

WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Friday 15th November



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ATTACHED: PTA XMAS COUNTDOWN

SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

- Year 4 – Pen Pals
- PTA Update
- Year 5 Choir and Chamber choir re Carol singing
- Year 4 Crew Theatre visit

KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 20 th Nov	12:30pm Boys 7 a side Football Tournament (selected pupils)
Thursday 21 st Nov	3:00pm Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics (selected pupils) 3:30pm Boys A & B Football Teams - Home matches against Auriol
Friday 22 nd Nov	8:50am PTA Happy Bags Recycling Collection

IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL

THE NSPCC'S SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOP - £1 VOLUNTARY DONATION TO NSPCC FUNDS

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their "*Speak out, Staysafe*" programme on Monday 25th November at school. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6. As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. They do not make a charge for their visit but we would like to make a donation to their funds by asking every child to bring in £1 voluntary contribution.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates for the Christmas events are on our school google calendar but I thought it would be useful to also share them with you. Further information will be sent out nearer the time:

- Tuesday, December 3rd - 2:00pm Choir - Carol Singing at the Ashley Centre
- Wednesday, December 11th - School Christmas Dinner tbc
- Thursday, December 12th - School Closed - Election Day
- Friday, December 13th – Bottle Mufti day (moved due to polling day) and at 3:30pm PTA Xmas Fair
- Tuesday, December 17th – 9am Carol Concert Rehearsal and 6:30pm WFJS Carol Concert at Epsom College parents invited.
- Thursday, December 19th - 9:30am Pantomime - Alice in Wonderland
- Friday, December 20th - 1:30pm End of Term

THANK YOU TO MRS WHITE FOR HER FANTASTIC WORK AS PTA TREASURER

Thank you so much to Claire White (Mum to Abbi and Emma) who is stepping down as treasurer after three and a half years, she has been an incredible asset to the PTA. We welcome Suraya Siddiqui, mum of Raya in year 3 who has taken on the role so a big thank you to her too. We are also looking for a new Secretary, PTA chair and also class representatives. Without these crucial roles the PTA does not run! Please email wfspta@gmail.com to find out more.

CANTEEN NAME CHOSEN

We are delighted to announce the name of the canteen as "Wallace's Diner". This was an amalgamation of suggested names by numerous children. Thanks for your contribution.

YEAR 3

YEAR 3 BOOK CLUB

This week the Year 3 group talked about their October read – *The Panini's of Pompeii* by Andy Stanton, discussing everything from their favourite characters and stand-out moments, to whether the author is 'a mad genius' and if it is possible to learn any facts about the ancient Romans from this funny, fictional tale about a family living in Pompeii. For the November book, the group voted between *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks, *The Nothing to See Here Hotel* by Steven Butler, *Perijee and Me* by Ross Montgomery and *The Dragon in the Library* by Louie Stowell. As the vote was an even split and the children felt very strongly about their choices, half the group will read *The Nothing to See Here Hotel* and the other half *The Dragon in the Library* this month.



YEAR 4

4D CLASS ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2019

Parents are welcome to come to see the class 4D assembly on Friday 22nd November from 9.00am to 9.20am,

CREW THEATRE VISITING YEAR 4 ON FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

The Crew Team of actors will be visiting Year 4 to demonstrate how gravity and friction need controlling and how ball balancing and tower building can create unbalanced forces! Their workshop will reinforce the children's learning of KS2 Science on forces. A letter has been emailed out today with payment details.

PEN PALS

We will be sending letters to our new pen pals in France and will be including a class photo with your child's first name only. If you would prefer your child not to be included in the photo then please email Mme Fesnoux on efesnoux@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

YEAR 5

YEAR 5 CHOIR CAROL SINGING IN ASHLEY CENTRE – TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2-3PM

Year 5 Choir will be singing carols in the Ashley Centre on Tuesday 3rd December. Letters and slips have been given out. We will require parents to assist walking with the children from school to the Ashley Centre from 1.15pm.

YEAR 6

YEAR 6 RAINFOREST CAKE SALE

Year 6 raised an amazing £276.48 towards protecting the rainforest. For every £100 donation to the Buy an Acre programme with the World Land Trust, one of their overseas partners will be able to purchase one acre of habitat and protect it in perpetuity for wildlife.

SPORTS UPDATE

Just before half-term, our football B team had a friendly at Cuddington Community. It was our first match as a team and had to play on a very small pitch which wasn't ideal but we played brilliantly and won 8-0! Well done to Alex Ki, Evie, Henry E, Henry K, Jayden, Lewis H, Lola, Lucas W, Reuben, Rohan R, Ryan and Shai, great work team!

We were due to play a girls' friendly v Cuddington Croft a couple of weeks ago but this was postponed due to heavy rain. I had hoped to re-schedule it for November / December but Cuddington have asked that we wait until the Spring term. I will let the team know the date as soon as it has been organised.

Last Thursday, our football A team had a triple (league) fixture at Meadow Primary; firstly we beat Meadow 5-0, then beat The Vale 6-0 and finally beat Cuddington Croft 6-0. An outstanding performance by the whole team in again, non-ideal conditions. Congratulations to Callum, Charlotte, Christan, James, Josh, Liam, Logan, Ollie, Reuben, Rhys, Rohan & Rose.

Last Friday, we attended the Yrs 5 & 6 Epsom & Ewell District swimming gala at the Tadworth Leisure Centre . There were 12 schools competing so it was tough but we swam some great races and came away with one gold medal for Tristan (yr 5) in the boys' individual breaststroke, one silver medal for Freya Bn. (yr 6) in the individual girls' butterfly and one bronze medal for Ayrton (yr 4) in the boys' individual butterfly. Brilliant swimming by the whole team: Abbie, Alex Ko, Ayrton, Ben, Billie, Eva, Freya Bn, Hanna, Jonas, Maja, Marcus, Megan, Noah, Rosie, Sam R, Tristan, Xavier & Zac. Thank you to Mrs. Bennett for being my assistant manager 😊.

Yesterday, we participated in the district girls' football tournament at Priest Hill. Thankfully the rain held off and some amazing football was played by our feisty team! In the group stage, we beat St. Joseph's 2-0, drew with St. Clement's 0-0, beat Epsom Primary 2-0, beat Stamford Green 1-0 and beat Auriol 4-0. We then had to play Danetree in the semi-finals which ended a scoreless draw so went to penalties Charlotte stepped up to be in goal for us (up until now, the girls had been taking it in turns as we don't have a fixed goalie) and although the first one slipped by her, she saved the next 4 to put us through to the final! (Great penalties were scored by Evie, Zara & Niamh for us!) We then faced Cuddington Croft the ball was in their half almost all of the time but we just couldn't get a goal in. They had a break up to our end and managed to score but our girls dug in and soon got one back. It was such nail-biting stuff as we came so close to scoring about ten times! Then in the last minute, Cuddington broke again and scored, and from there we just couldn't recover. The girls couldn't have tried any harder, did everything we asked them to do and I can say hand-on-heart, they deserved to win that last game as they were the better team. Fantastic football from Abi, Cara, Charlotte, Evie, Leila, Millie, Niamh, Rose & Zara.

Please note that there will be NO NETBALL TRAINING for the next two Wednesdays as I have to be at other events.

Please also note that the last football training session will now be on 5th December as the school will be closed on the 12th for the General Election.

Best wishes for a restful weekend, Louise Wilson.

REMINDER & OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

EARRINGS POLICY

Pupils are only allowed one pierced gold/silver stud earring in each ear and earrings cannot be worn during P.E. If your child is unable to remove their earrings they will not be allowed to participate in P.E or sports clubs. – **we do not allow pupils to cover earrings with plasters**. We recommend that children do not wear their earrings on the day they have P.E. or Games. Parents must, therefore, decide at the beginning of the summer holidays if you wish to have your child's ears pierced. This will give enough time for the ears to heal and for the removal of earrings. For more information about our uniform policy go to <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/uniform> or for other

PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED LEAVE

A full copy of our Attendance Policy is available on our website. The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of SCC may issue a penalty notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a Parent / Carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount. **If a child is taken out of school for more than 5 days / 10 sessions, unauthorised leave, (this need not be consecutive) without the authorisation of the school, the amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent per child.** This rises to £120 if paid after the 21 days period, but within 28 days. If not paid, legal action will be taken against the recipient for the period shown on the penalty notice, the local authority, Surrey County Council must prosecute the Parent / Carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Please read the **Attendance Policy** to ensure you understand the criteria for unauthorised absence and its implications.

PLEASE CHECK YOU HAVE CORRECT SCHOOL JUMPERS AND SPORTS TOPS

Please check your children's school jumpers and sports tops to make sure they belong to your child. If you find an item of school uniform with someone else's name please return to the school office or to the child concerned.

PLEASE CHECK FOR HEAD LICE

Please check your child for head lice this weekend as a case has been discovered in Year 5.

PACKED LUNCHES

Please bring in healthy packed lunches containing fruits and wholemeal breads rather than crisps and chocolate. Children are not permitted to bring fizzy drinks or any foods containing nuts in any of their packed lunches including those taken on a school journey. If you wish to change to packed lunches, please give at least two weeks' notice. Packed lunch trollies are put outside the classrooms at the beginning of lunchtime. Naming lunchboxes is strongly advised.

A MORE CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY ONLINE – SCOPAY APP NOW AVAILABLE

Scopay have created a more convenient way to pay by creating an app for their Scopay online school payment service. You can now download a Scopay app to pay anytime, anywhere for school meals, trips, production tickets etc. Search for Scopay on App Store or for android phones Google Play.

PLAYGROUND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The playground will soon have new shapes, games and grids. There will be a times table square, a games grid, circles, hopscotch, skipping zone demarcation and quiet zone demarcation. The circles and grid can be used by the children to invent their own game and perhaps the children could create a game and teach the rest of the school how to play it? The maze will be remarked as this is extremely popular with the children. There will be a large times tables grid so hopefully this will be a stimulus for those learning times tables. Miss Dandy will be developing games and activities using the shapes and markings as well.

COLLECTION AT END OF SCHOOL DAY – NOTE OR PLEASE CALL BEFORE 1PM

If a child is to go home with a person not on your child's records then **the teacher must be informed by a note in the morning**. If there is any last minute change then please call before 1pm so that a message can be sent electronically via the register. It is not always possible to get messages to classes after 1pm. **If changes are after 1pm then collecting adult may have to collect from the School Office.**

PTA

HAPPY BAGS

The children were sent home with a Happy School Bag this week which can be filled with old clothes, paired shoes, console games, handbags, belts, jewellery and hats and returned to school on 22nd November. The bags will be collected just after drop-off on 22nd November and this will raise valuable funds for the PTA. So please go through your wardrobes and cupboards and fill the bag with any unwanted items. (You may use black sacks if you need more than one bag). **Please do not drop off before 22nd November** as there is no space at school to store. A member of the PTA will be on the gate on 22 November to take your bags from 8.30am.

SOCIAL CLUB /BINGO – FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 3.30pm-5.00PM

On Friday 29th November we are trialling a new activity for the children, we noticed that film nights weren't very well received last year so I hope that the pupils will enjoy our new PTA Social Club. If successful it will run once a term from 3.30-5pm.

The first half hour will be active so they can let off some energy and then we will break for a snack and drink before playing a game of bingo. There will be some colouring and board games available for those who don't want to join in. Tickets are now on sale here, <https://school.plansocial.app/events/60095>

CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Friday 13th December we have our Christmas Fair! The Christmas countdown has begun so please look out for the information leaflet in the children's bags, I have attached it to this email too. The stall allocations are- **Year 3- Elfridges and Xmas Craft, Year 4- Santa's Socks, Lollipop House and Ring Rudolf, Year 5- Café, Pin the Nose on Rudolf, Year 6- 12 days of Christmas and Raffle.** In previous years we have had a lovely fudge and festive goodies (reindeer food or hot chocolate cones) made and donated by parents that we sell, if anyone wants to take this on this year we would be extremely grateful!

“Calling All Ladies”

Are you ready to run?



**We are a friendly, ladies only
running club**

**Our beginners group starts on
Sunday 5**

January 2020

We welcome all levels

New or returning runners

Weekly training guide

**Start with a walk/jog,
build up fitness gradually**

Experienced club members will support you

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