

WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Friday 4th September 2020



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ATTACHED: DIARY DATES

SCHOOL EMAILS SENT BY PARENTMAIL THIS WEEK

- Year 5 & 6 Permission to walk home
- Year 3 Scopay payment

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 7 th Sept	• Bentley Photographic taking pupils photos
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IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL

INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS - MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Bentley Photographic will be coming into school on Monday morning to take individual and sibling photographs of the children. Please ensure your child is **wearing full school uniform** including a red cardigan or jumper with logo. They may bring in a small comb or brush to tidy their hair but please ensure long hair is tied back off the face.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

This has been working well with adaptations needed to help improve its efficiency and success. Some changes are already being made to help improve efficiency and success.

Firstly, **children will go to different gates according to their class** – for example 4D will go to the left gate and 4G to the right. This then helps with quicker identification of parents/carers and prevents crowding at one gate. Thank you to all parents for being prompt and for your patience and understanding.

Secondly, **the lunchtime routine has been adapted** to speed it up and the Year 3 have done really well so far, we do need to adapt some of the processes so please do bear with us whilst we trial different approaches. Every school is different in terms of size, capacity and systems so new ideas need to be trialled. We are still working on improving lunchtimes and appreciate your patience and understanding whilst we work with the dinner providers.

DIARY DATES

Please find attached separately the Autumn diary dates. More dates including PTA events will be added as they are confirmed. Please see the calendar on the school website for the most up to date dates <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/>

COVID RESPONSE UPDATE

COVID TESTING SURGE REMINDER TO PARENTS

Due to a surge in testing following a return to school by pupils in England the DfE has asked us to remind pupils, students and staff who feel unwell, that they **ONLY need to get tested** if they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature; a new continuous cough; the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell; or they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse). There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. If pupils feel unwell with other symptoms, for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache then these pupils do not need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

MISLEADING CLAIMS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS SCREENING

We are aware of untrue messages being circulated on social media that suggest Public Health Officials have the power to screen and assess children for coronavirus without a parent or carer present. The DfE have confirmed that this is not true. The link to the full article is here: <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/09/02/misleading-claims-about-children-being-taken-from-their-parents-for-coronavirus-screening/>

YEAR 3

YEAR 3 ASSESSMENT

The children have had a significant gap in schooling due to lockdown and so we will be carrying out baseline assessments in order to ensure we have a clear picture of where they are and how best to inform lesson planning to meet the needs of the children, challenge and develop their learning and to ensure children meet their full potential. Although this will involve a number of formal tests it will also include hearing children read and looking at independently completed tasks. The Year 3 team will be sending out significant amount of additional information, all about the expectations, routines and topics in Year 3 so look out for that next week.

REMINDERS

EMAILING THE SCHOOL

For urgent messages, absences, pick up arrangements and general enquiries please email the School Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk If you need to talk to your child's teacher regarding homework or learning, please contact them through their professional email address These as well as other teachers' emails can be also found on our website <http://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/staff>. Click on the envelope symbol below their profile on the staff page. Teachers are busy teaching during school hours but they will respond within 48 hours. For urgent issues please call the school office.

COMMUNITY

SMALL FRIDGE APPEAL

The staff are kept apart at break times to maintain distancing and reduce risk of Covid. The staff are divided into small staff hubs. Unfortunately, each hub room needs to be separately equipped with the relevant resources. We are in need of a small fridge to hold milk and lunches for staff, if you have one spare that you would care to donate or loan then this would be very gratefully received and would help equip one of the additional staff hubs.

PTA

WELCOME FROM THE PTA

Please support the PTA as it is a vital source of funds. We cannot run an active PTA calendar without your support, and none of us want to see events unable to be run, so a little from many will make a big difference. The Chair Ms Madel and Secretary Mrs Churchill did an amazing job last year and we appreciate all their efforts but they are both standing down this school year so your help is even more vital. The Treasurer Suraya Siddiqui and the staff PTA rep Mrs Day has agreed to continue. If you are willing to volunteer for the PTA please email the following email address Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk. If you have any suggestions or what to find out more we are very keen to hear from you.