tsunami and more recently, the October typhoon. The children have been displaced again from their school and we are forging new links with the school to remind them that we haven't forgotten about them in this difficult time. We will be sending a simple, but heartfelt New Year card to the children in Japan and there will be an assembly on the subject next week for the children. Thank you to Noah's Mum (Yr 3) for coming in to talk about it.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children can post Christmas cards to other WFJS children by posting their cards in the post box in the hall. Cards only - no sweets, chocolates, money or gifts please. Please ensure children clearly mark the child's full name and their class on the envelope. Thank you

NOT RECEIVING EMAILS

If you are not receiving emails it may be that you have inadvertently unsubscribed from emails. If you wish, you can re-subscribe a visit www.scopay.com/login. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click on re-subscribe. Enter the email address and select I'm not a robot. A message will be displayed "successfully re-subscribed". Please let the school office know we can send a test email you to ensure this resolves the issue.

RUGBY COACHES NEEDED TO HELP AT A COUPLE OF LUNCHTIMES OR AFTER SCHOOL

If we have anybody who would be interested and available to trial and coach a team in preparation for the Year 3 to Year 5 tournaments next February / March, I'd be very grateful to hear from you. You don't particularly need to do your "own" year group, sometimes it's easier not to have your own children involved! Following a couple of lunchtime trials (or after-school if that's preferable to you), we would concentrate on a squad of 10 - 12 children to train once a week leading up to the event. Please contact me at lwilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch or leave a message at the school office if you might be able to help. Mrs Wilson

CHECK OUR NEW YEAR 6 BLOG ON OUR WEBSITE NEWS PAGES & FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Our Year 6 bloggers are Abi, Lucas and Tristan and to see their blogs go to the website news pages https://wallace-fields-junior-school.schudio.com/admin/news/view/34909

Follow Wallace Fields Junior School on twitter to see a hive of extra exciting activities such as class display, visitors, science experiments and design and technology lessons. Click on https://twitter.com/wallacefieldsjs

PE POLICY FOR FOOTWEAR IN THE HALL

Children should be barefoot or plimsolls for PE in the hall. They should not be wearing shoes or trainers as these scuff up the hall and are not appropriate for floor work or standing on the mats. They should not wear socks as there is no grip on the hall surfaces and socks actually increases the risk of accidents during PE or games. See our full and updated uniform policy on our website https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/uniform

PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED LEAVE

A full copy of our attendance policy is available on our website. The following paragraph highlights the most important change: **PENALTY NOTICES** The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of SCC 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 <u>attendance policy</u> to ensure you understand the criteria for unauthorised absence and its implications. Mr Lee, Headteacher

CLOSING DATE FOR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Closing date for Infant and Junior applications for September 2020 entry is 15th January 2020. Full information is available at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or for help call 0300 200 1004. Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of you being offered one of your preferred schools for your child.

PTA

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all those parents who helped at the Christmas Fair today. We hope the children had a super time and we will share with you how much was fundraised next week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES







Recruitment For the Next Wave of Special Constables Opens Monday 16 December

On Monday 16 December, we will be recruiting more Special Constables to join our amazing organisation. We're looking for individuals within our county who are searching for an opportunity to volunteer to help keep their communities safe. Do you love your community? Could you make a difference? Do you have hours in your week/month to spare? Then joining us as a Special Constable (Volunteer Police Officer) could be the perfect challenge for you this coming year. By joining our police family, you will bring skills and experiences from your lives to help us make Surrey the safest county it can be. You will make a real difference in Surrey by reducing crime - and the fear of crime - across the county, whilst gaining unique experiences that you are unlikely to encounter anywhere else. Visit www.surrey.police.uk/specials for more information and to apply. The deadline for applications closes on Sunday, 26 January 2020.

Hatibu Lweno (Police, Communications Coordinator, Surrey Police)