

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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ATTACHED: MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, FLYER FROM UNIFORM PROVIDER & FREE TUTORING

MESSAGE FROM MR LEE

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have sent in gifts and kind wishes to the staff – your support and compassionate words have helped get us through this difficult time and we are really keen on getting back to a version of ‘normal’ school. By working together we have done well, you have supported your children in the learning, contacted the teachers for help and support where you needed it and continued to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Some parents have done their own thing which is absolutely fine, though the teachers have always been there to help and enjoyed setting a wide range of tasks, commenting on the projects and playing hive games with the children. The work set was always intended to be crafted around the time and effort you could afford it and we were always aware of its limitations compared to learning in school. The transition days have been very well received and it was the perfect way to round off the year. Many of the children got the opportunity to meet their new teachers and get an insight into the new and higher expectations of the next academic year.

I am extremely proud of Wallace Fields Juniors and the entire team came together superbly, along with you the parents, to ensure the key worker provision was in place, the Year 6 returned as expected and the transition days ran smoothly. I must also say a special thank you to the PTA as their funds have helped us purchase new Chromebooks and resources for school. I would like to wish the Year 6 a happy and successful journey into secondary school and beyond, they have shown incredible resilience and strength especially with losing out on their residential trip to France, a leavers’ production and the end of year celebrations – though the Year 6 leavers’ assembly did go very well and was captured on video to keep that memory alive.

Thanks to the children for their adaptability and efforts. We have already been planning a recovery curriculum, maths and English support groups and new timetables and we hope to have an intensive, though supportive, approach to the first half term to ensure we can start to build on where the children are and what they need to develop. We will work hard on helping them reach their potential and be back to expected levels in as short a time as possible. The teachers and staff are looking forward to the new term ahead and I look forward to meeting the children in their new year groups.

We will be sending out more details about the return to school before the start in September so please look out for the information as it comes in. If you have concerns, you can contact the main office or your child’s latest teacher after 1st September 2020. If the government advice in August is a radical change in direction, do not worry, we will be meeting to discuss the changes and accommodate them accordingly, sending any new plans out to you as soon as we have drafted them. It leaves me only to wish you a very relaxing and positive summer break and we will see your children at their allotted staggered start time on Thursday 3rd September 2020 in full school uniform and raring to get into school life.

FREE TUTORING OFFER

Please see the leaflet attached separately for this great offer of free catch up tutoring over the summer for children from key stage 1 to 4. <https://www.invictaacademysurrey.com>

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for all the amazing responses to our parent/carer questionnaire. We are looking through the results, and will use it to build our recovery curriculum.

REMINDERS OF RETURN OF SCHOOL DATES & TIMES

School starts back for pupils on **Thursday 3rd September**. Tuesday 1st September is an INSET day and Wednesday 2nd September is a School Preparation day. Please be on time for pick-up and drop-off and maintain social distancing outside school. Access will be via the front gate only. The staggered start and finish time per year group are as follows:-

| Year | Start time | End time |
|--------|-----------------|----------|
| Year 3 | 8.40am - 8.45am | 3.00pm |
| Year 4 | 8.50am – 8.55am | 3.10pm |
| Year 5 | 9.00am - 9.05am | 3.20pm |
| Year 6 | 9.10am - 9.15am | 3.30pm |

All times are subject to review and change, you will be informed of any changes via email.

NEW CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The new class teachers have been preparing their classrooms for their new classes and the Year 6 children will be moving back into the refurbished classrooms.

| Current class (July 2020) | New class (Sept 2020) | New class teacher |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 3A | 4D | Miss Day |
| 3M | 4G | Ms Gough |
| 4G | 5C | Mrs Crabb |
| 4D | 5S | Miss Sarjeant |
| 5C | 6C | Mrs Clayton |
| 5S | 6H | Mr Hurd |

THANK YOU TO THE PTA

Thank you to the PTA for all their incredible support this year. The school desperately need these funds to not only enrich our children's education but to help provide vital learning tools. The PTA organised and parents supported a disco, race night, cake sales, joint fireworks night with the infants, movie night and the Christmas Fair. Despite PTA events having to stop due to the lock down they have still managed to raise funds for over 50 Chrome books, a sail for the outdoor learning area and a sign for "Wallace's Diner". A particularly big thank you to the PTA Chair, Fran Madel, who has been a huge driving force behind the PTA for the last two years. Fran has in the last year joined Wallace Fields Junior School staff as a Special Needs Teaching Assistant and is now stepping down from her role. If you are interested in finding more about the her role as Chair (this could be a job share) or any involvement in the PTA, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Day at Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

PARENT HELPERS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not inviting our parent helpers in from the beginning of September; but hopefully we will be able to review this before the October half term.

THANK YOU TO PAW GROUP

Thank you to the Prayers at Wallace Fields Junior School (PAW) for giving our Year 6 leavers' the "Moving on" book which suggests strategies and ideas for managing the changes that they will experience transitioning to senior school in September. We will keep you informed.

REMINDER TO ORDER YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE FROM MAPAC EARLY

As the end of another school year draws to a close we just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you to place your school uniform orders early in order to ensure the clothes arrive before the start of the Autumn Term. Orders before 3rd August to avoid disappointment

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/wallacejuniorKT17>