# **Wallace Fields Junior School Bulletin**

19th May 2023



#### **KEY DATES**

- Week Commencing 22nd May 2023 Collection box outside school for pre-loved books for Epsom Food Bank
- Monday 22nd May 2023 Selected Year 5 & 6 Swimming lesson
- Wednesday 24th May 2023 Selected pupils Science Masterclass
- Friday 26th May 2023 Summer Wellbeing Day All children to wear PE kits on this day
- Half Term 29th May 2023 2nd June 2023
- Monday 5th June 2023- INSET day. School closed to pupils.
- Tuesday 6th June 2023 Return to school

For the latest dates click here<sup>1</sup> for calendar on website.

#### **HEAD'S UPDATE**



Year 4 Residential Trip to Hooke Court - incredible to see such huge smiles on the faces of the children as the coach pulled away on Monday and we waved them goodbye. I think I saw some even bigger parent smiles too! They have had an incredible few days and the reports from the staff were of exceptional behaviour and full engagement in all the tasks and activities. The key benefit here is development of independence - to learn to seek out new challenges, organise yourself and work as a team to achieve goals. Outdoor learning is a massive part of our curriculum and essential social skills and symbiotic interdependency is learned in every minute of these residential trips. In an era of increasing anxiety a residential trip is equipping the children with personal attributes that will serve them well in future life. Well done to Year 4! If you follow the school on Twitter you will have seen some pictures of the fun going on though do remember that the staff are busy monitoring and supporting activities and do not have much time to tweet the fun and games. My thanks to all staff

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/school-calendar

and volunteers who made the trip possible and those that supported the learning for those who remained in school who also had a great week.

Throwing Away Lost Property: We have displayed a large amount of lost property at break times and assemblies to promote it being reclaimed. We send unlabelled uniform to the pre-owned bag for the PTA to sell outside school, however there were twelve unnamed water bottles and a number of plastic Tupperware containers that need to be thrown away as they cannot stay in the lost property box indefinitely. We still have a number of unlabelled coats in lost property however these will be put in the Happy Bags collection if not claimed. Please feel free to come into the hall after school to look for any lost property. All named clothing is returned immediately to owners by Year 6 prefects.

Thanks and Farewell to Mrs. McCormack: Mrs. McCormack has left us after being a parent and then a volunteer for twelve years and a midday staff member for nearly ten years. She wanted very little fuss though we did managed to catch her on her last day and present her with a bouquet of flowers, a card and a gift to thank her for all her hard work and committed service to the school. She was very grateful. On behalf of the school we wish her all the best for the future and am sure she will be finding lots of things to do with her spare time. If you would like a part time role supervising at lunchtime please do get in touch with the office - the children are lovely and the staff are happy so it is not as traumatic as you might think!

#### **IMPORTANT**

### Wellbeing Day - Friday 26th May 2023

Wellbeing is an important aspect of school life and we will be hosting a Wellbeing Day on Friday 26th May 2023. On this day, children will have a range of wellbeing activities to support their own wellbeing including sports activities with Mr Sellars, a fun activity with the Year 6 Sports Crew, a reflective lesson about online wellbeing as well as some free time to do some cosy reading, mindful art work, maths puzzles and more! For this day, all children in all year groups are allowed to wear their PE kit.

#### Reminder - INSET Day Coming Up Monday 5th June 2023

The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 5th June 2023. Children will not return until Tuesday 6th June 2023 after the May half term the week before.

#### **Year Group Photographs**

The sun came out for our year group photos today and parents are now invited to pre-register their interest for access to their year group photo. An email was sent out on Thursday 18th May 2023 with information and instructions on how to register and order photos.



#### **Reducing the Cost of Uniform**

We have recently reviewed our uniform costs with Mapac (our uniform provider) to ensure parents receive value for money. They have agreed to adjust the price for some items, which takes place with immediate effect.

We also aim to hold a termly PTA second-hand uniform sale and provide free uniform to any new parents, who require this. We have a lot of second-hand stock available.

Mapac continue to review the quality of cheaper cardigans and jumpers and we hope to introduce high quality, cheaper alternatives in the future.

Click here<sup>2</sup> to go the Mapac website.

#### Interested in a School Part Time Role?

Would you like to work in our school part time? We have a vacancy for a LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR.

We are looking for a new lunchtime supervisor to work in our friendly and happy school to start in September 2023.

The details are as follows:-

- Responsible for supervising lunch and play sessions over the school lunchtime period and engaging with our young community.
- Term-time hours only (School holidays off)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/wallacejuniorKT17

- Three to four days per week would be preferable but this is negotiable / flexible 12.05 1.20pm
- Surrey Pay Grade 1/2 starting at £20,734 pa FTE (pro-rata to £2413.88 for 4 days, £1810.41 for 3 days)
- The opportunity of working within a supportive, friendly environment in this well run and highly respected school.

If you are interested in applying please call the school office 0208 393 0350 for an informal chat.

#### **Book Bank Collection Box Outside School**

The school is collecting pre-loved books in good condition on behalf of **Epsom Food Bank and Epsom Pantry**. There will be a collection box outside school all week commencing 22nd May. Please support this new initiative to help disadvantaged children access new books.

Any questions, contact Mrs Bruen, School Librarian



By donating your children's pre-loved books when they have moved onto new stories and adventures, we can pass on them onto familes who perhaps do not have access to new books.

We are working with Epsom Foodbank & Epsom Pantry to provide a regular book stall where families can take a pre-loved book for their children completely free of charge.

#### All we need is your books!



#### **Celebration Evening & Summer Fair - Friday 23rd June 2023**

The date is fast approaching and the planning is underway.

But like always these events will not happen without your help. This year we are asking for 8 volunteers from each class to fulfil one slot in any area of the fair.

All the children will be performing on the afternoon, and we would like to encourage you to bring all your friends and family along to watch.

To save time and costs, we are pre selling wristbands to allow your child/children of all ages to enjoy unlimited use of the inflatables AND prize-winning games (excluding lucky dip and tombola). Each wristband is £10 or brought in multiples at £9 each.

The choice of volunteering slots and the purchase of the wristbands are available via the PTA EVENTS website.

Together we can make this summer fair one to remember!

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm



#### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Hooke Court**

Well done to Year 4 for their first ever residential trip with us at Wallace Fields Juniors! Hooke Court staff commented on how enthusiastic, resilient and passionate the children were about their learning and they were the best eaters they have ever seen! We are very proud of all the children, including our team members who stayed behind and were excellent representations of Year 4 in school whilst we were away. There were lots of great images on our school Twitter account.

http://twitter.com/statuses/1658426824345415680

#### **Netball Tournament - Friday 19th May 2023**

On Friday 19th May 2023 there was a netball tournament at Banstead Community Junior School and Wallace Fields Junior School netballers did us proud. We will publish the match report next week.

#### YEAR 6

#### **Bring Old Cheap Plain T-shirt in For Design and Technology**

Please can all Year 6 children bring in an old, cheap plain t-shirt into school next Friday 26th May 2023. The children will need this T-shirt for a Design and Technology project. They will be printing a 'movement' motif on their t-shirts.

#### **Year 6 Residential Trip French Trip**

#### Passports and EHIC/GHIC

All children will be required to use their own passport for the French Trip. If you need to apply for a passport, please do so in plenty of time. Please note current UK passports must be at the time of travel: • Less than 10 years old • Valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave France. You will need to send in your child's passport to the school office by Tuesday 6th June 2023.

All children will require either a valid in-date European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). If your child's EHIC is out of date then you should apply for a GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card). You may apply for a GHIC up to 6 months before your EHIC expires. Applying for a GHIC is **free of charge** on the NHS website<sup>3</sup>. Beware of unofficial websites that charge you a fee to apply. **Please ensure you apply for this in plenty of time.** 

#### Final Instalment:

The 4th Instalment and final instalment of £115 is due by 6th June 2023

#### **YEAR 5 & 6**

#### Swimming lessons for Selected Pupils on Monday 22nd May 2023

Selected Year 5 and 6 children who have been chosen to attend further swimming lessons starts back again on Monday 22nd May. Please ensure they have their swimming things and are ready to leave school promptly at 9.00am.

Due to the bank holidays, school events and trips the dates are spread out so please please make a note of the dates in your diary to ensure your child remembers their swimming kit. There are only 6 sessions. **24th April, 22nd May, 19th June, 26th June, 3rd July, 10th July 2023** (including Year 6 children not on French Trip.)

<sup>3</sup>https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/

#### YEAR 5

#### Year 5 Science Masterclass - Wednesday 24th May 2023

Some Year 5 pupils have been selected to attend a Year 5 Science Masterclass, which is being held at Epsom College on the afternoon of **Wednesday 24 May 2023.** Parents/Carers were emailed further information on 27th April including a Google form to give permission for them to attend.

**If you have selected to collect your child from Epsom College,** please meet your child with Mrs Day outside the Chapel within the grounds of Epsom College.

#### Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential Trip - Monday 12th June - Friday 16th June 2023

On Thursday 18th May we sent out a letter to all parents with children attending the Year 5 Isle of Wight residential trip with final details, including departure times, medical meeting and clothes list.

#### **Year 5 Dance Festival**

**Dance rehearsals** started on Thursday 27th April 2023 at lunchtime with Lauren Johnson (Hip Hop dance club leader). It is important dancers attend every rehearsal.

Children may go in for early lunch ready for a start at 12.30pm in the school hall. If they are not in PE kit, please make sure they **have comfortable clothes to change into**.

The Dance Festival show itself will be on the evenings of **Tuesday 20th June and Wednesday 21st June 2023** at the Epsom Playhouse. There will also be an "all-day" rehearsal on **Monday 19th June 9.30am** to about 3.15pm.

I am sure that you'll want to come along and watch the show; tickets are now available to purchase from the theatre box office and online at www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk<sup>4</sup> at £7.00 each. They sell out very, very quickly so don't delay as many less-organised parents have been disappointed in the past.

Mrs Johnson has emailed parents to ask if they would give permission to take photos and videos. Any questions please email on **lejdancecompany@gmail.com** or give it to your child to hand it in at their next class.

#### YEAR 4

#### **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check**

With the Multiplication Table Check taking place after the half term, please encourage your children to use the 'Soundcheck' area on Times Table Rock Stars. We can see some children completed their recent soundcheck at home within the last few days, which is excellent! Practising in this area will prepare children for the check in June, with a similar setup. We are doing lots of times table practice in school so please do encourage your children to practise them at home, too. Thank you for all your continued support.

#### **Year 4 Trip to Painshill Planned for 20th June 2023**

Following on from the Year 4 trip to Hooke Court, we have another trip planned but this time it is just for the day. Year 4 will be visiting Painshill Park on Tuesday 20th June 2023. More information

<sup>4</sup>http://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/

about the trip and the voluntary donation required will be sent out next week. We will also be asking for parent/carers to volunteer to help on the trip.

#### YEAR 3

#### Year 3 trip to Painshill Park is on Thursday 22nd June 2023. Volunteers still needed.

Apologies there was an error on the previous email and bulletin entry. **The date for the visit to Painshill Park is on Thursday 22nd June** not Thursday 29th June as previously stated.

Year 3 have an exciting visit to Painshill Park planned based around our Science topic of plants where children will have the opportunity to be 'Plant Detectives' and explore the grounds of Painshill Park to observe different types of plants.

We need more parent/carer volunteers for the trip as so far have only had two parents come back to us. Volunteering will consist of helping for the whole day, including the coach journey to and from Painshill Park and helping to monitor the children throughout the day. We would also like to hold a short 15 minute meeting on Wednesday 21st June straight after school (3:45) with all volunteers to run through safety produces and safeguarding. Please note, you will not be in a group with your own child.

If you would like to volunteer for the trip, please email the School Office at office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk<sup>5</sup> as soon as possible. Closer to the time of the trip, if we have had too many offers of help we will pick names out of a hat for volunteers and contact those selected the week before the trip (by Friday 16th June).

Thank you very much in advance for your support.

#### **Year 3 Music Performance - 13th June 2023**

If your Year 3 child is a budding musician, please put the following date in your diary for the Year 3 Music Assembly - Tuesday 13th June 2023 (1.10pm-1.45pm). Nearer the time auditions will be held in school and then parents will be informed if their child has been selected to perform.

#### **CLUBS**

# Wrap Around Care Provided by Junior Adventures Group - JAG!(formerly Energy Kidz)

**Junior Adventures Group Club (JAG)** provides excellent wraparound care at Wallace Fields Junior School. They run Breakfast Club from 7:30am until 8:45am and After School Club from 3:20pm until 6:00pm.

<sup>5</sup>mailto:office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk







We are so excited to announce the launch of Junior Adventures Group UK to all of our families, schools & leisure partners, and children. We hope you've enjoyed seeing the first day in action.

To help you explore your new club further please see a selection of the key updates following your rebrand – where you can see all things new with your new Junior Adventures Group Club...



#### Our NEW Website is now LIVE!

We've developed a new and easier to use website delivering a first class digital experience for families. Whether it's help booking children's spaces, finding their nearest venue, checking availability, discovering our new activities and Whole of Child programme, or experiencing our new parent support portal - we're so excited for you to experience JAG online yourselves! Head over to www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk now!





#### Learn more about our Whole of Child Promise!

Our new multi-activity programming ensures every day is always different With activities spiral across seven exciting categories. Creative Inventors, clobal Kids, Super Sports, Power Teams, Zen Masters, Brain Boosters & Splash Zone. Whether they're, moving their feet, gardening, painting or on a scavenger hunt, JAC time is always children's favourite time.





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## Spread the word... JAG is here! Explore your NEW JAG partner toolkit...

As our partners in delivering amazing experiences for your families, we hope you share our excitement as your out-of-school hours club turns purple!



As promised, we are delighted to equip you with an up-to-date toolkit full of resources to update your website, communications to inform your family database of the change to JAC and updates to deliver via socials, newsletters or your preferred method of communication. Click the links below and download the content that matches your school service:

#### Click here to access your JAG Toolkit

- E-Leaflets
   Posters
   Sample Timetables
   Social Media & Images
   Website Content
   Email out to parents
   Newsletter insert

#### **Late Collection Policy Update**

Following on from our December communications as Energy Kidz & Fit For Sport regarding late bookings - we can confirm that our new late collection policy has taken effect. This means we can now not accommodate late bookings that are attempted to be made less than 60 minutes before a parent/guardian's desired session starts. As a reminder, we have informed all families registered with us in recent weeks.

We pride ourselves on being flexible for families, with adhoc bookings a popular feature for our families - however, to maintain high-quality care ensuring every child is safely welcomed to our clubs each day, our new late booking policy below will be effective immediately. We appreciate your support in this decision – please see the exact update below.



#### Please see the updates below:

All families can make a booking via their online account up to 60 minutes before the session – this applies to our Breakfast & After School Clubs. We recommend



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families book in advance and offer a range of flexible payment methods to support them on their booking journey.

Any families looking to drop their children at sessions not booked before the above trimings will, unfortunately, not be on our register and, therefore unable to attend due to safeguarding requirements.\*

We want to thank you in advance for your support with this process – enabling us to maintain the safety of all children in our care.



\*\* We will, of course do our utmost to accommodate children in the event of an emergency, where the child is already registered with us and where we have the relev-space (ratio, team members and capacity). We respectfully request that the school contact friendly customer care teams on 0333 577 1533 if this is the case.

#### Expand your School Offering with JAG!

Our passion for making a difference in your loca school community means we always explore different avenues to maximise our school partnerships. Discover our range of additional bespoke services via our new 'for schools' page: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/for-schools/

If you are interested in upgrading your school offering, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Regional Director or contact us at bd@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk.



Contact details!

We've updated our contact details! Our customer experience team are now available via:
Email: hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk Phone: 0.333 577 1533

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your regional support team or reach out to our friendly team above.

Kind Regards,





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#### **ONLINE SAFETY**

National Online Safety is a group we work with to promote internet safety at Wallace Fields Junior School. Our school have an accreditation with the National Online Safety group and we promote online safety with pupils regularly at school. This half term, the theme we are focusing on is Online Wellbeing. Next week, we will be having a dedicated Wellbeing Day where a discussion will be had about online safety and its' link to wellbeing. Please see the attached poster which gives tips and advice to support online wellbeing.



#### WELLBEING



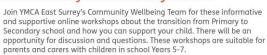






YMCA EAST SURREY

#### Supporting your child with the transition from Primary to Secondary school



- Wednesday 24 May 2023 | 18:30 19:30
- Wednesday 21 June 2023 | 18:30 19:30
- Wednesday 19 July 2023 | 18:30 19:30

Register your place at:

www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/



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#### **General Reminders and News**

#### **Contacting Wallace Fields Junior School**

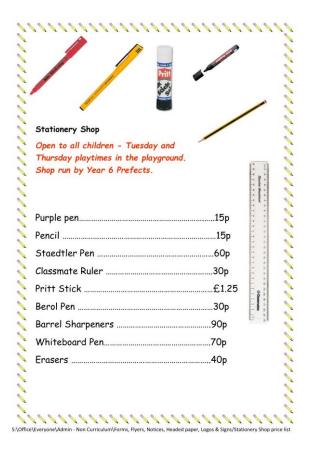
In line with most other schools, all emails from parents and carers are via our very helpful school office team at Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk<sup>6</sup>. Emails for staff will be forwarded on for you. If you accidentally use an old email you will receive an automatic message reminding you to contact the School Office at Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk<sup>7</sup>.. Please include in the subject matter the child's name and class.

For urgent messages, absences or pick up arrangements please call 020 8393 0350.

#### **Stationery Reminder**

it is detrimental to your child's learning if they do not have the right stationery in class and impacts on everyone, as it disturbs others! Please ask your child to check if they need any stationery. Class teachers may send your child home with a slip indicating which stationery they need. Parents may provide their child with a little cash so that they can buy replacement stationery as necessary. Children may purchase replacement whiteboard pens, glue sticks, pens and pencils at our stationery shop run by Year 6 prefects on Tuesday and Thursday break times (at the 4J window).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk <sup>7</sup>mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **Epsom and Ewell Silver Band**



### Concert in the Park

A summer afternoon of brass band music

## Sunday 11 June 2pm Alexandra Park

Bring your own rug or chair!

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