

WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Friday 16th October 2020



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SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

- Cauliflower cards reminder
- Does your child love music? Video reminder
- Cauliflower cards deadline extended
- Parent Governor nominations
- Yr 5 &6 Football Squad letters

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- **Wednesday 21st Oct** – School dinners celebration of Black History Month
- **Friday 23rd Oct** – Virtual music concert – Smart attire £1 donation for Music Department
- **Monday 26th** – Friday 30th October – Half term

IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL

FORMAL MUFTI FOR VIRTUAL MUSICAL CONCERT ON 23RD OCTOBER

We will be showcasing the musical talent of our children by showing a video of our children's performances to classes on Friday 23rd October. We will ask children to wear FORMAL MUFTI bow tie and glamorous dresses for a **donation of £1 for the virtual concert**. The dress code is bow tie/smart tie and glamorous dresses. Please stress that open toe shoes (sandals, flip-flops) are **not** permitted. Teachers will be collecting in a pot/box and money will go to the school's music department.

CAULIFLOWER CARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER

This year children have done their Cauliflower cards artwork in class and will have now brought it home. You can turn this artwork into Christmas cards or other merchandise by going online to www.cauliflowercards.co.uk and use the unique code on your order form to **place and pay for your order online** over the weekend. Please also **return your form and artwork** to the School Office by the morning of MONDAY 19th OCTOBER to help raise PTA money.

CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

After a review of the situation it has been agreed that some clubs can start up after the half term. However, due to the Covid restrictions the clubs cannot contain more than one year group (bubble) and so will be year group specific. Also, due to restrictions, it will be a difficult logistical plan for each club as collection will need to be carefully organised. This will mean that some clubs can only take place on certain days as different year groups cannot be permitted to have contact at the main gate on departure. Details of clubs will emerge as the plans are set out by the club leaders and agreed with the school.

PARENTS EVENING

Due to school Covid restrictions parents' evening is not possible. Usually you would have a 5-minute appointment bookable on Tucasi and then a meeting with the teacher in the hall. However, this year, we will be assessing, compiling results and then producing a mini report for the Autumn term that will be sent out to parents a couple of weeks after the half term. It will include attitude and behaviour in school, progress and attainment in the curriculum. The report will include key targets for improvement. The opportunity to talk with the class teacher by telephone will be possible after the reports have been sent out.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH INSPIRED MENU FOR SCHOOL DINNERS

This week on **Wednesday 21st October** those children who have school dinners will be having a menu inspired by Black History Month. The menu will be Caribbean Jerk chicken, rice and peas or vegetarian option will be Vegetarian Bobotie the national dish of South Africa followed by African Banana cake Matoke Mkate.

COVID-19 UPDATE

LATEST COVID-19 UPDATE

Although Elmbridge has been put into tier 2 of lockdown for covid infection, Epsom remains at medium. The advice on the local restriction for Epsom and Ewell can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-medium?utm_source=13%20October%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

In light of the new restrictions introduced by the government on Monday, please ensure you socially distance from other parents and their children. We continue to adapt and improve our routines in school to ensure that hygiene and risk reducing practices continue across the school. Thank you for all your efforts in helping support your children at school, adhering to the guidelines and keeping school as normal as possible under the conditions we have.

HOW IS THE SCHOOL COPING AT THE MOMENT REGARDING COVID?

We are lucky so far in that the vigilance of the parents has meant that sick children have stayed off and symptomatic children have not come into school. All the tests that have been taken since the lockdown have been negative. We have had extremely high attendance to school this week (99%) and another negative test result from a family this week. The staff are working hard and the systems in place are industrious and require lots of extra staffing but they are working in maintaining the bubbles / year group separation. We have been grateful for parent's support and for keeping communication to emergency or essential contact only. Parents are adhering to the arrival times and pick up times very well which has been a great help.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD SHOWS COVID SYMPTOMS AND I NEED TO GET A TEST?

If your child gets covid symptoms they must not come to school and you must seek a test as soon as possible. Inform the class teacher and they will provide a 'Get Going Pack'. This is a pack of tasks that covers three days whilst you are waiting for the test result. Once the result is returned and if it is negative, your child should stop completing the pack of work and return to school as soon as possible. The Get Going Pack is not for children who are off sick as they are too ill to be working and this provision is for those in isolation awaiting a test result. If your test result is positive, you must inform the school immediately and remain at home in isolation (following the advice given on the email sent to you by the test centre).

WHAT HAPPENS IF A CHILD/PARENT HAS A POSITIVE RESULT?

If a child who has been in school reports a positive result to the school or a number of positive results come in, then Public Health England (PHE) are contacted directly and immediately by the school. PHE then assess the level of risk, spread and what level of lockdown is required. In some secondary schools PHE have sometimes only sent small numbers of pupils and their friends home, however with primary schools locally they have more commonly tended to close the whole year group/bubble.

WHAT HAPPENS IF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND (PHE) CLOSE THE YEAR GROUP DOWN?

The children in that year group will require immediate collection from school and the school day will effectively stop for that year group. The children remaining, due to parents and carers unable to collect will be held in school until collection is possible. Any children in Club Vale will not be permitted to go to that provision. If PHE order the closure of an entire year group then that year will switch to remote learning and the teachers will set work, respond and communicate online via Google Classrooms.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL IS CLOSED BY PHE?

If the entire school is shut by PHE then the same applies. The children must be collected as soon as possible and isolate. The PHE will give the school standard procedural information that we will send out on their behalf. This will detail the advice and instructions for families to follow. Children have been prepared by their teachers for logging into their Google Classroom that will make remote learning possible. A full online curriculum will be made available. The children have produced some instructional videos to help log on and use our various platforms and also help parents and their children. Passwords and log in details are in their Reading Records (Year 3 and Year 4) or their homework diaries (Year 5 and Year 6). For more information go to <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/learning/home-based-learning>

REMINDERS & OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a nut-free school, so please ensure none are included in any pack lunches or snacks at any time. We have a number of students who are highly allergic to nuts. In the most severe cases, the allergy can be triggered off with just air-borne particles if someone is, or was, eating nuts anywhere in the room. I am sure you can appreciate the severity of such an allergy and the potential devastating consequences. As a result, please ensure that you do not bring any kind of nuts into school. Please be particularly carefully not to pack food such as: Nutella which contains hazelnuts, muesli bars which contain nuts, Bakewell tarts which contains almonds or pesto if it contains cashew nuts. We do have a few children with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your understanding.



CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Pupils are only permitted to ride their bikes to school if they wear a helmet to and from school and the parents must have signed the school agreement for cycling to school. Please find the form on our website <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/forms> Pupils can leave cycles in the shelter beside the skipping zone though the school accepts no responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of any cycles of pupil equipment left on site at any time.

TRADING CARDS

There have been a few trading cards coming into school, Lego Cards. These are not permitted in school as the disputes in card trading take up hours of staff time and in the past when given a chance to trade fairly it has repeatedly not worked. The children can bring in books to read, small sketch books (bound) and magazines to read at lunchtime if they wish.

LOOM BANDS

A new trend coming into school. Sorry - these are not allowed in school. No loom bands, bracelets or charity bands please.

HAIR AND UNIFORM

Long hair must be tied up if it reaches the shoulders and it must be off the face. The eyes should not be obscured. Hair should be neat and tidy and with no extremes such as unnatural colours. Gels are not permitted. Large hair clips and garish hair adornments are also to be avoided (i.e. large flowers).

CLUB VALE AND TEAM TRAINING

If your child normally attends Club Vale but is attending football or netball training after school, please ensure you inform Club Vale to cancel their place or delay the time of attending.

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL STAFF UPDATE

We sadly have two members of staff leaving at half term.

Madam Eira Fesnoux who has been our Modern Foreign Languages teacher has been with us for many years is sadly leaving and we wish her all the best. Madam Fesnoux has ensured that the school has been fully involved in the European Day of languages every year and successfully applied for, and achieved, the International Schools Award (given by the British Council) for over a decade. We are grateful for all her hard work and extracurricular efforts that she has promoted.

Mrs Alex Michael is along serving TA who then became a very experienced and able HLTA here with us. She has always been a hard-working and adaptable member of the staff team and will be sorely missed. Miss Michael has worked at Wallace Fields for many years and taken on a vast array of training, support groups and intervention tasks across the school. Mrs Michael's last placement has been in Year 6 where she has helped Miss Smith settle in well with the class and provided valuable support in the Year 6 team.

We wish them both all the best in the future.

We are so lucky at our school to have such talented and experienced teachers and higher-level teaching assistants who know the children and our school so well. We welcomed this week two additional teachers to our teaching staff **Mrs Kidwai** and the return of **Mrs Elliot**. This extra staffing enables us to ensure those children who are most in need of extra intervention and emotional support are able to get the support they need. We also welcome **Mrs Shahid** as a new mid-day supervisor. For all our staff names and emails please see the school website.

NASAL FLU

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the online form to book your child's flu vaccination on Thursday 5th or Friday 6th November 2020. If you have not yet done so, 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 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.

YEAR 6

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON – APPLY ONLINE BY 31st OCTOBER 2020

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2021, you have until 31 October to apply for their school place. If you miss the deadline, you reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child. We recommend you apply as soon as possible and before schools break up for half term on 23 October, to avoid any last-minute hiccups.

While the usual open days and evenings may not take place this term because of Covid-19, please check school websites for details of virtual tours and alternative arrangements.

The online admissions system is quick and easy to use. Here you will also find information about schools in your area. <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions> You can even apply using your mobile; surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

You'll receive the outcome of your application by email on 1 March next year. You can also log into the online admissions system from that evening to view your school offer.

If you cannot apply online, you will need to call Surrey's Schools & Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a paper application form. Make sure you send it back to arrive no later than 31 October. We recommend you send it by registered post.