

WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020



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ATTACHED: Game Creator Club holiday club flyer, Penalty notices information

SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

- World War 1 Workshop - 6th November
- Parent Governor needed
- Selected - Reminder nasal flu
- Selected - Reminder 2ndary school applications
- Sponsored walk/run
- Virtual PTA meeting postponed
- Update 5c
- Clubs after half term

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- **Monday 26th** – Friday 30th October – Half term
- **Thursday 5th November** – Nasal flu vaccinations
- **Friday 6th November** – Nasal flu vaccinations
- **Friday 6th November** – Visit by Soldier Bert

IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL

VIRTUAL MUSIC CONCERT

It was lovely to see so many smartly dressed children on Friday 23rd October and we hope they enjoyed watching the concert. Thank you so much for all those parents who sent in video clips of their talented and enthusiastic musicians. Thank you for your donations to the music department – we will update you on amount raised in a later bulletin.

WORLD WAR ONE HISTORIAN VISIT – FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2020

Soldier Bert is coming in on the **Friday 6th November** and will spend an hour with each year group. Bert will be recounting his experiences in the trenches and showing the children some equipment. It is a great way to bring history to life and celebrate Remembrance Day. To cover the cost of this visit, we need to ask for a voluntary donation of £2.30. Please visit Scopay to make payment as we are currently not accepting cash.

SPONSORED WALK

Please help them raise money to assist in purchasing much-needed new Chromebooks. They will be using the first five minutes of their PE lesson (usual warm-up time) to travel as many laps of the playground as they can (12 laps = 1 mile) and have 5 weeks to complete the challenge. Each child will be contributing to the class total and you will be sponsoring the entire class as a whole unit.

- Year 3 are “virtually” walking / running 53 miles to Brighton
- Year 4 “virtually” walking / running 61 miles to Portsmouth.
- Year 5 “virtually” walking / running 70 miles to Cambridge.
- 6C are “virtually” walking / running 80 miles to Dover.

We will not be collecting cash but will ask that all sponsorship is paid online at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/14657> by the end of Christmas term. Thank you so much.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS RETURNING

We are delighted to have some extra-curricular clubs return after half term. An email will be sent out later today with the club timetable and letters from the club leaders. Clubs are limited to year group bubbles so there are less clubs available than normally though we may see more return after Christmas. Please bear in mind that some clubs may be oversubscribed so please email the club leader as soon as possible, whilst other clubs may not get sufficient interest to make it viable for them to go ahead. Please contact the club leaders directly if you have any questions.

STATIONERY

Half term is a good opportunity to check and restock pencil cases. We are aware that white board pens and glue sticks particularly are running low.

YEAR 4

RESIDENTIAL TRIP FOR YEAR 4 TO HOOKE COURT – 3rd MARCH TO 5TH MARCH 2021

In line with current Government guidelines, which currently advises against domestic (UK) overnight and overseas educational visits, we will not be confirming our provisional bookings with the external providers. However, these guidelines are due for review in November and Hooke Court has agreed to hold our booking until we receive further guidance. We will keep parents up-dated regarding this residential trip during the next half-term.

YEAR 5

RESIDENTIAL TRIP FOR YEAR 5 to ISLE OF WIGHT – 28th JUNE TO 2nd JULY 2021

In line with current Government guidelines, which currently advises against domestic (UK) overnight and overseas educational visits, we will not be confirming our provisional bookings with the external providers. However, these guidelines are due for review in November and PGL has agreed to hold our booking until we receive further guidance. We will keep parents up-dated regarding this residential trip during the next half-term.

YEAR 6

RESIDENTIAL TRIP YEAR 6 ISLE OF WIGHT – 7th TO 11th JUNE 2021

This trip was booked with PGL for summer 2020 and the instalments were rolled over by PGL to summer 2021 for the children who are now in year 6. Current government guidelines advises against domestic (UK) overnight and overseas educational visits but this is due to be reviewed in November. We hope this trip will still take place and we will keep parents informed. If nearer the time, government guidelines prevent the trip from going ahead, we will seek recovery from our Insurance Company.

Mrs Day – Educational Trip Co-ordinator

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. <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

ROSEBERY SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN EVENTS

As the deadline for applying for a secondary place is fast approaching Rosebery school has asked me to remind parents of their virtual open event on their website. <https://roseberyschool.co.uk/open-event-2020/>

REMINDERS

PLEASE CHECK FOR HEAD LICE

We have had a report this week of a child in Year 4 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/>

WINTER UNIFORM

A quick reminder that after half term children must wear winter uniform. Summer dresses and polo shirts are not permitted. If you need a school tie they are available to purchase from the school office.

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.

WATERBOTTLES

Please remember to bring in water bottles every day. All water bottles must be labelled with an indelible marker. The owners initials are enough.

WATCHES AND FITBITS/HEALTH TRACKERS

Watches must be removed for PE & games. A simple cheap analogue watch is recommended in order to promote the learning of time (rather than digital watches). Fancy watches and health tracker watches can be a distraction and we would like to discourage children from wearing high cost items in school. The school takes no responsibility for these items in school and they remain the responsibility of the wearer.

A child in 4D lost their pink Fitbit on Thursday 22nd October so if anyone finds it please let Miss Day know.

RAINY DAYS

Please remember to send your child in to school with a good quality waterproof coat with a hood as children will have breaks in light rain and may also need to wait for their year group to enter school at the set time in the morning.

PENALTY NOTICE FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Please find more details in the attached letter.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a nut-free school, so please ensure none are included in any pack lunches or snacks at any time.



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council at Wallace Fields Junior School is the voice of the children and each councillor is elected by their class to represent the needs, ideas and inspiration of the children. The School Council met for this first time last week and will meet once a month. The school counsellors this year are Hugo & Grace in 3A, Aaron & Emi in 3M, Nora and Kiaan in 4D, Ella and Anaya 4G, Freya & Lucas in 5S, Megan and Manny in 5C, Ben & Hanna E in 6H, and Bella & Harry in 6C.

INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

After a great week of football matches, the results are finally in! The children were all absolutely brilliant and I would say about 98% fully embraced the experience!! Even the shy ones were getting stuck in and there were some tears but mostly lots of brave little soldiers. Some children earned bonus points for excellent sportsmanship, effort, kindness & generosity on the pitch. After a very strong start, Green Team unfortunately lost their lead and once the Year 5 Reds took the stage, there was no looking back. Despite a late surge from the Blues and consistently strong opposition from Yellows, the Reds have been victorious once again.

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE

Mrs Cratchley offers piano lessons here in the school and they are re-starting after half term after school. They are individual and for 30 minutes each. For further inquiries and availability please contact Miss Cratchley on 07526 602231 or email alisonmcratchley306@gmail.com.