

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020



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## SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

Yr 6 Macbeth

Mathletics

Yr 3 Home School

Yr 6 specific Bikeability

Yr 6 Rosebery open day

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Yr 6 Netball & Football

Yr 5 Homework diaries

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## KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- **TUESDAY 22nd** YEAR 5 FOOTBALL from 3.20pm to 4.30pm
- **WEDNESDAY 23rd** YEAR 6 NETBALL from 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- **THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 Macbeth Workshop
- **THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup>** YEAR 6 FOOTBALL from 3.30pm to 4.45pm
- **MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup>** SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

## IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL

**OUR SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER FOR INSET DAY**

We have an INSET day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September and the school will be closed to pupils.

### PLEASE BRING IN HEADPHONES

As the children have their Music lessons on Chromebooks this half-term, and to ensure hygiene is maintained please can all children bring their own headphones. Cheap headphones are preferable and please ensure that they are named. If you have any problems with providing these please email Mrs Mihaylova on

[nmihaylova@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:nmihaylova@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)

### GATE SAFETY AND PROTOCOL

The behaviour of some Year 5 and Year 6 boys outside was reckless and endangering on Thursday morning. Several parents wrote in to explain they had witnessed this poor behaviour and children putting themselves at risk in the road. The four boys were seen individually by Mrs Day and their scooters and skateboards were confiscated for parent collection and parents were contacted. I personally spoke to Year 5 and Year 6 with the deputy head and we reiterated the need to be responsible and sensible when coming to school, crossing the road and lining up. Year 5 and 6 are doing assemblies and discussions on road safety and acting responsibly.

It is helpful here to reiterated that the duty of care for the children remains with parents until the children enter school gate. In order for staggered starts to work the children must not arrive early. The only parents remaining will then be those who have older siblings with a wait time before starting school. Please do not be early and be aware that the children's welfare whilst waiting remains the responsibility of the parent. Work places should be understanding of the issues created by late drop off and early pick up caused by the staggered start and end of the school day.

In light of the new restrictions introduced by the government on Monday, please ensure you socially distance from other parents and keep back on the pavement so the children and public can walk freely down the road. Thank you for promoting road safety and responsible behaviour in your children - the majority of the children are fabulously behaved but you may wish to consider the maturity and reliability of your own child before leaving them in the line unattended.

We are developing routines as the weeks go by and as the routines settle in things do get better. Lunchtimes are running really well now and playtimes are working well whilst the weather is good. Please ensure your child has the correct waterproof clothing if they are coming to school in the rain or on a day when rain is forecast.

## **COVID TESTS AND RESULTS**

If your child shows symptoms of covid then please contact 119 and book a test. There is a heavy cold going round at the moment that is keeping a lot of children from school. You do not need to seek a test if your child has a heavy cold unless is accompanied by one of the symptoms of covid. **Please find attached a very useful Recognising Coronavirus Symptoms Checker that the pharmacist Boots has created.** When it is a cold and not covid it is difficult to differentiate the high temperature and lack of taste and smell from the possibility of a fever. Please seek a test if you are unsure. Please do not call the school for specific covid advice as the office staff are not medically trained and can only provide you with details of seeking a test. If you do call the school, please remember that the usual school procedures are in place regarding symptomatic children going home. We are aware that there is a limited service for getting a test appointment and a slow return of results – this is not helping our situation.

## **ABSENT CHILDREN & LEARNING**

If your child is off school sick, the same provision applies as if they were off sick before the pandemic. The teachers will provide suggested activities online (Google classroom) and there are plenty of alternative activities suggested on our website though teachers will not be providing online learning directly for absent children. This is because they are in school teaching and they are marking and assessing the majority of the children who remain in school. They do not have the time beyond this to also make additional provision for absent children. However, we understand that there are some children who are going to be self-isolating for 14 days following covid symptoms in the family and we are having a meeting next week to agree how we can best meet their needs. We will send details of provision out to parents as soon as possible.

Attendance to school has been very high and despite a dip last week caused by a heavy cold outbreak, the numbers are returning to near full capacity again.

However, if in the event of a covid outbreak and the PHE recommending the closure of a bubble (a whole year group) that year group would be sent home, they would then children switch to an online curriculum and all children in that year would get support, activities and homework tasks from their class teachers to complete at home.

## **LEARNING TIME**

The timetables are settling down over the last few weeks and a better routine has begun. The children have settled in well and are coping with the restrictions that are in place to keep them safe and separated. The learning time has not been significantly reduce as transition times moving around school have been reduced. The children's play times have not been shortened to maintain learning time. Staggered lunches have had an effect on lunchtime routine as this is caused by keeping the year groups separate and keeping to government guidelines. There is a focus on maths and English this half term in order to ensure the gap in learning is assessed and targeted, however in the future we hope to return to the usual curriculum. More time has also been given over to wellbeing and recovery curriculum and so this will also be adapted as times change and the pandemic restrictions change.

## **REMOTE LEARNING**

If the year group is shut down then that year will switch to remote learning and the teachers will set work, respond and communicate online. If the entire school is shut by PHE then the same applies. We are currently in the process of refining our online learning – this includes getting the Year 3 children trained and prepared for logging into their Google Classroom that will make remote learning possible if the year group bubble is closed down. The current deadline for a full online curriculum (in the event of closure) is the end of the month. We are well ahead of this but hope to add more detail to our online provision in the coming weeks.

## **CLASS INTERACTIVE CONCERT TO REPLACE MUSIC CELEBRATION EVENING**

Sadly, due to the national lockdown our annual Music Celebration Evening was cancelled in April. Instead, we want to hold an in class interactive concert for our children demonstrating our pupils' talents. If you'd like your child's performance to be showcased, submit a video clip to Mrs Mihaylova on [nmihaylova@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:nmihaylova@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk) by **16th October**. Please include what the name of the piece, who it was written by and a little info on how long your child has been learning the instrument and if any awards/grades have been awarded. In addition, please ensure that the performers look smart and are in a well-lit room. Thank you and I look forward to the progress your children have achieved in the last six months! Yours, Mrs Mihaylova'

## **PLEASE CHECK FOR HEAD LICE**

We have had a report this week of a child in Year 3 with head lice. Please check your child over the weekend and apply treatment if required. For advice go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

# REMINDERS & OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

## PLEASE LABEL UNIFORM

Most pupils are excellent with labels in nearly everything they are wearing however, jumpers are starting to build up already and these have no names or indication of owner. Unfortunately, we cannot return jumpers without names in so please remember to quickly use a biro to put first name and initial on the label of your children's clothes. Jumpers will be thrown away each half term as we have no room to store them. If your child has recently misplaced their jumper or part of their uniform, please ask them to look in the small red box in the hall. Thank you.

## MATHLETICS

Following a successful re-subscription last year of Mathletics we have decided to continue with this on-line resource which is used by the children both at school and at home to complete homework. In order to cover the cost of the Mathletics subscription, we need to request a voluntary contribution of £5 per child. Please visit Scopay to make payment. A letter was sent out this earlier this week.

## SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Please find attached the school dinner menu. Please note that Mondays are a meat free day but only vegetarians will get the second item except for Week 1 when all will get pizza. <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/meals>

## YEAR 5

### YEAR 5 FOOTBALL TRIALS

Due to the overwhelming uptake of attendees to the football trials, we will be extending it for a few more weeks. Therefore, we will meet on **Tuesday 22nd and 29th September and again on 6th October from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow any more players to attend other than those already registered (apart from those to whose parents I have already spoken).**

## YEAR 6

### YEAR 6 - MACBETH WORKSHOP

The Young Shakespeare Company will be running an interactive workshop on Macbeth on **Thursday 24th September 2020**. It provides a fun learning experience bringing to life the text of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. It is an enjoyable and educational experience for the children. Parents who have not yet paid for this visit have been contacted directly.

### YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TRIALS

As we have literally half of Year 6 coming to football trials, we will also be extending this for 3 more weeks! We will play on Thursday 24th September, and 1st & 8th October from 3.30pm to **4.45pm**. My apologies for our late appearance at the gate this week, I'd forgotten how long it takes them to get changed whilst analysing the entire session! **Again, there may be no further requests for as yet unregistered children to participate, sorry.**

### YEAR 6 NETBALL TRIALS

We had a good session of netball this Wednesday but would still like to see a few more players if possible. There was a distinct absence of boys and those who have played in the past have thoroughly enjoyed it. So please do encourage your sons and daughters to consider coming to the last trial next Wednesday for a chance to be in the school team. Thank you.

## PTA

### HAPPY BAGS ARE SET TO RETURN ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

Please help us with desperately needed PTA funds and saving the environment by simply clearing out any of the following items: Reusable clean & dry clothes, Reusable clean paired shoes, Fashion accessories, belts, jewellery, handbags/bags, scarves, hats, small ornaments, gift box sets and console games.

**Please save any good quality unwanted school uniform for Wallace Fields second hand sales.**

Your bags should be brought to school **by 10am** on the day only and left under the gazebo on the turning circle. Please be aware school is unable to store any items before the day due to current restrictions. We also ask that parents dropping off their items continue to observe social distancing rules. Thank you for your support!