

## **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**SPRING TERM 2020**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February



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## **SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS**

- Year 6 – White T-shirt
- Coronavirus advice
- Remind Book Week plans - 26th Feb to 3rd March
- Parent Volunteers w/c2nd March & SATs
- Key Secondary School dates for Year 5 children
- Parents Evening - Bookings now open
- Thursday 7th May
- Year 5 Parents help 4th March

## **KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Abi Elphinstone - Author Visit. Medicines to Mrs Lyon for Hooke Court - 8.45 a.m.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Week Character Day – dress in your favourite book character Specific Year 6 - Badminton Festival at Guilford Spectrum 12.10pm depart 3:30pm Football Home Match: C Team v Ewell Grove
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 to Hooke Court Year 5 to St Mary's Church, Ewell. Parent volunteers urgently needed Netball match at home - A team only. 3.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 to Junior Citizen – Bring packed lunch No Fitness club as Miss Dandy at Hooke Court
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 return from Hooke Court approx. 5pm

## **IMPORTANT - WHOLE SCHOOL**

### **AUTHOR VISITING MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2020**

On Monday 2nd March another best-selling author, Abi Elphinstone will be visiting our school. She is the author of the multi-award shortlisted books include "Rumble Star" (the first book in her brand new and critically acclaimed series, The Unmapped Chronicles), "Sky Song", "The Dream Snatcher" trilogy and, for younger readers, "The Snow Dragon". Abi will be signing copies of her books for pupils to purchase after her event on Monday 2nd March before lunchtime. The signed books cost £6 each and children should bring the correct money into school together with the return slip attached, in a named envelope. Books will **not** be sold after school.

### **DRESS UP AS FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER – TUESDAY 3rd MARCH**

We are celebrating book characters so children may, if they wish, dress up as their favourite book character. Please don't spend lots of money, it could just be a hat or a top half of a costume to just indicate what favourite book character they are. World Book Day is celebrated on 5th March but we are starting early due to the Year 4 Hooke Court trip next week.

### **SCHOOL CLOSED - THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

I received notification from the Epsom and Ewell Electoral team that they have been looking for alternative sites for polling stations and that they have found a potential site for the Polling Day this year. Unfortunately, this is contradictory and short notice for parents and staff and I have already arranged training provision for staff, so school will be closed on that day Thursday 7th May and remain an INSET day. There is still a possibility that the school will be used for future elections should the alternative provision not suffice. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

### **PARENTS EVENING MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> and TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

Parents Evening will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 3.45-7.00pm and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 3.45-6.30pm. You can book your appointment slot now online using Scopay.

## DINNER MONEY NOW DUE

Statements were sent out just before half term. Balance owing can be found on Scopay.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR READING NEXT WEEK AND SATS WEEK

Last year we very successfully asked parents to support some children who require, or would benefit from having a reader in the SATs tests and key assessment weeks leading up to the SATs. This is not just for parents of Year 6 children; any parents who are able to help would be much appreciated. We need some volunteer readers for next week (w/c 2nd March) for assessment week for an hour on: Monday 2nd March at 9.15am, Wednesday 3rd March at 10.30am & Thursday 4th March at 10.30am. We will also need your help during SATs week which will be on the week commencing 11th May (Monday to Thursday mornings only). We can give you some short basic training beforehand. Please could you let us know if you would be interested in supporting a child during one, or more of the tests by emailing Mrs Day on [Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk).

## FITNESS CLUB – THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

Miss Dandy is away in Hooke Court next week, so Fitness Club will be **cancelled on Thursday 5th March.**

## YEAR 4

### CHILDREN NOT GOING TO HOOKE COURT

We are planning activities for the children not going to Hooke Court. These children should arrive in their normal classrooms at the normal school time; but should be collected at the end of the school day from the School Office.

### HOOKE COURT TRIP – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH TO FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

Please see the final letter for the full information but a couple of key reminders are as follows:-

- All medication to Mrs Lyon at school on Monday 2nd March at 8.45 a.m.
- Bring children at 7.30am for 7.50am departure on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, wearing home clothes and trainers and with their packed lunch (This must NOT contain any TRACES of nuts, nuts, chocolate or seeds.
- Return will be approximately 5.00pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Updates will be published on the website and twitter, please do not call the School Office. All luggage will be unloaded before the children will disembark off the coach, so please help if possible with the unloading and please be patient waiting for your child. Thank you.
- Assembly on the Hooke Court trip will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am-9.30am. Parents/carers are welcome to come along.

## YEAR 5

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WALK TO ST MARY'S CHURCH EWELL ON 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH

We still need lots more adult/parent helpers to help us walk down to the St Mary's church in Ewell, stay and then walk back with us for our Easter workshop in the church on WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH. 5C will go first and will need to be at the church for 9.30 - so we will need to leave promptly at 9am. We will then leave St Mary's at 11 and be back at school for a snack and playtime at 11.30ish. 5S will need to be at the church for 10, so will leave school at about 9.30. They will then finish at the church at 11.30 and be back in school in time for lunch. Please email [Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)

## YEAR 6

### YEAR 6 JUNIOR CITIZEN TRIP – 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

Year 6 will be visiting the Junior Citizen event at Epsom Racecourse on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you **provide a packed lunch and a drink** for the day as the children are leaving for the event just before lunch.

### YEAR 6 WHITE T-SHIRT FOR WEEK COMMENCING 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

Year 6 will be printing on fabric in D&T. Children may bring in a clean plain white t-shirt to print on or we will supply a square of plain white fabric.

## REMINDERS AND OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### APPRENTICE UPDATE

We warmly welcome a new Apprentice Teaching Assistant Miss Alici who started after half term and will be us for 15 months. Congratulations to Miss Dandy, our former apprentice has now qualified as a fully trained Teachers Assistant and we are delighted that she will be staying on at Wallace Fields Junior School.

## HEAD LICE REMINDER

A case of head lice has been found in Year 3. Please can all parents/carers check their children's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary. For more info click here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## LATEST ON CORONA VIRUS

We are following advice from Surrey Education Authority and Public Health England (PHE) and have been advised that the current risk to individuals remains low. Any pupil, parent or visitor who has travelled to or been in direct contact with anyone from a Novel Coronavirus affected area may be asked to remain at home to prevent the potential spread of the virus. Pupils, staff and visitors are reminded to observe good hand hygiene practices after using the bathroom and before eating such as washing hands with soap, use and disposal of tissues etc. Any student who feels unwell during the day must report to the school office to be assessed and parents will be telephoned if a child needs to go home. Our cleaning team is focusing on more frequent antibacterial/viral cleaning on all commonly touched surfaces such as door handles and toilets. All classes have been stocked up with additional anti-bacterial products. We are also doing additional assemblies to promote good hygiene and stopping the spread of colds, coughs and viruses. Please see the latest guidance on the Government website and on the poster attached separately. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

## BASKETBALL CLUB CANCELLED ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH, ADDITIONAL CLASS ON 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

The Basketball Club is unable to run on **Thursday 26th March** and **instead they will** add another session onto the end of term: **Thursday 2nd April** to ensure the children still get the same number of sessions. Any questions please contact the club directly. Children start Basketball club at **7.45am** and Judo Club at **8am**. Mr Findlay is available on the door for ten minutes before the club start time to allow children to come in and get ready for the club. He is there for five minutes more for late comers, though much later children will need to wait for a staff member as Mr Findlay has other duties.

## DROP OFF REMINDER

**Start of the school day** is 8.50am. The gates are opened at 8.40am. Please note that children dropped off at the gate earlier than 8.40am remain the duty of care of the parent or carer. If your child is dropped off far too early it may be reported to the safeguarding team and parents called in to discuss the issue.

## SOUNDTRAP

Before half term children took part in a Digital Music Week and got to use a great website called Soundtrap. It is a great digital music tool than can help anyone create music using built in professional loops and software instruments and collaborate in the music making with people from all over the world. Many of the features of this platform are to be paid for; however, the basic package is free and it has plenty of features to begin with. Click here to create an account <https://www.soundtrap.com/> We look forward to listening to their future projects and collaborations!' Thank you, Mrs Mihalova.

## EPSOM & EWELL YOUNG CHAMPIONS AWARD WINNER

The Epsom and Ewell Young Champions Awards 2020 ceremony took place last week. It celebrates the achievements of outstanding young people, both individual and groups. We nominated Lewis Houghton because he was diagnosed with cancer in 2015 and endured a long regime of treatment and made a full recovery. He also actively took part in fundraising and encouraged support from friends and family which has amassed over £125,000 and generated the construction of a new outside garden at the hospital to ensure children get the outside space they need during treatment. He personally took part in a cumulative marathon and triathlon, which raised over £3,000 and walked the full Marsden March for the past two years generating £1,500 this year alone. Lewis Houghton won the award and was presented with his trophy for his amazing endurance and personal courage and for supporting and fundraising for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. Lewis was joined by his family and Mr Lee at the Playhouse and afterwards Mrs Houghton sent a thank you email – her words sum up the evening for Lewis “He is beyond thrilled with his trophy - now pride of place on the mantelpiece!” For more information on the awards [click here](#).



## SPORTS NEWS

### FOOTBALL MATCH V ST JOSEPH'S

This Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February we played our league fixture against St. Joseph's and lost 4-1. Our A team played well but the St. Joseph's players had the "underdog mentality" with no subs and just seemed to find the goal more frequently than us, despite an outstanding performance from Shai as goalie.

### NETBALL MATCH V ST JOSEPH'S

This Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, both our netball teams played St. Joseph's too. Both were thrilling games to watch and the As won 8-6, the Bs 9-4. Brilliant work all round, well done everyone.

### HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

This Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, our two teams of volunteer hockey players braved the cold for the District Tournament at Epsom Hockey Club. Both teams played 6 matches of only 7 minutes each against other schools. Our Team One won 5 and drew 1 which put them through to the semi-finals and Team Two won 1, lost 1 and drew 4 (0-0) which unfortunately meant they didn't progress as it came down to goal-difference. They played so well together considering this was their first outing as a team and I was really impressed with their hockey-prowess! Well done to Lucas, Cara, Samuel, Luziana, Artie, Hanna & Oliver, I look forward to seeing you all play next year. So, Team One faced Cuddington Croft's B-Team in the semi-finals and beat them 2-0 quite comfortably. This meant they met Cuddington Croft's A-Team in the finals which was a repeat of last year! Wonderful teamwork and good sportsmanship were shown by our superb players (unfortunately, the same can't be said for all of the opposition!) and it was lovely to watch them win that 2-0 too! This means they will represent Epsom & Ewell borough in the County Finals on March 12th. Many congratulations to Lola, Freya, Rose, Tristan, Steven & Noah and thank you to all our supporters who must have been absolutely frozen!

### DANCE FESTIVAL AUDITION REMINDER

The Dance Festival audition for 4D is on Monday, 12.30 in the Music Room.

## PTA

Save the date – The circus is coming Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

## COMMUNITY



The poster features a central circular graphic with the text "Herald of Spring" surrounded by a wreath of colorful flowers. To the left is a cartoon scarecrow and a yellow bus with "1960's theme" and a peace symbol. Below the bus is the text "FREE ENTRY". A blue banner at the bottom of the central graphic reads "SATURDAY 7 MARCH 9:30AM - 5:00PM". Below that is a gold banner with "BOURNE HALL 50 IT'S PARTY TIME!". At the very bottom, a yellow box contains the text "Come and see a range of arts, crafts, activities, fun and games from:".



### Blitzed Britain

March 14

1pm to 2.30



At 4:56pm on 7 September 1940, the air raid sirens wailed as the German Air Force launched a massive raid on London. Over 350 bombers flew across the Channel from airfields in France and dropped 300 tons of bombs on the docks and streets of the East End of London.

The Blitz had begun — a constant rain of death that fell heaviest on London and hammered other cities. Month after month, German bombers attacked British cities, ports and industry. London was bombed every day and night, bar one, for 11 weeks. During the Blitz 32,000 civilians were killed and 87,000 were seriously injured. How did people live with this death from the air? What could you do to help you survive?

Meet an Air Raid Warden and discover how to stay alive

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