Wallace Fields Junior School Bulletin

25th November 2022

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- **Monday 28th November 2022**
  - **Year 6 Macbeth workshop**
  - **Hand in wrapped sweets and chocolate tombolla donations (no nuts) for the Christmas Fair**
- **Tuesday 29th November 2022 - Prospective Parents Open Morning 10.15-11.15am**
- **Wednesday 30th November 2022**
  - **Rearranged Lower School Adults v Children football match** 3.30-4.30pm. Teams allocated. Come and cheer along.
  - **Netball squad training** will still be going ahead
  - **Hand in clean socks filled with small toys, stationery items, sweets/chocolate.**
- **Thursday 1st December 2022 - Mufti in exchange for a bottle**
- **Friday 2nd December 2022 - PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm -6.30pm**

Some Other Key Dates Leading up to Christmas

- **Thursday 8th December 2022** - Christmas Panto. All morning.
- **Monday 12th December 2022** - Christmas concert Epsom College Chapel - Rehearsal am, Evening for parents.
- **Thursday 15th December 2022** - Christmas jumper or headwear and tinsel with uniform for Christmas lunch with crackers
- **Friday 16th December 2022 - early finishing, last day** - Year 5 & 6 finish at 1.20pm, Year 4 finish at 1.25pm, Year 3 finish at 1.30pm

Clubs Finishing For Christmas

Please make sure you know when your child's clubs finish for Christmas. Please see the table below.

Club letters for the Spring term will be circulated shortly.

Arts and crafts	12/12/2022	Gymnastics	12/12/2022
Book club Yr 3 & 6	06/12/2022	Hip hop	06/12/2022
Book club Yr 4 & 5	05/12/2022	Intro to Theatre Arts	09/12/2022
Chess	30/11/2022	Judo Tuesday	06/12/2022
Choir Year 3	07/12/2022	Judo Wednesday	07/12/2022
Choir Year 4-5	12/12/2022	Netball	12/12/2022
Code camp Monday	05/12/2022	Netball team	07/12/2022
Code Camp Wednesday	07/12/2022	Science club year 4	06/12/2022
Cookery	06/12/2022	Science club Yr 6	08/12/2022
Football	06/12/2022	Spanish	08/12/2022
Football team	08/12/2022	Tennis	05/12/2022
French	07/12/2022	Theatre arts	09/12/2022
Gardening club	06/12/2022	Yoga	23/11/2022

HEAD'S UPDATE

Your Contribution to School Life: Your efforts are a key factor in the success of our children and the school as a whole - this includes hearing your child read regularly, giving them the space and time to complete homework, helping them have a positive outlook and to try everything. You do a fabulous job of encouraging your children it is much appreciated. Your contribution includes being interested in their topic work, asking about their learning and extending their learning through discussion, trips to museums, encouraging use of the school and local library and helping with their project homework. By working together we are ensuring that the children have a wonderful time growing up. The children are eager to engage, respectful, kind and for the vast majority enthusiastic and ready to learn every day.

Reducing Costs for Parents: This is something at the forefront of our minds currently and with the rise of energy bills and food increasing with soaring inflation we are considering many different ideas to help. These include a full review of trips, visits and activities, active contribution for those families in financial need, reviewing the cost of uniform and spreading our the charity events across the year. Recently the PTA held a giveaway of uniform outside school and we are looking into food vouchers for families that may be in crisis and need to use the Epsom Food Bank. There is no doubt that the school residential trips will evolve and change to more cost effective and yet remain as much fund as usual. You will be kept informed of future trips and the payments can be made in stages to ease the burden on paying. The school and the PTA subsidise many of the extra curricular activities and we are grateful to those parents who make active donations to the school and help us by attending the PTA events.

Year 6 National Tests (SATs) : The additional Bank Holiday on May 8th 2023 to mark King Charles' coronation is in the SATs week. The STA have informed us that the whole week is moved forward by a day and so the Year 6 fun day will be in the weeks following.

THIS WEEK

Nasal Flu Vaccination

On Friday 25th November all children who had signed up to have the nasal flu vaccination were given this by the Surrey School Immunisation team. If you consented to this but your child was not in school on Friday, then you will receive an email from them with how to sign up for the vaccination at an alternative location. If you did not consent but would now like to arrange a vaccination please go to https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/immunisations for further information.

Match Report - Thursday 17th November 2022

"A fixture on Thursday 17th November with The Vale saw our Football team put on a victorious performance on Thursday. Our team responded brilliantly to some expert advice from Mr Findley at half time after which great set up play was met by brilliant Goal keeping from The Vale, however nothing could stop WFJS continuous attack. Solid in defence WFJS keeper Elliot Grover got a piece of the action when he stepped up to take a penalty which rattled the back of the neck. Well done team!! Full time result - The Vale 0, WFJS 4. Thanks to all who attended." Mr Sellars

Lower School Children v Adults Football Match postponed

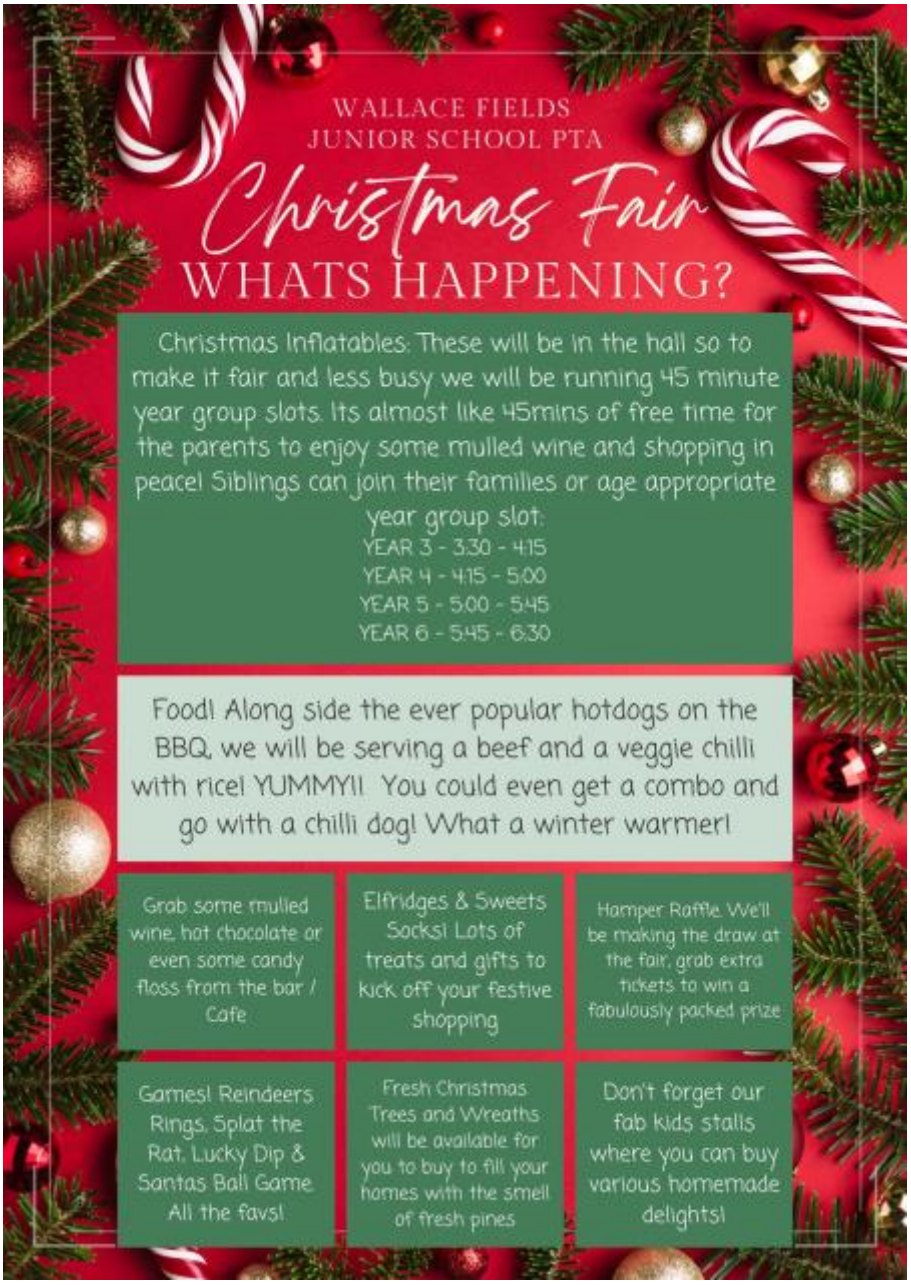
Due to a Yellow Weather Warning [1] for Thursday 24th November we unfortunately had to postpone the Lower School Adults v Children Football Match. It will now be held on **Wednesday 30th November 3.30-4.30pm**. Please email the office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk if you are no longer able to attend or can now attend.

Thank You for Your Happy Bags

£147 was raised from the Happy Bags collection. Thank you for those who brought in pre-loved reusable clothing and unwanted items. Every penny will go towards the PTA fund and benefit the children here at Wallace Fields Juniors.

[1] http://https/www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?date=2022-11-24&id=ec7ea839-87ac-45e7-baef-b61572e07340

IMPORTANT NEWS



□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ Let's not turn into Scrooges and have to cancel Christmas!! We want to hear the jingle of the bells, the smell of the mulled wine and the sound of children laughing! But we really will have to scale back without your help.

Games volunteers have already been reduced, but we need 2 people from each year group to cover their kids years Christmas inflatables time slots. If these aren't filled soon we will have no choice to but to cancel the inflatables booking and that would be super sad!

Please sign up to as much as you can via the clicking here[2].

#doingitforthekids □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

[2] https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=56385#.Y3-8DOzP3jA

Don't Miss Out on the Chance to Win Some Fabulous Hampers

The hampers ready and loaded full of fabulousness! If you need extra tickets for friends, grandparents or just more chances to win please collect from the office and return them to your child's class teacher. Please send in £1 per raffle ticket with your completed counterfoil part by 29th November.

WALLACE FIELDS
JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA
CHRISTMAS
EXTRAVAGANZA
Friday 2nd
DECEMBER
STRAIGHT FROM PICK UP
3:30PM - 6:45PM
CHRISTMAS INFLATABLES,
GAMES, TOMBOLAS, CAFE, BAR,
DELICIOUS FOOD STALLS,
CHILDRENS MAKE AND SELL
FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES, AND WREATHS

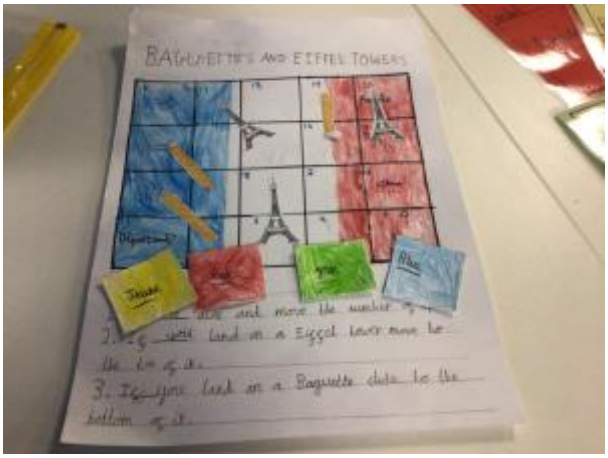
Year 3 French Homework – Absoluement fabuleux!!

Year 3 were asked to create a board game in order to review language learnt so far.

Madame Cornell was thrilled by the time and effort that the Year 3 children put into this homework piece!

Some children also included new vocabulary such as animals, colours, and food (there was even a Menu game!)

Please have a look at some of the "créations merveilleuses!"



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What's your name?
Good evening
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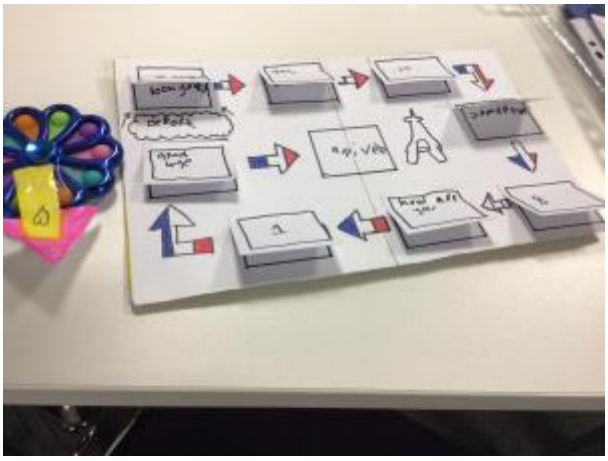

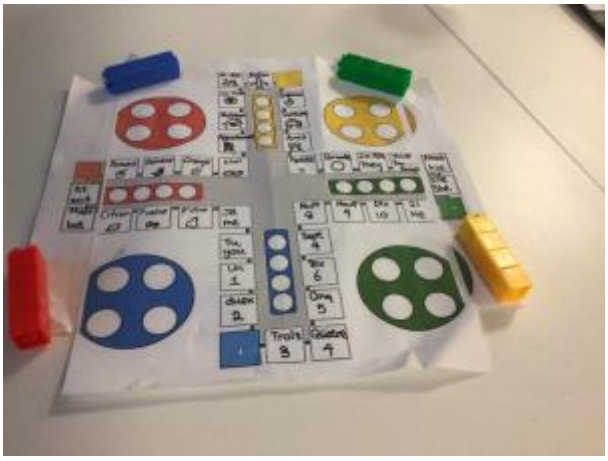
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Quatre
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Six

Dix
Bonjour!
Ça va mal!

Christmas Carol Concert - Monday 12th December 2022

Rehearsals have started on the Christmas Carol Concert and we are now expecting the performance to be from 6. 30pm to approximately 7.45pm on **Monday 12th December 2022.** It is held in the illustrious venue of the Epsom College Chapel. This is the only opportunity for the whole school to be together so we expect all children to attend. All parents and siblings are welcome to come to watch the concert.

There will be **no parking available** except for the disabled parking. If you need disabled access please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk[3]. **More information will be sent out** regarding arrival and departure from the venue.

If for religious reasons your child is **unable to attend**, please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk[4]. If we do not hear from you then we shall expect your child to attend the rehearsal (on the morning from school) and the evening service.

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up to help walk with the children over to and back from the Epsom College Chapel in the morning of Monday 12th December 2022 for the dress rehearsal. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 11.45am. We still need more so helpers so if you are able to help please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk[5].

[3] mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk
[4] mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk
[5] mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

Don't miss out on the Mapac Uniform Discount Sale

Click here to go to Wallace Fields Junior School uniform page on Mapac[6]

Girls Football Squad

Mr Sellars is setting up a girls football squad which will train alongside the main squad on a Thursday after school. He is planning a trial before the end of term and further information will be sent out as soon as possible.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Does Your Child Have a Talent for Making and Creating?

Does your child have a talent for making and creating, a special gift for art or crafting. If so the school along with the PTA would like to encourage any child to host a 'make n sell' table at the forthcoming Christmas fair.

Each table costs £10 and this cost can be split between children if required, and all monies made are the child's own to keep. We would love to encourage their talent and their young entrepreneurial skills. If this is something your child is interested in please contact the PTA directly jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk[7] to secure a table.

Fundraising to Build an All Weather Track - 12 Days to go!

We are fundraising to build an all-weather track. We would like to give the opportunity for children to play on the track all year round during lunch times, PE lessons and using it for our weekly mile - all

[6] https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/wallacejuniorKT17
[7] mailto:jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk

to promote health, exercise and wellbeing for all children. We have already raised almost £2,000 in cash donations plus £500 on Rocket Fund. Please click here[8] to contribute to the fund.

Fundraising World Cup Challenges

Across the month of November, the children will take on a series of mini football challenges each week in their PE lessons with Mr Sellars. The challenges will include: Keepie Uppies, Shoot the Target, Dribbling Race & Distance travelled. Each child will have their own booklet to record their personal results of the challenge. We need your help to inspire and encourage the children with this challenge by sponsoring them. With your child, you can decide how much to sponsor them. Perhaps 10p per keepie uppie, or perhaps £1 per goal scored? At the end of the challenge, the children will bring their booklet home to show you their efforts. We will then collect the sponsorship money at the end of the challenge. Money can be brought in or donated online – an online donation link will be sent at the end of the challenge.

YEAR 5 REMINDERS

Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential Trip

Reminder to parents the 2nd instalment of £140 is due by 16th December 2022. Please visit Scopay to make your payment.

Year 5 Swimming Programme for Developing and Non-Swimmers

The Year 5 & 6 children who **cannot swim 25 metres in a recognised stroke or lack confidence in the water will be invited to come for swimming lessons From 9th January 2023 for 8 weeks.** We need your help in letting us know how confident your child is in the water by completing this Google form: Click Here[9]. Please can **all** parents complete this form whatever their ability. For more information see the letter sent out earlier in the week.

YEAR 6 REMINDERS

Year 6 Swimming Programme for Developing and Non-Swimmers

The Year 5 & 6 children who **cannot swim 25 metres in a recognised stroke or lack confidence in the water will be invited to come for swimming lessons From 9th January 2023 for 8 weeks.** We need your help in letting us know how confident your child is in the water by completing this Google

[8] https://www.rocketfund.org/p/help-wfjs-build-all-weather-training-track
[9] https://forms.gle/mfcebRFBsSC5tRwR7

form: Click Here[10]. Please can **all** parents complete this form whatever their ability. For more information see the letter sent out earlier in the week.

Macbeth Workshop - Monday 28th November 2022

We are delighted to welcome back the Young Shakespeare Company for a spectacular interactive theatre experience and Macbeth Workshop on Monday 28th November 2022. A letter went out this week from the Year 6 teachers Mrs. Crabb and Mrs Kidwai with full details. Please remember to pay the voluntary donation of £9.75 on Scopay.

School Nurse Year 6 - Height and Weight Screening

Each year in England, Year 6 children have their height and weight checked as part of the National Child Measurement Programme and in Wallace Fields Junior School it will be on 6th or 7th December 2022. Please complete the electronic consent form with either Yes or No. Visit https://www.cfhschilddevelopment.co.uk/Form/NCMP Enter your school's unique code: - **SR125298**

[10] https://forms.gle/mfcebRFBsSC5tRwR7

Wellbeing: Parenting Help and Support

Wellbeing: Money and Mental Health Support

Young Minds: If you need practical and financial support for your family then take a look at the guides on the Young Minds website. It has lots of information including a parenting A - Z mental health and a great section on 'Money and Mental health'. It includes how to talk to your children about money and the cost of living crisis, reassuring your children regarding cost of living worries and importantly taking care of your own wellbeing as a parent and where to get help practical and support. The link is: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/money-and-mental-health

General Reminders and News

Cycling Guidelines

We have had a few reports by parents and residents of Wallace Fields Junior School pupils cycling dangerously in the local area. Witnessing children cycling without helmets, cycling without lights, riding in the middle of the road in busy traffic and with a another child sitting across handlebars or on the back. Although children outside school are parents' responsibility we would like to encourage safe cycling so have attached some **useful guidelines**.

Due to the quantity of traffic at pick up and drop off we would advise for children to dismount and push their bikes as they approach the school. Thank you.

See the poster attached about cycling in the dark and some useful links below:

Guide to cycling in the dark[11]

Top tips – cycling safely on the roads in winter[12]

Birthdays and Dedicating Books

Due to allergies children are not permitted to bring in sweets to share with their class mates for their birthdays. However we are keen to promote a 'dedicated book'. This is where the child brings in a brand new book of their choice and we fix a certificate inside the front cover naming to child's name and dedicating to the library. The child will get a certificate from the school in recognition of their donated book.

Hair and Nails

Long hair should be tied up and hair should not obscure the face. If hair is breeching uniform rules then they will be sent to the office for an elastic band. This keeps them safe in PE and also **helps reduce the spread of head lice.** Please continue to be vigilant for head lice and apply treatment if required, for advice go to https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits[13]

Nail polish is not permitted in school – if a child comes in with nail polish on, they will be required to remove it immediately. The relevant removal products will be provided.

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[11] https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/autumn-and-winter/a-guide-to-cycling-in-the-dark/
[12] https://www.bikeability.org.uk/blog/top-tips-cycling-safely-on-the-roads-in-winter/
[13] https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

Dress for the Colder Weather

Please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for the colder weather with school jumper, coats and fleeces and tracksuit bottoms on PE days. Several layers are much more effective than relying on just a jumper. Gloves and scarves are not permitted to be worn in lessons so layers underneath will make a big difference. please label all jumpers and coats to help us reduce the lost property that is thrown away each half term.

Looking for Wrap Around Care in the Christmas Holidays?

Raise PTA Funds Whilst Online Shopping!

Easy Fundraising - Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Wallace Fields Junior School PTA? It is a really super 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. The retailers include Sainsbury's, Tesco, Amazon, Ocado, Waitrose, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Expedia and Thomas Cook to name but a few. Thank you!

Open Day Tour for Prospective Parents

The last open morning for prospective parents/carers will be on **Tuesday 29th November 2022 10.15-11.15am.** If you are interested in booking on this tour, please click here [14] and complete the form.

Urgent Messages

For urgent messages, absences, pick up arrangements and general enquiries please email the School Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk[15] or by calling **020 8393 0350**.

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 do contact the school office.

Sign Up For Energy Kidz Our Excellent Wrap Around Care Provider

Energy Kidz 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 [16] for more information.

EnergyKidz
Breakfast, After School & Holiday Clubs

Latest School Calendar Dates

For the latest dates click here [17] for calendar on website.

[14] https://forms.gle/VWx4gscuS3mhYg3d8
[15] mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk
[16] https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/wallace-fields-junior-school/
[17] https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/school-calendar

Nut Free school

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

Community News

1 - click here[18]

[18] https://www.toyota.co.uk/dreamcar-2023

EPSOM & EWELL CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SPIRIT

This christmas we are supporting the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, helping local families in need to have a fresh christmas meal!

You can help them by texting to donate:

Text FESTIVEFOODBANK 5 to 70470 to donate £5
Text FESTIVEFOODBANK 10 to 70470 to donate £10
Text FESTIVEFOODBANK 15 to 70470 to donate £15
Text FESTIVEFOODBANK 20 to 70470 to donate £20

More information about the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank can be found at www.epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity : 1042721

#ChristmasCommunitySpirit

Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club

bringing history alive

Epsom and Ewell in WW2 find out what it was really like !

December Tuesday 20th 2022 10.30am to 12pm

The Borough suffered heavily from bombing in World War 2 and from 1940 to 1944, 890 alerts were sounded, 384 people were injured by enemy action and 33 killed. There were more than 200 incidents with 12,234 houses slightly damaged, 413 devastated and 192 completely destroyed, while thousands of incendiary and anti-personnel bombs were dropped with 440 high explosive, 64 oil and 30 flying bombs falling on the Borough.

THE STIRRUP HAND PUMP

£5 per child . Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734.

Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Support Work in Schools and Colleges – Level 2 Award (free of charge * certain eligibility criteria apply)

www.wea.org.uk

This course is for anyone hoping to gain a qualification in being a support worker within a school or college. The course is delivered online via zoom and our virtual learning platform.
Topics include:

- An overview of the National Curriculum
- How to support learning in children and college students
- Schools as Organisations
- Special Education Needs & Disabilities
- Safeguarding & Equality & Diversity principles.

Date and Time: Every Thursday from 24th Nov- 27th April (exc. half term breaks) 9.30am- 2.30pm

A short skills check will be arranged to check the course is the correct level for you.
Book your place at :
https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2021/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3748317
Or phone 0300 303 3464 quoting C3748317

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Adult Learning Within Reach

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer?
We need people with your experience to volunteer at your local Home-Start.

- Make a difference to the lives of parents and children
- Enhance your well-being
- Access free, high quality training

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admin@hseeb.org.uk

HOME START
Epsom, Ewell & Banstead
(incl. Mole Valley North)