



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



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## SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

- Christmas letter re Covid
- Christmas jumper day
- Specific – Xmas Free School Meal Vouchers
- Year 6 – Message from Year 6 parent rep

## KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	First week when children wear PE kit to school for days with Games or PE. Plimsolls needed
	PTA Christmas raffle drawn
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas virtual concert in class
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Board games and PG films
	Full Christmas Mufti £1 to Save the Children Charity
	Last day of term early finish - Staggered end time after lunch Year 3 - 1pm, Year 4 - 1.10pm, Year 5 - 1.20pm and Year 6 - 1.30pm
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	School returns

## IMPORTANT – LAST WEEK OF TERM

### IMPORTANT – CHANGE TO PE POLICY FROM MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER DUE TO COVID

Due to the current Corona virus, on the days children do PE or games, they must come in wearing their winter PE kit and remain in it all day. Winter PE kit includes **black tracksuit bottoms and the school logo red sweatshirt** as children will be too cold in shorts and t-shirt. Shorts can be worn underneath. They **must have plimsolls** in school, as well as wearing their trainers in case they get wet or muddy feet in the day and need to change. The days are as follows:-

- YEAR 3 – Monday and Tuesday
- YEAR 4 – Tuesday and Thursday
- YEAR 5 – Wednesday and Friday
- YEAR 6 – Monday and Thursday

### CHRISTMAS VIRTUAL CONCERT THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

All the children will have the opportunity to watch virtually the other Year group Christmas performances from their classrooms. A version of the performance (with children where permission has been given) will also be shared with parents next week.

### EARLY FINISH ON LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020

In collaboration with WFIS, we have decided that we **will REMAIN OPEN for the half day on December 18<sup>th</sup>**, as our INSET days have been planned and set for 2021. **January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup> are INSET days** and these will be used for staff training. For more term dates go to <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/termdates>. We always finish early at the end of term. With staggered end times the Year groups will finish at the following pick up times: **Year 3 - 1pm, Year 4 - 1.10pm, Year 5 - 1.20pm and Year 6 - 1.30pm**





### FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – MUFTI, FILMS AND BOARD GAMES

In the final week, we are allowing the children to bring in board games on the last half day of term on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and they will be watching a Christmas Film, which will be a PG rating. **If you do not wish your child to watch a PG, please let your class teacher know.** On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, children are invited to come into school wearing **full Christmas MUFTI for £1**. All donations will go to the SAVE THE CHILDREN CHARITY.

### ADVENT ASSEMBLY MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Reverend Russell Dewhurst from St Mary's Ewell usually visits the school to launch Advent and this year has kindly agreed to do a live virtual assembly on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## IMPORTANT – COVID

### 'POSITIVE COVID CASE OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Please contact the school to inform us of a positive result, only if symptoms occurred 48 hours from being in school (from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1.00-1.30pm to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.00-1.30pm) on: [CovidAlerts@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:CovidAlerts@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk). We will notify all relevant pupils of a positive result, so we would request that families regularly check their voice mail and email accounts on a daily basis. If notified of a positive case, please follow the NHS guidance on isolating in order to limit the spread of the virus.

### DRESS WARMLY FOR WELL VENTILATED CLASSROOMS

The latest Government guidelines are to ventilate all spaces very well to help reduce the spread of Covid, so classroom windows are being kept open whatever the weather. You might want to consider encouraging your child to wear lots of layers under their school uniform. There is also an optional full zip fleece on the Mapac website which you could consider purchasing. <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/wallacejuniorKT17/full-zip-fleece-navy-with-logo>

## IMPORTANT RESIDENTIAL TRIPS UPDATE

### RESIDENTIAL TRIPS CANCELLED FOR YEAR 4 TO HOOKE COURT & YEAR 5 TO ISLE OF WIGHT

Residential Trips – DfE Guidance: "We continue to advise against domestic (UK) overnight educational visits. The department recognises the enormous benefits overnight residential educational visits can provide for children. In February 2021, we will review the possibility of changing our advice for overnight residential education visits to resume from Easter 2021 on the proviso the scientific evidence supports any such change. This advice will therefore be reviewed and updated again in February 2021".

Insurance Guidance – School Trips: "We have been advised that any new trips booked from September 2020 are no longer covered for cancellation or curtailment due to Covid 19."

**To protect parents from the risk of financial loss and in the light of the above advice, we regret to inform you that we have decided to cancel our residential trips for Year 4 to Hooke Court and Year 5 to Isle of Wight.**

However, we are excited to share our plans for a **themed 'Viking Week' here at school for year 4** to try and re-create many of the activities that would normally be part of this trip. Further details will be sent out to parents nearer the time. We are also looking at **extra-curricular activities for year 5** and further details will again be sent nearer the time.

### RESIDENTIAL TRIP YEAR 6 ISLE OF WIGHT – 7<sup>th</sup> TO 11<sup>th</sup> 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. We hope this trip will still take place and we have been informed that as this was an existing booking before September 2020, it **will be covered by insurance for Covid 19**. If nearer the time, government guidelines prevent the trip from going ahead, we will seek recovery from our Insurance Company.





## **IMPORTANT – NEXT TERM**

### **CLUBS FROM JANUARY 2021**

Clubs will be returning after Christmas if the government guidelines don't change. Parents did sign up for clubs in the Autumn term, which sadly did not start. Their bookings will roll over into the Spring term and clubs will contact you directly. There are a few spaces for Year 3 in Hip Hop and Year 4 & 6 in Judo – letters are attached separately. If you have any queries about the clubs then please contact the club leaders directly. The football and netball squads will start in the first week back; but all external clubs will start during the second week (week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January).

## **FINAL TIME TO RAISE SOME MONEY FOR PTA IN 2020**

### **DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FINAL CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES. BUY TICKETS ONLINE BY SUNDAY 13th**

Please see the attached flyer with how to buy raffle tickets. Please dig deep and share the love - the more tickets you buy, the more entries you receive! Thank you so much in advance for supporting the raffle & good luck! Each ticket costs £5. Simply transfer your preferred amount to the Wallace Fields PTA Lloyds Bank account: Account number: 36420360 Sort code: 30-80-33 Ref: Childs class & your name i.e. 4G Ann Other. **Raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th** December and prizes distributed that week.

### **DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP MONEY – FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

An amazing £2,150 raised so far towards more Chrome books!! Thank you to all those parents, who have kindly sponsored their child for the sponsored miles Please send in your final sponsorship donations for the sponsored mile by paying online at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/14657> by the end of Christmas term. Please send in the sponsorship forms by passing to your child to give to their class teacher.

### **DON'T FORGET TO BUY ONLINE VIA EASY FUNDRAISING AND AMAZON SMILE**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be collecting free donations for Wallace Fields Junior School PTA? It's a really easy way to help the school raise funds - Sign up via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wfjspta> and once you have created an account, you can set your preferences to have gift aid claimed as well. Also. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. You can register using your normal Amazon account and choose Wallace Fields Junior School PTA as your preferred charity. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> Happy shopping!

### **PTA FUNDS RAISED FROM MIX & MATCH AND XMAS JUMPER DAY**

Thank you for all the kind donations for Mix and Match Day and Xmas Jumper Day. We raised an amazing £230 for Mix and Match Day and £392 Xmas Jumper Day. Each Chromebook costs approximately £300 so this fund-raising should pay for two more Chromebooks.

## **REMINDERS**

### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

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



### **CHANGES TO SCHOOL DINNERS**

Reminders have been emailed out about changes to school dinners arrangements. If you would like to change please email [CSewell@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:CSewell@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk) by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### **UPDATE ON INTER HOUSE SPORTS MATCHES**

Inter house sports matches have continued, led by Mrs Wilson and our Chelsea coach with **Red House winning**.

