

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



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**ATTACHED: Public Health England Covid letter**

## SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

- 6C Bikeability
- Happy Bag reminder
- 6H Bikeability
- Part time job at Wallace Fields Junior School

## KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- **MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCT** 6H Bikeability starts.
- **TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCT** YEAR 5 FOOTBALL TRIALS from 3.20pm to 4.30pm
- **WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCT** YEAR 6 NETBALL TEAM TRAINING from 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- **THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCT** YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TRIALS from 3.30pm to 4.45pm

## IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL

### NASAL FLU

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the online form to book your child's flu vaccination on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> or Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. If you have not yet done so yet, please complete the e-consent form by **4 PM ON THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2020** (when the website portal will close). Go to the e-consent form at: [www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk) Our school's unique code/URN number is SR125298 which you will need to enter on to the flu consent form. Some children may receive a letter with a bar code from NHS England once they have registered for nasal flu which has caused confusion. **The School Nurses at NHS Child Health are not collecting the bar code**, so please be reassured that you do not need to send it into school, and our process has not changed.

### EMAILING TEACHING STAFF

Due to the restriction of covid, teachers are receiving a much higher number of emails than usual from parents and carers. The time being taken up with teaching, marking and assessing means that only a fraction of these emails can be got through during the working day. Because of this we are asking politely that all parents and carers try to use the Reading Record books and/or the Homework Diaries as a way of contacting the teacher and the teaching support about any issues or queries you might have. The website has recently been updated and is now populated with all subjects on the 'learning' tab and the progression maps and the curriculum intentions are also included. If you find that the website does not have the answer then please call the main office, or if absolutely necessary, email the staff. Please bear in mind that the teaching staff have very little time to read and respond to large emails and so we would be very grateful if you could keep your enquiry short and to the point should there be a complaint or concern.

### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) PROVISION AND EHCP'S

Our school, like most, is under pressure from self-isolating staff and the loss of staff waiting for covid tests after having symptoms. The testing is not yet working quickly enough and so we are doing our best to maintain teaching and learning as close to normal as possible. There are times when support staff are also not in school and on these occasions additional adults are allocated to the SEN and EHCP children. The DfE makes it clear that schools are to do their best in the circumstances of the covid pandemic and at times it is recognised that EHCPs may be affected to some degree and that this is fully acceptable. Please be patient and understand the school pressures and the effect the global pandemic is having on staffing and provision. We thank you in advance for not contacting the school about the very fine detail that we put in place now and again as we are doing our very best to ensure school is operating as normal as possible especially for SEN provision.

### LETTER FOR PARENTS ABOUT COVID 19 SYMPTOMS

Public Health England (PHE) have produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the main symptoms of coronavirus are. The Department of Education (DfE) have asked us to share and circulate this letter amongst parents and carers.

The intention of the letter is to support both teachers and parents in answering some of the questions parents may have around testing. We've also created two images detailing the main coronavirus symptoms. Access the images [here](#) and [here](#) and right click/long tap to save. You can view the letter [here](#).

### **CATCH-UP INTERVENTION AND RECOVERY CURRICULUM**

We have completed assessments with all the children and will now be implementing even more intervention and support to ensure children reach their full potential. Please be aware that this is not simply a SEN provision but additional sessions to ensure children are back where they should be after the long break from school and the learning lost over the four months of school lockdown and a subsequent summer break. We are confident we can meet the needs of the children and are enthusiastically pursuing lessons and additional maths and English groups to drive the pupil progress up. If your child reports that they were in a small group lesson in the morning or afternoon, it is not because they are not making progress but specific gaps in their national curriculum learning are being targeted and brought back up to speed. We will not be reporting specific group lessons or support to parents, but the reporting of SEN and EHCP pupils will continue through the specific SEN plans that have been created.

### **REMOTE LEARNING PROVISION**

The last staff meeting and INSET were dedicated to getting up to speed with the new DfE requirements to have a remote learning provision in place. This is to provide learning for the pupils, should they need to self-isolate for 14 days, if the year group bubble is closed down and sent home or the entire school is closed due to a covid situation. PHE will inform us if the school needs to close the year group or the school. A policy is being drawn up and will soon be available on the website. We are currently looking to increase the detail, clearer instructions and guidance for online provision and the Year 3 are becoming more familiar with our Google Classroom platform should they be required to learn from home. We will send more detail out next week.

## **REMINDERS & OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **SCHOOL DINNER MONEY NOW DUE**

School dinner money invoices have now gone out to all parents, please pay online on Scopay.

### **DOES MY CHILD NEED A CORONAVIRUS TEST**

If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/). Only the person with symptoms should get a test. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

## **YEAR 5**

### **MRS CRABB AND 5C**

Mrs Crabb has made much better progress this week and was in school today to see her class and explain how things have been. She has made a very brave recovery from a non-covid related illness and will be teaching the class for the majority of next week. Her class were really pleased to see her back and we hope she makes a full recovery very soon. Thank you to 5C and their parents/carers, for all their patience and kind wishes during Mrs Crabb's absence.

### **WHITE PILLOW CASE OR SHEET**

Please can you bring a clean old white pillow case or sheet into school for an art lesson by next **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

## **YEAR 6**

### **BIKEABILITY**

Bikeability starts next week (w/c 5<sup>th</sup> October) for all those signed up in 6H and the following week (w/c 12<sup>th</sup> October) will be 6C. Please spend some time over the weekend checking your child's bikes. When their course starts don't forget to bring into school a change of clothes, helmet and padlock with key as well as their bike. Please see the letter sent separately with more information and groupings. Groups 1 & 2 will need to come in earlier (8.50am) from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October in order for them to start promptly.

## YEAR 6 NETBALL TEAM

The Wallace Fields Junior School netball squad started training on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. There are a few more spaces in the squad, so if your daughter or son is interested in taking part then please contact Mrs Wilson on [LWilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:LWilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)

## GLYN VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

Below is a link to the Glyn Virtual Opening Evening. On their website: [www.glynschool.org](http://www.glynschool.org) you can also view their virtual tours, presentations from the Executive Headteacher, Head of School, SENCO and Heads of subjects, current Year 7 students' experiences and a message from their current Head Boy and Girl. There is also a link for Parents and Carers to submit questions.

[Glyn School – Virtual Opening Evening for Prospective Year 7 Students](#)

# COMMUNITY

## PLEASE DONATE TO THE LOCAL FOOD BANK THIS HARVEST FESTIVAL

Age Concern will not be delivering their normal Christmas hampers made up from your generous harvest festival donations, this year due to Covid as it will be too risky an undertaking for both their clients and volunteers. AGE CONCERN would like to encourage parents to instead donate to the Food bank in Epsom. For more information go to <https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/>

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