# **Wallace Fields Junior School Bulletin**

# 24th February 2023



# **KEY DATES NEXT WEEK**

- Book Week 27th February to 3rd March 2023
- Wednesday 1st March
  - A Football Squad play Auriol Junior School at home.
  - No Netball training this week
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
  - Netball match A & B team play Southfield Park
  - No football training this week
- Friday 3rd March 2023 WFJS celebrates World Book Day on the Friday with Dressing up and £1 to exchange for 2 books

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

# **HEAD'S UPDATE**



Help the PTA and the School: Every parent is a member of the PTA by definition of your child coming to our school. The PTA is a very small group of committed parents and the money they raise is vital to ensure that the children get the additional fun things that the school could not normally afford. If you do just one thing, get involved, attend an event or help run an event you are giving something back to the school. The pantomime, the VR experience and additional equipment in school has all been down to funds from the PTA and much as it is easy to expect more and more from school, by helping the PTA you are making a difference and giving something back. Please get in touch with the PTA and offer your support. Your help is vital. Thank you.

**Yoga Sessions in School:** These are going well and it has been lovely to have positive feedback from the children about their wellbeing sessions and their yoga lessons. All children are getting yoga now as a specialist teacher is coming in to advise teachers on how best to teach it and the planned activities are implemented in the following week.

**Wraparound Care Rebrand:** Our breakfast club and wraparound care EnergyKidz is going through a rebrand and they have become The Junior Adventures Group or **JAG**. Please note that JAG users are allowed to drive into the staff car park to drop off their children before and pick up after school. Please drive carefully and park in any available spaces. Thank you.

Please Drive Respectfully and Safely: In the week before half term two cars collided. Luckily the no pedestrians were hurt. Please do not use resident's drives to turn around, avoid three point turns and please use the turning circle at the bottom of Dorling Drive. We are lucky that no children have been hurt as this quick selfish driving is dangerous. For the sake of half a minute please think of the children first. Do not drive or park on on the grass verges or park on double yellow lines. This all seems to be fairly obvious as it is illegal and disrespectful, though sadly it is still being witnessed.

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

Thank you to all those parents who drive safely and respectfully. If you have a disability or impaired mobility please get a parking pass form Mr Findlay and you can drop off and pick up in the staff car park.

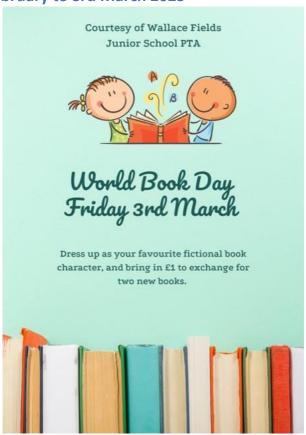
**Teacher Strike Days:** Thursday 2nd March 2023 is another planned teacher strike day. Please remember that we have very few staff belonging to the NEU union so the strike will have minimum impact on school opening. However, if other unions choose to join these strikes the situation may change. Teachers are allowed to support striking colleagues and can refuse to cover for those who are striking. However, I do not anticipate any issues with school opening and school should be open as usual.

**Gearing Up for Book Week:** Next week is our Book Week and there are a plethora of activities going on including a dressing up day on Friday. Lots of staff including myself will be going into classes to talk about their favourite books, their inspirational authors and the difference reading has made to us. There is even a special Book Week lunch on Friday and the children can dress up as their favourite book characters or in national heritage dress/ colours if they wish.

- Mr Lee.

# **IMPORTANT**

# **Book Week - 27th February to 3rd March 2023**



The theme for Book Week this year will be 'Reading Around the World'. We are planning different year groups focusing on different countries

Year 3 - China

Year 4 - Sri Lanka

Year 5 - Brazil

**Year 6** - Himalayas/Tibet.

We will be creating a 'Wallace Fields Departure Lounge' in the hall and giving children time to 'visit' their country and there will be a focus book for each year group. There is a 'Guess the Teacher' competition and lots of fun activities for the children and they will be taken on a reading journey' across the world!

There will be a **book themed lunch** on Friday 3rd March 2023. See the posters below from our school lunch cateriers Twelve 15.

We would love to invite some **grandparents in to read a favourite childhood book** - especially if they come from a different country - though we will need the books to be read in English. Please email PCrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk² if you are able to help.

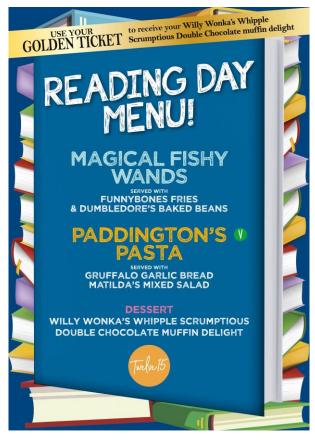
Staff and children may dress up on Friday 3rd March 2023 for World Book Day if they would like to. *Please note World Book Day is Thursday 2nd March but due to some children being out on the Thursday we will be dressing up on the Friday*.

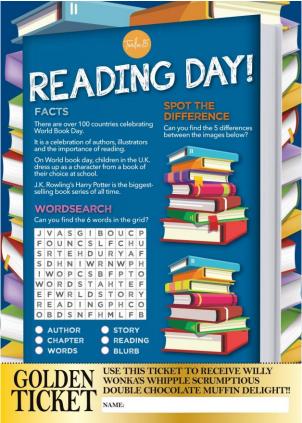
The dress up theme can be either their favourite book character or they can celebrate their own heritage with traditional clothing.

On Friday 3rd March, please send your child in with a £1 and they can bring home two second hand books. Thanks to the PTA for organising this book sale.

**Children on a PE day** should wear trainers and loose clothing as part of their outfit to accommodate the PE lessons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>mailto:PCrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk





# **Volunteer Librarian Needed!**

Would you have a couple of hours every other week to help in our school library? This would entail tidying the library, issuing books to children visiting the library, returning books to shelves and using

the school library database system. Mrs Bruen, our librarian, will provide training. We are ideally looking for someone to come in on alternate Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12.10pm. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mrs Bruen by emailing DBruen@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk<sup>3</sup>

# **Playtime Snacks**

Children are permitted to bring in fresh fruit such as an apples, a banana, plums, grapes or raisins for playtime fruit snack. They can also bring in cut up vegetables such as carrots. They are not allowed to eat bars or sugared fruit sweets or fruit bars as their snack.

# Did You Witness A Driving Incident on 22nd November 2022?

On 22nd November 2022 there was an incident before school during drop off between a blue BMW and a parent running down the road where a wing mirror was damaged. The police have been involved and they are looking for independent witnesses who saw the incident. If you are able to help please contact the school as soon as possible so we can pass on your details to the relevant parties. Thank you.

# **THIS WEEK**

Science: Frogspawn sighted in our school pond! http://twitter.com/statuses/1628338757525991425

# **Donations to Turkey -Syria Emergency Relief Fund**

We raised a total of £263 for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal on Friday 10th February 2023. Thank you for your generosity. If you would prefer to donate direct to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, please open the following link and make your donation: https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal

# **Netball Match Report - 22nd February 2023**

Cuddington Community, St Clements, St Josephs and Wallace Fields Junior School took part in an exhilarating netball tournament at home on Wednesday. During our first match against St Joseph's they revealed an extremely high standard of netball, which stuck with them throughout the tournament, taking a significant lead from the beginning. With nothing to loose WFJS picked up the pace of their game showing spectators their strong potential.

Carrying inspiration into the second match we saw WFJS victorious over Cuddington Community School.

WFJS final match against St Clements was an absolute nail bitter! St Clements clinching the win by one pint in the final seconds.

### Final results were:

- Wallace Fields Juniors 1 win
- St Joseph's 3 wins
- St Clements 2 wins

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>mailto:DBruen@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

Cuddington Community - 0 wins

Well done to all who took part. Amazing effort and perseverance during an action packed tournament!

# YEAR 6

# **Year 6 French Trip Instalments due**

As a reminder the following instalments are due:

- 3rd Instalment of £115 is due on 10th March 2023
- 4th Instalment of £115 is due on 6th June 2023

# Year 6 French Residential Trip - Passport & Visa Reminder

**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.

What happens if my child holds a non-EU passport?

If your child holds a non-EU passport you may be required to obtain a Shengan Visa in plenty of time before the trip. Please click here for more information: Click here<sup>4</sup> Please also inform Mrs Boddy in the school office if you hold a non UK passport.

# French Residential Trip - EHIC or GHIC Health Care for Visitors to EU Countries

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. Beware of unofficial websites that charge you a fee to apply. Please ensure you apply for this in plenty of time.

# YEAR 5

# Year 5 Biscuits - 15th March 2023.

Year 5 are going to be making biscuits in our next Design and Technology project! The project will start on Monday 13th March and will run throughout the week. Our main baking day will be **Wednesday 15th March 2023**. On this day the children need to bring in:

- 1 plastic bowl
- 1 plastic/wooden spoon

<sup>4</sup>https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/france-visa/uk/

- 1 large Tupperware / sealable box (to take biscuits home)
- Grease proof paper
- Scales
- Apron to cook with (this must be clean and different to the child's art apron)
- Additional healthy ingredient (children will decide this as part of their designing process but perhaps guide them e.g. dried fruit/honey/oats)

# Year 5 Isle of Wight Trip - Instalments Due

As a reminder the following instalments are due:

- 3rd Instalment of £145 was due on 17th February 2023 (OVERDUE)
- 4th Instalment of £145 is due on 17th April 2023

# **CLUBS**

# **Netball and Football Switch Days Next Week**

On Wednesday 1st March the A Football Squad play Auriol Junior School at home so there will be no Netball training this week on Wednesday.

On Thursday 2nd March 2023 A & B netball teams will play Southfield Park so there will be no football training on Thursday.

All parents/carers will have been informed on SPOND. Please look at SPOND for all sports team communications.

# After School Girls' Football Club is Starting Next Week

**Great news** that after a flurry of last minute expressions of interest, the girls after school football club is looking likely to start next week (Wednesday 1st March) after school on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm. It is run by EKB sports so please email Ellie to book your daughter's place elliebyrne@ekbsports.co.uk<sup>5</sup>. The organiser is ideally looking for a few more to sign up before definitely going ahead and will confirm directly with parents. For more information their website is: www.ekbsports.co.uk<sup>6</sup>

## Year 5 and 6 Recorder Club

Year 5 and 6 Recorder club is on Thursday lunchtimes in the Year 6 Group Room. This will start next week on Thursday 2nd March 2023. It is a **free club** and parents/carers can email us at Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk to express interest and children can turn up on the day. If your child does not have a recorder we can loan one until you purchase one.

# **Gardening Club Moving to Wednesday Lunchtimes**

Following discussions with pupils interested in Gardening Club, a decision has been made to move to a Wednesday lunchtime (rather than a Friday) and will start meeting on Wednesdays from 1st March 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>mailto:elliebyrne@ekbsports.co.uk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>http://www.ekbsports.co.uk/

The club is **free** and children can just turn up on the day when Mrs Dodd will take a register. Children must bring in a spare pair of **old shoes or wellington boots** in order to take part.

# **Walking Home After Clubs**

**Year 5 and 6 children** may walk home after clubs now (from February half-term to October half term), though **only if they have emailed the club leader with consent.** Club leaders contact details will be on the club letter or right click on the club leaders name on the club timetable. Click here<sup>7</sup> for the clubs page on our website. **Year 3 and 4** children are never permitted to walk home without a parent/carer.

# **Welcome to Junior Adventures Group Club (formerly Energy Kidz)**

From Monday 20th February, Energy Kidz club was rebranded to **Junior Adventures Group Club** (**JAG**). 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.

Click here to view their club page:

For our Holiday Club Provision, we are contracted to SCL until the Easter holidays. From May half term, we are considering Junior Adventures Group - JAG as our holiday camp provider if there is enough intersest. Please complete the following survey to allow us to gauge interest. <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WallceFieldsJuniorHC">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WallceFieldsJuniorHC</a> If you are keen for us to have a holiday club then please fill this survey in to express your interest.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/clubs





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.lunioradventuresgroup.co.uk now!



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

Our new multi-activity programming ensures every day is always different With activities split across seven exciting categories: Creative Inventors, Global Kids, Super Sports, Power Teams, Zen Masters, Brain Boosters & Splash Zone. Whether there's energing their feet they're, moving their feet, gardening, painting or on a scavenger hunt, JAG 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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# **EVENTS COMING SOON**

# **Musical Performance Assemblies**

Following the Year 6 musicial performance assembly on 7th February, we will be holding musical performance assemblies for the other year groups on the following dates at 1.15pm-1.45pm:-

Year 5 - 14th March 2023

Year 4 - 2nd May 2023

Year 3 - 20th June 2023

Auditions will be held the week before and parents/carers of selected musicians will be informed and invited to attend. If your child is a budding musician you may wish to pencil in the relevant dates.

# PTA Comedy Night - Friday 24th March 2023

We are kicking off the PTA year with a hilarious new event just for us grown ups! Come to see the Official Comedy Club in our very own school! 3 great acts, cash/card bar, snacks and lots of laughter. Tickets are now on sale and selling fast.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=59450#.Y9uH3eyTLfY



# **Easter Egg Design Competition - 24th March 2023**

**Egg Design Competition.** Children can use any medium that they would like to create an exciting Easter Egg. It can be 3D and they can use clay, they can sew (thereby including D and T skills that they have learnt) etc.. **The cut-off date will be the 24th March 2023** and the winner will be announced in assembly on the 27th March 2023. **PTA have kindly agreed to provide the prizes.** 

Kind regards, Miss Jacques.

# **Next Happy Bag Collection - 27th March 2023**

How about doing a spring clean over half term and helping to raise PTA funds. We have the next Happy Bags collection due on 27th March 2023. Items can include: Reusable clean & dry clothes, clean paired shoes, fashion accessories, belts, jewellery, handbags/bags, scarves, hats, small ornaments, gift box sets and console games. Please save any good quality unwanted school uniform for Wallace Fields Juniors second hand sales. Your bags should be brought to school by 10am on the day. Thank you for your support! For more information go to www.happyschoolbag.co.uk<sup>8</sup>

# Parent / Teacher Meetings - 27th and 28th March 2023

Parents Meetings will be held on **Monday 27th March 3.45pm - 6.15pm** face to face in the school hall and on **Tuesday 28th March 3.45pm - 6.30pm** virtual (online) . Please pencil the dates in your calendar. You will be able to book slots on our online booking system when we open up the booking system a few weeks before.

<sup>8</sup>https://www.happyschoolbag.co.uk

# Epsom and Ewell Schools' Music Festival – Epsom Playhouse

Parents/carers of children taking part in the Epsom & Ewell Schools' Music Festival have been sent further details about the afternoon rehearsal on Monday 27th March 2023 and the performances during the evenings of Tuesday 28th March and Wednesday 29th March 2023.

Tickets are now available directly from the playhouse today and often sell out so I would recommend booking them soon by clicking here<sup>9</sup>.

The following children are taking part: Isla 4J, Heidi 4G, Alexis 5H, Amelia 5H, Alexandra 4J, Stanley 5S, Ela 4J, Amelia 4J, Chloe 5S, Lucy 5S, Cara 4J, Julia 5S, Maya 4J, Betty 4G, Sophie 4J, Amalie 5H, Naomi 4G, and Maia 4G.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Johnstone, Music Teacher on JJohnstone@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk<sup>10</sup>

# WELLBEING

# **Reframing Unhelpful Thoughts**

It's natural to feel worried every now and again, but our anxious thoughts can sometimes be unhelpful.

It can be beneficial to step back, examine the evidence for your thoughts and explore other ways of looking at the situation.

In time, this can really make a difference to our mental health and wellbeing.

Please click on the video link below to watch a short video on a self-help CBT technique recommended by the NHS:

https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/self-help-cbt-techniques/reframing-unhelpful-thoughts/#video

# **Parenting Workshops**



<sup>9</sup>https://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/whats-on/day/2023-03-28?page=0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>mailto:JJohnstone@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk



# **ONLINE SAFETY**



# **General Reminders and News**

# **How to Use Times Table Rock Stars**

Please find a guide for parents/carers on how to use Times Table Rock Stars and why it is so important:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqPIa17hKLA



https://youtu.be/WqPIa17hKLA

# **Please Bring In Paper Tubes Please**

Please can Miss Sarjeant have any unwanted paper tubes (inside of toilet rolls/kitchen rolls) by 1st March 2023.



# **Stationery Reminder**

Please can we remind our parents to check if their child needs any equipment for their pencil cases. Children may purchase replacement whiteboard pens, glue sticks, pens and pencils at our stationery shop run by Year 6 prefects on Tuesday and Thursday breaktimes (at the 4J window). Parents may provide their child with a little cash so that they can buy replacement stationery as necessary.



# **Urgent Messages - Contact the Office!**

For urgent messages, absences, pick up arrangements and general enquiries please email the School Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk<sup>11</sup> or by calling **020 8393 0350**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

# **Community News**



# WORKING TOGETHER FOR BETTER LIVES

for children with disabilities or additional needs



# Are you the parent of a child or young person with an additional need?\*

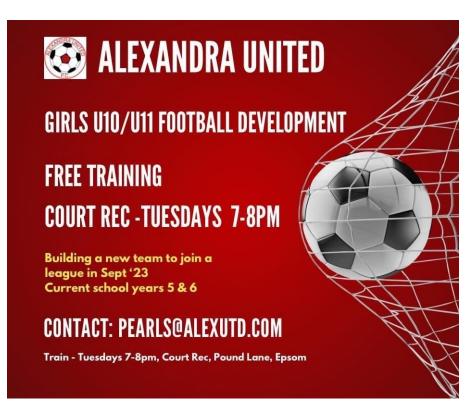




If so, scan here to find out why **Family Voice Surrey** is of interest to you.



\* an additional need is anything that means your child or young person needs more help or support in education and or health than others of a similar age. Not exclusively but including - Dyslexia, Autism, ADHD, Downs Syndrome, genetic and hereditary conditions, mental health concerns, anxiety, Dyspraxia, development delay and Cerebral Palsy. www.familyvoicesurrey.org





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