Wallace Fields Junior School Bulletin

13th January 2023



KEY DATES

Next Week

- Sunday 15th January 2023 Deadline for applying to Wallace Fields Junior School for September 2023
- Monday 16th January 2023 Swimming lessons for selected Year 5 & Year 6 pupils
- Thursday 19th January 2023 WFJS v Cuddington Croft at home. A team. 3.15pm -4.15pm

More Dates for This Term

- Wednesday 25th January 2023 9.30am -11.00am Parents Workshop "Towards Independence" with HomeStart
- Thursday 2nd February 2023 Year 6 Music Assembly
- 3rd February 2023 NSPCC Number Day! **One day Times Table Rockstars online competition** 07:30 GMT and ends at 19:30 GMT.

- Tuesday 7th February Year 6 Music Assembly 1.15 Parents of Musicians selected will be invited.
- 8th /9th February 2023 VR Computing Experience Day
- Thursday 9th February 2023 Deadline for School Ambassador applications
- 13th-17th February 2023 is **Half Term and INSET day** on Monday 20th February 2023 (School Closed)
- Friday 24th February Year 6 Junior Citizen Scheme at Epsom Grandstand
- Monday 6th March School Ambassador assembly Selected present to whole school

HEAD'S UPDATE



Amazing Volunteers: A huge thank you to the parents and adults who volunteer here. They are a significant resource and do an amazing job hearing readers, helping teachers and supporting the activities in the classroom. It is such a hugely altruistic thing and we are hoping to build some profiles of our volunteers so you can find out a bit about our volunteering crew. In these difficult times they are a real asset. If you are interested is making a real contribution to life at Wallace Fields Juniors then please call the main office. Mrs Linda Boddy coordinates the volunteers and the only limitation is that you cannot work in your own child's class. All volunteers are DBS checked and undergo full safeguarding and conduct briefings with the deputy head before starting. It would be great to see you!

INSETS and Transition: I meet regularly with Mr. Hallums at the infant school and since I became head I have always ensured that the INSET days are matched to ensure minimal disruption for parents. We also meet to ensure excellent transition from infants to juniors and we have just completed the latest transition policy which smooths the path, reduces anxiety and ensures confidence as the children move closer to secondary education. The visits between the schools, the induction day and the special visits for the SEND children are all going ahead in the summer as usual this academic year.

IMPORTANT

INSET days confirmed for next year

Some parents like to know the INSET dates for the next academic year and so these have been agreed in line with the infant school to ensure minimal disruption or issues between the schools. The INSET dates have now been confirmed for the next school year as follows:-

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Monday 4th September 2023
- Friday 20th October 2023
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Friday 24th May 2024.

And a reminder that the INSET days this academic year include:-

- Monday 20th February 2023
- Monday 5th June 2023

School will be closed on these days. For the full term dates please click here1.

THIS WEEK

Football Matches

The A, B and Girls team played Danetree on Thursday 12th January 2023.

Despite it hammering it down with rain it didn't stop the action. Danetree went ahead early on though Wallace Fields Juniors showed great skill and composure resulting in a flurry of fantastic goals and went on to win 6 - 2. The B had a very convincing win, proving to be a serious team to be reckoned with. The girls won 5:2 on their first game and really enjoyed it.

Next week on Thursday 19th January, the A team have a match with Cuddington Croft at home 3.15pm - 4.15pm and the B team and girls team will have training as usual. Parking: As there will be more cars in the area on Thursday 19th we would encourage parents to avoid driving if they can or park further away. Mr Sellars has sent stricter guidelines to visiting school to park further away and with more consideration. The visiting school have agreed to more car sharing to minimise impact on traffic following the gridlocked caused by inconsiderate parking. He has also reduced the number of matches. All access will be via the alleyway in Wallace Fields and not through the school to tighten safeguarding.

¹https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/termdates

Celebrating Chinese New Year at Wallace Fields Junior School



https://sway.office.com/6Hamj1XUK6pWmeb1#content=boP2hcj5Ue7Jz7



A huge thank you to Mrs. Hiu who came into Wallace Fields Junior School on Wednesday 11th January 2023 as part of our celebrations of **Chinese New Year**. Mrs Hui shared many interesting and exciting details about how and why Chinese New Year is celebrated. She shared videos of children in Hong Kong schools and what their festivities included: special clothes and a delicious school dinner. She taught the children a song in Chinese and invited children from each year group to come to the front and perform the song with her. She gave the children who participated a red envelope (a traditional gift given to children at Chinese New Year containing lovely book marks. This is the year of the rabbit (2023) and we are saying goodbye to the year of the tiger (2022)

Those children who have a school dinner will be having a Chinese New Year themed lunch on Thursday 19th January 2023.



EVENTS COMING UP

Parenting Workshop 25th January 9.30am-11.00am.

We are delighted to welcome back Lesley Lane from HomeStart to give another of her popular 'positive parenting' workshops on **Wednesday 25th January 2023 9.30am-11.00am** in a room at Wallace Fields Junior School. This has **changed from the original date** mentioned of January 18th. This workshop will be will be called 'Towards Independence...' and will focus on getting children to develop independence, resilience and determination, use initiative and not over relying on parental instruction and guidance. If you wish to attend the workshop please complete the Google form on this link https://forms.gle/r9PfLP1q57ZXSaD67

February 3rd is NSPCC Number Day!



February 3rd is NSPCC Number Day! As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we've decided to take part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom. It's a 1-day competition which starts on Friday 3rd February 2023 at 07:30 GMT and ends at 19:30 GMT. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com².

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on Friday 3rd February. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition

Virtual Reality Technology Day - 8th and 9th February 2023

On Wednesday 8th February and Thursday 9th February, we have an exciting opportunity for the children to experience Virtual Reality! We have booked a company called PrimeVR to come and deliver a virtual reality experience day at our school. PrimeVR provide Virtual Reality headsets for the children to explore and feel as though they are in a new setting – this could be linked to their Science, History or Geography topic. Each class will have a 45 minute session and delve into virtual reality.

We would like to thank the PTA who have kindly agreed to fund this important technology day for the children. However, for children to participate in this experience, we require all parents / carers to consent to the experience via the Google form.

We emailed all parents/carers on 10th January with more information and statements about the day which we need you to read and then complete a google form. Please note, children are unable to participate in the experience if we do not have a completed google form. Google Form for permission: Click here³

²https://play.ttrockstars.com/

³https://forms.gle/78N1U6m9UYHS3DpJ8

YEAR 6

Year 6 - French Trip Payment - now overdue

Just as a reminder, if you have not yet paid your 2nd instalment of £115, this was due on 9th January. The 3rd instalment of £115 is due on 10th March and the final instalment of £115 is due by 6th June 2023.

Year 6 School Ambassador Positions Advertised

On Thursday 12th January 2023, Mrs Day held an assembly to advertise to Year 6 pupils two new school roles for school ambassadors. This is an exciting new role at WFJS holds a great deal of importance and responsibility across the school.

Ambassadors will:-

- Lead and represent the pupils at school-wide functions, such as Open Days and Parents'
 Consultation Days, meeting with and talking to adults and pupils.
- Be expected to lead school-wide tours for visitors and to answer questions as well as share the schools vision with visitors.
- Be required to chair one of the School Council meetings, expected to lead on meetings within this committee and liaise with the relevant members of SLT to discuss the ideas presented.
- Be expected to speak in front of parents and members of SLT, discussing their experiences and sharing the ideas of pupils in a formal manner.
- Lead three assemblies a year to promote our school BELIEVE values.

This is open to all Year 6 children in addition to any other prefect roles and responsibilities. They will need to complete an application form from Mrs Day's office by Thursday 9th February 2023.

The teachers will short list applicants and the finalists will be asked to present to the whole school in an assembly why they should be selected as a school ambassador on **Monday 6th March 2023.** The presentation could be using PowerPoint slides, song, poem, video or any other appropriate method to put your view across to the school. The rest of the school will vote on the two ambassadors and choose the winning candidates.

Year 6 Music Assembly - Tuesday 7th February 2023

The Year 6 Music Assembly has been arranged for **Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 1.15pm**. Any pupil in Year 6 who learns an instrument and would like to take part will be invited to **audition during their class lesson on Thursday 2nd February**. Pupils who have a piece ready to perform will be selected, and **parents of these children will be invited** to attend on the day.

Year 6 Are Getting Involved in Junior Citizens!

As part of their work in Personal, Social and Health Education in the Spring Term, Year 6 will take part in a Junior Citizen Scheme at Epsom Grandstand on **Friday 24th February 2023**. In partnership with the Police, Fire Brigade, Thames Water and other public services, pupils will learn about personal safety relevant to their transition to secondary school and independence. The children will leave school by coach at 9.15am and will return to school at approximately 11.45am in time for lunch. They will eat lunch at school as normal. In order to cover the cost of this trip we need to ask

for a voluntary contribution of £11.50. Please visit our on-line payment system Scopay to make your voluntary donation.

YEAR 6 AND YEAR 5

Swimming for Selected Year 5 & 6

Following the swimming assessment on Monday 9th January, we have selected the children who will be continuing with the swimming programme for the next 7 weeks and all parents/carers have been informed by email. All taking part must arrive on time and ready to leave school at 8.55am. Children should bring a named waterproof bag containing the following:- a named swimming costume/trunks (no leisure wear will be permitted, such as bikinis or Bermuda shorts), a named towel, swimming hat (if hair is below the collar), verruca sock if required, and cut fruit or vegetable snack for after swimming. No nuts please. Watches and earrings must not be taken to the pool.

Year 5 & 6 Recorder Club Spaces

Spaces are available in recorder club this term. **Recorder Club is a free club** taking place every Thursday lunchtime in either 5H classroom or the unit room. If your child is interested in continuing or starting this club, please ask them to listen our for Thursday's before lunchtime reminder for clubs. This will inform them of the location of the club. Children may just turn up

YEAR 5

Year 5 - Isle of Wight Payment Reminders

Just as a reminder if you have not yet paid your 2nd instalment of £140, this was due on 16th December. The 3rd instalment of £145 is due on 17th February and the final instalment of £145 is due by 17th April 2023.

YEAR 4

Hooke Court Residential - 15th - 17th May 2023

We are delighted to confirm our residential trip to **Hooke Court for year 4 from 15th - 17th May 2023**. A letter with full details, request for payments and with links to the Hooke Court website was sent out earlier this week.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, we require a deposit of £70 by 30th January to secure a place. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms Gough on egough@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁴ or the school office office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁵

⁴mailto:egough@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

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General Reminders and News

What is My Child Learning About this Term?

To find out what your child is learning about this term please see the curriculum maps on the Year group page on the school website. Click here to go to the page for: Year 3⁶, Year 4⁷, Year 5⁸ & Year 6⁹.

Volunteering At Wallace Fields Junior School

As Mr Lee mentioned in his update, we really welcome volunteers at Wallace Fields Junior School and some have been coming for years. A key reason volunteers come in to give their own time is to feel part of the community and give something back. From next week we will start a feature in the bulletin called "Introducing - Spotlight on" to raise our volunteers profile on who they are, what they do and why they love volunteering. This will give them recognition for their hard work helping your children and encourage others to sign up to volunteer.

Did you know a child that reads for 20 mins a day will read around 1.8 million words in a year?

We like the quote included in a tweet from Parrot Street Book Club ¹⁰a monthly book subscription service "Did you know a child that reads for 20 mins a day will read around 1.8 million words in a year? The more our children read the more vocab they absorb & the easier they will find it to articulate themselves, both now & in the future. Plus it develops critical thinking skills too." Click here¹¹ for lots of great reading resources from Wallace Fields Junior School.

Wellbeing at Wallace Fields Junior School

We have two fully trained ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), Mrs Bruen and Mrs Fowler who are available by arrangement to support any children experiencing emotional difficulties which are affecting their ability to learn and thrive at school, including anxiety, low self esteem or inability to form friendships.

We have appointed two Wellbeing Champions in school: Miss. Hallett and Mrs. Thompson. We are keen to ensure that every child is nurtured, encouraged to grow pastorally and has an opportunity to talk to a Wellbeing Champion if they have worries or are upset.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health or wellbeing, please contact one of the following: The class teacher, Mrs Bruen (ELSA), Mrs Fowler (ELSA), Mrs Thompson (Wellbeing champion) or Miss Hallett (Wellbeing champion). Click on the red envelope on our wellbeing page 12 or contacts page 13 to email the staff member.

⁶https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/classes/year-3

⁷https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/classes/year-4

⁸https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/classes/year-5

⁹https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/classes/year-6

¹⁰https://www.parrotstreet.com/

¹¹https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/learning/english

¹²https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrev.sch.uk/our-school/wellbeing

¹³https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/our-staff

Applying for a Sibling Place at Wallace Fields Junior School

A polite reminder that for any child applying to start at Wallace Fields Junior School in September 2023 must apply by 15th **January 2023**. For more information click here¹⁴.

Thank You for Supporting the Poppy Appeal



Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community. Without your efforts, the Royal British Legion couldn't do the work they do. This year Wallace Fields Junior School raised £128.67 from the poppy appeal this year. The grand total raised by Epsom and Ewell schools is £4,649.47.

¹⁴https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions



Secure your child's spot at our Energy Kidz Wraparound Care - Fun filled and action-packed clubs for 4-11 year olds!

Energy Kidz is a leading provider of out-of-school childcare for primary school aged children, offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Their qualified staff are DBS checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and experienced in and passionate about the activities they offer, to keep children entertained and moving all day!

To book please login/create an account if you haven't already and secure your place online at: https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login

Energy Kidz understand that affordability may be of concern for families in the current climate. Their flexible payment options offer families several ways to make payments manageable. From handy instalment plans to supporting your eligibility to access funding schemes – they strive to make active childcare services available for every child. Find out more about their flexible payment options available to you here: https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/payment-options/

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to call Energy Kidz's friendly bookings team on 0333 577 1533 or drop them an email at info@energy-kidz.co.uk.





Urgent Messages - Contact the office!

If you need to talk to your child's teacher regarding homework or learning, please contact them through their email address. Click on the red envelope next to the staff member on the following page https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/our-staff. Teaching staff will do their utmost to respond within 48 hours. If your email is urgent please contact the school office.

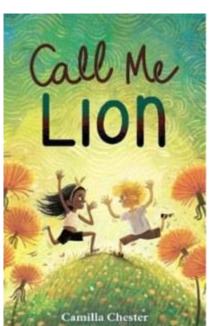
For urgent messages, absences, pick up arrangements and general enquiries please email the School Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹⁵ or by calling **020 8393 0350**.

Latest School Calendar Dates

For the latest dates click here¹⁶ for calendar on website.

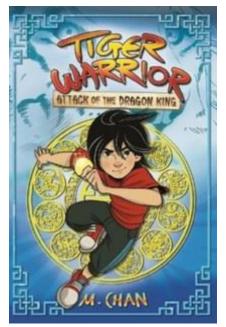
BOOK CLUB - JANUARY MEETING

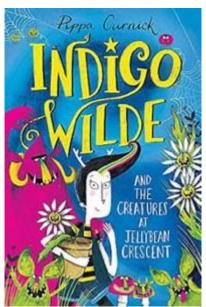
We welcomed our new members and talked about the books we'd read over the holidays and had received in our stockings or under the tree. We thought about our reading goals for this year — whether we wanted to read longer and more challenging books, or try new and different genres. We received our treats for our Christmas 'booktionary' game. For January, we can choose to read any of the books below.



¹⁵mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

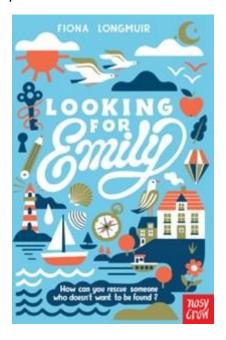
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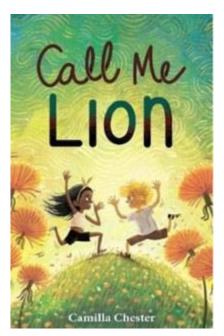


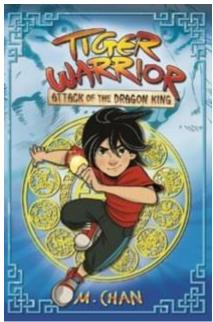




Year 3 are choosing to read either: Indigo Wilde and the Creatures at Jellybean Crescent by Pippa Curnick; Tiger Warrior: Attack of the Dragon King by M. Chan; Call Me Lion by Camilla Chester; Monster Hunting for Beginners by Ian Mark.

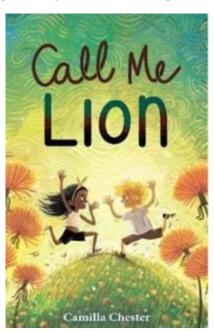








Year 4 can read either: Tiger Warrior: Attack of the Dragon King by M. Chan; Call Me Lion by Camilla Chester; Monster Hunting for Beginners by Ian Mark; Looking for Emily by Fiona Longmuir.

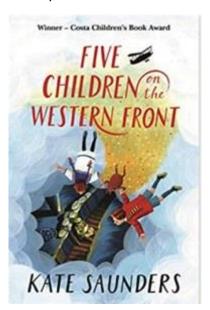






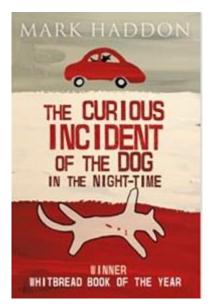


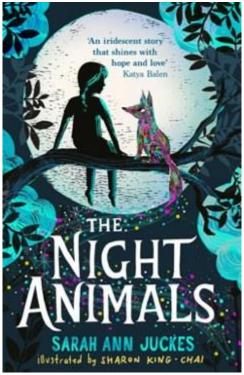
Year 5 can read: Call Me Lion by Camilla Chester; The Light Thieves by Helena Duggan; Sister to a Star by Eloise Smith; The Night Animals by Sarah Ann Juckes.











Year 6 will choose between: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon; The Light Thieves by Helena Duggan; Sister to a Star by Eloise Smith; The Night Animals by Sarah Ann Juckes or Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders

Community News

FREE Discover Arts Award creative days February 2023!



Are you interested in learning more about these creative processes?...

- MeZines
- Collage
- Clay

Sign up to our FREE Outreach Discover Arts Award days which will be held in February 2023.

We have spring events taking place at Canterbury campus & online. They are availble to pupils in year 6.

Everyone can apply, however priority will be given to those who fit within our eligable criteria.







Transition to Secondary School Group

Join Nicole and Anna online 18th January (Wednesday 1.30pm) Transition to Secondary School Group

Nicole and Anna would like to invite you to our next Transition to Secondary School Group where we will be hearing from Kathrine Everett (Education and Inclusion Service Manager for the North East Education and LifeLong Learning Children, Families and Learning SCC).

Kathrine is great at understanding the challenges that families face. There will be a focus on Inclusion and advice. Support in Primary School may differ from the challenges faced in Secondary School so parents need advice for this next step. Advice on preparing for the transition and advice on Inclusion too. Parents can submit their questions before hand. It is going to be a great session please come along and join us.

Please email guildford@familyvoicesurrey.org¹⁷ for more information and the zoom login details.

¹⁷mailto:guildford@familyvoicesurrey.org



Transition to Secondary School online chat

Stem4's Parent Webinar On Mental Health 7pm 26th January 2023

Stem4's Parent Mental Health Day is on 27th January encourages understanding and awareness of the importance of parents' mental health and its impact on the whole family system. With this year's theme being 'balance', the day aims to get parents and carers to take a moment to reflect on the balance they have in their lives and to take positive steps to make change. More information about Parent Mental Health Day is available here¹⁸.

Stem4 are inviting parents to **join their webinar on Thursday 26th January at 7pm** click here¹⁹ where they will discuss how improved parent mental health benefits the whole family, and practical ways in which parents and carers can regain equilibrium in their lives and tip the balance towards positive mental health.

Complete Active Surrey's Survey for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher

Active Surrey would like to hear from parents and children about how we can improve physical activity opportunities and the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games. Click here²⁰ for the survey link.

Active Surrey have asked Magenta Research to run this survey on their behalf to; explore families preferences for taking part in physical activity; how parents/children find out about activities in their area; and how Active Surrey could provide improved ways for children to be more physically active.

We really want to hear your views if you haven't heard of the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games, which offers children the chance to try sports and activities they haven't done before, **for FREE!**

Thank you very much for your help.



The Active Surrey Team

A Request for Volunteers to Do Pro Bono Lawyer Work

Citizens Advice have asked us to advertise the fact that they are still looking for a retired lawyer to help them co-ordinate their work with local firms providing pro bono support for people in difficulties. They have also asked me to say that they are short of volunteers to help with the energy support scheme and a range of other roles, and if you would like to help click here²¹ for details.

¹⁸https://stem4.org.uk/parentmentalhealthday/?utm_campaign=148979_PMHD_Webinar and Pack Schools_ Email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&dm_i=6U32,36YB,ZTWU2,CHO0,1

¹⁹https://stem4.org.uk/event/webinar-for-parents-carers-building-resilience-in-parents-carers/

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²¹https://www.caee.org.uk/volunteer/

Lots of Exciting Workshops at Bourne Hall Museum History Club



Great Victorians — Florence Nightingale and her work in nursing and health reforms Saturday 11 February 2023 1pm to 2.30pm



Florence Nightingale will visit Ewell after returning from her nursing duties in the Crimea. Meet her and discover her life story, hear about her famous lamp-carrying while at the Scutari Hospital and her later campaigns for nursing and health reforms in England. See the uniforms that Florence and her nurses wore. Hear about the difficult conditions that the nurses found themselves in. Find out how and why nurses were recruited and what the offences were that sent some home. Do you have what it takes to be one of Nightingale's nurses? Would she let you stay or send you back to England without pay?

Learn about the battles, poor living conditions and harsh weather which caused so many soldiers to be wounded and fall ill under the care of Florence and her team — see what treatments they would have got. Try out some of their nursing methods and decide if you would have liked to take her

medicine!

Cost £5 per child. Further information is available from David Brooks,

Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734









Rome needs you! Join the Roman Army Saturday 11 March 2023 1pm to 2.30pm



The Legions of Rome march into Ewell, enforcing the rule of the Empire. Discover what it was like to be a Roman soldier, having to serve for 25 years before receiving your generous pension — if you survived! But you would get the best medical attention. Discover what the army's doctors could do and the skills of the engineers building bridges and roads.

Learn about the weapons and tactics that made the Legions so effective and so feared. Enjoy listening to tales from a legionary of how he trained and fought, and see all his armour and equipment.

Cost £5 per child. Further information is available from David Brooks,
Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell. Surrey, KT17 1UF.
Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk