

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SPRING TERM 2020

Friday 7th February



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ATTACHED: SCHOOL DINNER ARRANGEMENTS & PTA DISCO FLYER & EXTREME READING COMPETITION

SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

- Specific Year 4 - Hooke Court payment reminder
- Specific – Athletics payment reminder
- Year 6 - Junior Citizen Trip
- Year 4 - PTA cake sale reminder
- Year 5 & 6 – Hockey players needed

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 11 th Feb	Year 4 Music Performance Assembly 9.00-9.30
Friday 14 th Feb	PTA Valentines disco

IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL

HALF TERM AND INSET DAY APPROACHING

Just one more week before we break up for half term (Monday 17th to Friday 21st February). Please note that Monday 24th February is an INSET day so only staff will be in school on that day.

BOOK WEEK PLANS AND EXTREME READING COMPETITION

We are planning lots of exciting book activities at the end of February/early March to promote reading a wide range of books for pleasure.

- **Extreme reading competition** - We would like to encourage as many children as possible to take part. Children can bring in a photo (with name and class on the back) of reading in an unusual location by Wednesday 26th February, please see attached the letter with more information.
- **Fancy dress** – We are celebrating book characters so children may, if they wish, dress up as their favourite book character on 3rd March. Please don't spend lots of money, it could just be a hat or a top half of a costume to just indicate what favourite book character they are.
- **Two award-winning authors are visiting our school** to talk to the children about their journey as an author and the amazing books they have written. We are asking for a **voluntary donation of £1 per child** towards the cost of the authors. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have already contributed.

DOES YOUR CHILD WISH TO CHANGE SCHOOL DINNER ARRANGEMENTS?

Please find attached a letter about changes to school dinner arrangements. Please return your slips on Monday 10th February if you wish to change your child's school dinner arrangements after half term. Please ensure you indicate if your child has any allergies or dietary needs.

CORONAVIRUS – ADVICE FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the following link. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china> Help to stem the spread of all viruses by encouraging basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue.

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5e35b25740f0b609169cb52a/coronavirus-public-info-poster-2.pdf>

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 MUSIC ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Tuesday 11th February 9.00am-9.20am will be the second of the music assemblies and we look forward to seeing as many friends and family who wish to see their Year 4 children perform. Performers should be in the hall at **8.20am** (please come through the school office) for a rehearsal. All Year 4 performers who have handed in a slip will be performing. Any concerns please contact Mrs Mihaylova on NMihaylova@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk by Monday 10th February.

YEAR 6 & 5

YEAR 5 & 6 HOCKEY PLAYERS STILL NEEDED

Thank you to all parents who have contacted me about the forthcoming hockey tournament on 27th February; I have had a good response but would still like to hear from a few more potential players, especially girls as we need at least 2 more to be able to fulfil our entry of two teams. Please email me at lwilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk by the end of this Sunday 9th February if your child would be interested in playing. If transport is an issue, I'm sure we will be able to coordinate with other parents. Thank you. Mrs Wilson

YEAR 6

YEAR 6 JUNIOR CITIZEN TRIP – 5th MARCH

As part of their Personal, Social and Health Education, Year 6 will take part in a Junior Citizen Scheme at Epsom Grandstand on Thursday 5th March. Please find attached letter with full details. In order to cover the cost of this trip we need to ask for a voluntary donation of £8 which can be paid via our on-line system Scopay.

PTA

PTA VALENTINES DISCO 14th FEBRUARY 3.30pm-5.00pm

DJ Tony is back with his popular disco plus we will have cupid's archery and temporary tattoos. Cost is £5 and includes drink and crisps. Please get your tickets at WFJSPTA Facebook page. Any difficulties or offers of help at the event please contact the PTA by emailing wfjspta@gmail.com

SECOND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are needed of red, logo cardigans and jumpers, that your children no longer fit, so we can continue to raise funds for our school and do our bit for our planet. Please bring them in to the school office for PTA to collect.

SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 3 TAG RUGBY TRIALS

The Year 3 tag-rugby trials went very well this week and letters will be sent home early next week regarding team selection.

YEAR 5 RUGBY

I am very happy to announce that Mr Paul Aboud, uncle of Alex & Emily Kopp, has very kindly volunteered to train our Year 5 tag-rugby team. We will therefore hold trials for all interested children on **Wednesdays 12th and 26th February**, from 12.30 to 1pm on the lower field. Children should go straight into lunch, minimise the chat and be outside, in a change of clothes (that is **not** their PE kit) and football / rugby boots by 12.30pm at the latest please. Once both trials have been run, a squad of 12 players will be invited to continue training each Wednesday, up to and including the 1st April, with the tournament taking place on Thursday 2nd.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COUNTY FINALS

Having won the district event last November, our fabulous team of year 5's & 6's competed in the Sportshall Athletics County Finals this Tuesday at the Guildford Spectrum. This competition involves a lot of running, jumping and throwing in various forms and is great fun. The top 11 schools in Surrey were contending for top position and we finished a very respectable 8th place. Many congratulations to our team, you were all amazing: (Yr 5s) Cara, Luziana, Alex, Ethan, Shai, Tristan, (Yr 6s) Alyssa, Charlotte, Freya, Freya, Lola, Rose, Sophia, Sophie, Callum, Henry, Josh, Liam, Rhys & Will.

BADMINGTON FESTIVAL

If any of the invited children have not yet returned their permission form for the badminton festival next Wednesday 12th February, I will assume they are not interested unless I hear otherwise by the **end of tomorrow 8th February**. I will then invite some other children to take their place as I must fill all available slots. Thank you.
(lwilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)

NETBALL TEAM

On Wednesday, our brilliant netball teams played their fixtures against Southfield Park. It was a beautiful afternoon so we had a great crowd of supporters to watch our A team win superbly 18-3 and the B's most convincingly 6-2. Fabulous teamwork all round. The Southfield Park teacher emailed me afterwards to praise the talent of all of our players!

REMINDERS AND OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

QUIZ TEAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to the four children who took part in the Quiz Club General Knowledge Championship. They came second, which is amazing and were only surpassed by 30 marks which is less than one question in points. I was so impressed by the breadth and depth of their knowledge during the practice rounds. Hopefully they will get to the final as one of the highest runners up. We are all immensely proud of them. Well done Jami S, Sabrina T, Alex W and Nilesh S.

SAFER INTERNET DAY & DIGITAL LITERACY WEEK

This week, Miss Sarjeant held a whole school assembly about **Safer Internet Day**. Safer Internet Day is 11th February and throughout the week the children will be doing different activities to raise their awareness of being safe online. We have decided to coincide this important day with **Digital Literacy Week**, so the children will be making use of the Chromebooks and Computing Suite in different areas of the curriculum during the week. The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is 'Online Identity'. The children will be creating some lovely work about their identity as part of their computing lessons. In the next few weeks, we will be releasing a date for an exciting 'Digital Event' with the infant school for parents - watch this space! Safer Internet Day is coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, and is celebrated across the globe. Its aim is to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly and urges parents, carers, schools and other organisations to get involved. The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced a series of short films for SID in which they asked young people to give their **advice for parents and carers about how they can talk to their children about their online lives**. The clips are available to watch here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day2020/i-am-parent-or-carer/film-how-can-parents-talk-children>

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL RATED IN TOP 10 SURREY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We are delighted that Wallace Fields Junior School was awarded seventh place in a recent survey of Surrey state primary schools by Real Schools Guide 2020. It scored top marks (5) for attainment, attainment for all, progress and attendance. Click here to read all the details: [Find out how Wallace Fields Junior School rates compared to other primary schools in Surrey with our school ratings](#)

EMAILING THE SCHOOL OFFICE

If you need to contact the school office by email please use office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk. Both Mrs Boddy and I can see emails sent to this email address. We do have a second email info@ but this should only be used for less urgent communication and may not always be checked on my non-working days (Monday and Thursday). Thank you Mrs De Ville

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CAREFUL DRIVING AND PARKING

It is great to see that our messages about careful driving and parking are being respectfully noted. We are seeing most parents slowing down, parking sensibly and not clogging up the turning circle. Along with a careful program of putting cones placed strategically by Mr Findlay, the driving has improved and the parking has been excellent recently. Cars have not been blocking the turning circle either. Long may it continue! Thank you for putting the safety of the children first.

COMMUNITY

SONG WRITING COMPETITION

The Young Songwriter 2020 competition in its 9th year is the leading international songwriting competition for 8-18 year olds. They provide a golden opportunity for aspiring young songwriters to get their songs heard by some of the best songwriters and stand out in the music industry – with the opportunity to perform in a live showcase in London, win some great prizes and connect with each other as part of our vibrant community of young songwriters with exclusive songwriting experiences for finalists. It closes on 31st March. For more information and to sign up to go <https://www.songacademy.co.uk/says20/>

FREE ORCHESTRAL WORKSHOP

For a free orchestral workshop in Cobham on Sunday 19th April 2020 for children aged 8-13 years. It is being held at Feltonfleet School, Cobham. It is open to non-members who are grades 4-6 standard. For more information go to <https://www.stoneleighyouthorchestra.org.uk/free-one-day-workshop/>

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – RECENT CAR BREAK-INS HIGHER GREEN

Following some recent criminal activity which occurred locally, this is just a quick reminder to everyone to be especially careful about locking cars whilst they are parked either on the driveway or outside the house. On the night of 28th January in the early hours, (this time the street lights were still on) a group of thieves were picked up on CCTV in Higher Green trying cars to see if any were unlocked. They gained access to one vehicle this way (owner admits leaving unlocked) but fortunately nothing of value was left in the vehicle to be stolen. This is also a good time to remind everyone not to leave anything valuable in your car/s or anything on show that might look interesting to a would-be thief. Sadly, in my experience, anything left visible in the car, e.g. parking change, (yes really!) Sat Navs etc, coats or bags are an invitation for opportunistic thieves to try their luck.



EPSOM BOOK FAIR

20th-22nd February 2020

AT EPSOM METHODIST CHURCH,
ASHLEY ROAD, EPSOM KT18 5AQ
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DONATIONS

We would be delighted
to receive your donations of
books, DVDs, CDs and
records at the church
(between 9am and 8pm)
from Wednesday 12th to
Saturday 15th February.

(Please note this is
the final deadline).

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