Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers, Friday 29th September 2023

Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents/ carers who attended our 'Meet the Team evening'. It was lovely to see you all and hopefully you found the information given by class teachers useful. We are very proud of the children's learning this half term as you will see from our 'learning journey' section in this newsletter. We would like to give Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers the opportunity to celebrate their children's learning so far by inviting them to come and have a look at their learning journals, writing books and power maths books. We are inviting parents into the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms between **2.45pm and 3.05pm** on **Thursday 19th October** where children can show you the learning they have completed throughout Autumn 1 in their trays. If you are a reception or nursery parent, please keep up to date with all of the children's learning via Tapestry.

Each week we have been revising and introducing our school values so the children know and understand what they look like. Following this we will be having a 'value of the month' where we will announce our first values award winner!

This year we are seeking some more governors to join our Governing Board. The Governing Board is made up of individuals with a broad range of skills who collectively help to set and implement the aims, ethos and strategic direction of the school. The Local Governing Board meets regularly to discuss a wide range of school issues. If you are interested and feel you would like to volunteer your time, please contact the clerk to the Governing Board Sarah Constantino sconstantino@sfet.org.uk.

This week also marks the launch of our new website, please do visit it to have a look at key information and further information on our curriculum.

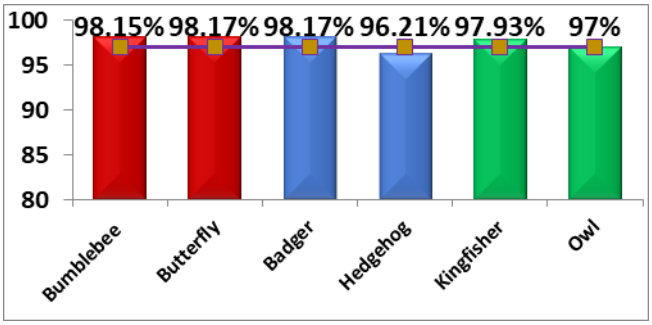
Mrs Muir – Headteacher

WFIS Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school regularly

WFIS Attendance (%) Fortnight Ending 22.09.23

Overall School Attendance: 97.6%



Class Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to our Class Attendance Trophy winners **Badger** and **Bumblebee** for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. Keep up the great work!

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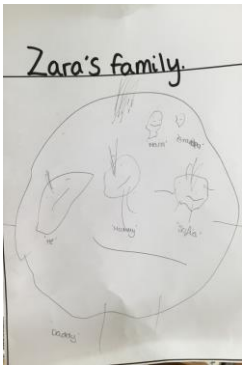
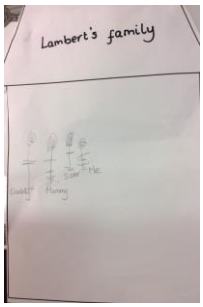
Nursery

In Big Stars we have been learning about families. We have been drawing our families on special house paper and focusing on drawing facial features.





Reception

In Bumblebee Class, we have recently learnt a new word 'join' and we have been using this language in the construction area when we have been building and joining items together. We have also been choosing the right resources to carry out a plan which has been a lot of fun. We start by drawing what we are going to build or make before creating it. We then talk to our peers about whether it looks like the design we drew on our plan. We have really enjoyed drawing what we are going to build and seeing whether it will looks the same!

Year one

This week in Badger Class we have been recalling our previously learnt knowledge on primary and secondary colours. As part of our task time, we explored mixing all of the primary colours and testing them to see which colours we could make. We learnt that by mixing the primary colours red and yellow we can make orange, blue and red makes purple and yellow and blue makes green!

Year Two

We have had a fantastic start to our year in Owl Class. The children have been writing incredible stories about their trip to the woods as a shrunken child! That's right, Miss Amos! sprayed their class with a magic shrinking spray, and they all became miniature! We took the children to the forest school area where they found lots of woodland creatures to ride on, have dinner with and run away from. The children then became authors of their own imaginative tale and wrote wonderful stories about their journey "into the woods". We have also had some extremely fun task time activities. When reading the Hansel and Gretel story we found the wicked witch lived in a house of bread, cake and sweets – very unhealthy! To fit with our learning of a balanced and healthy diet, the children created houses from fruit and vegetables. This was so much fun!

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Visit from Father Mark

This week we welcomed Father Mark from St Mary's in Ewell to Wallace Fields Infant School to launch Harvest Festival. Father Mark explained to the children what Christians believe about Harvest and why they celebrate Harvest Festival. He demonstrated what Christian's believe by planting some daffodil bulbs, giving them soil, water and sunlight and a sprinkle of magic to help them grow. Father Mark explained that Christians believe the sprinkle of magic is from God and therefore harvesting crops is something that should be celebrated. Father Mark explained that Christians celebrate Harvest Festival by gathering food and giving it to people who are struggling to afford food for themselves or their families. Mrs Male explained that although we are not all Christians, we can all take part in the Harvest Festival by donating food to our local foodbank because this demonstrates our value of 'Kindness'. Please find further information about how to donate elsewhere in the newsletter.

Harvest Festival Donations

This year we are pleased to announce that we will be collecting donations for Epsom Food Bank. If you would like to donate they would be really grateful as some of their stocks are running very low. **Please only bring in items from the list below** as the Foodbank are unable to take any other items. Items should be well in date, sealed, and not contain alcohol. Please send your donations in with your child to their classroom or you can put them into the box in the lobby area of the school office by **Thursday 19th October**.

Harvest list 2023:

1. Instant mash
2. Cereal (not porridge)
3. Weetabix
4. Rice pudding
5. Custard
6. Instant coffee
7. Biscuits
8. Noodles
9. Jam / honey / marmalade
10. Chocolate spread (nut free)
11. Shampoo / conditioner
12. Deodorant
13. Shower gel
14. Soap
15. Chocolate/ sweet treats

Epsom & Ewell foodbank

WFIS Has Got Talent!

Here at Wallace Fields Infant School, we relish the opportunity to celebrate 'in and out of school' achievements accomplished by the children. See our WFIS Has Talent page on our website.
These successes can take many forms - whether it be a sporting success, hobby related, a personal achievement or even a kind gesture! Please share these personal triumphs with us by contacting office.wfis@sfet.org.uk.

Well done to Sara L

date posted: Wednesday 12 Jul 2023

Well done to Phoebe J

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023

Well done to Ally K-Q

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023

Well done to Mila R

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023

Well done to Edward I

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023

Well done to Alma T & Rosie C

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023

St Mary's Ewell

New worship service for the Autumn – "Messy Church Goes Wild".

Messy Church Goes Wild is a great way for children and families to meet God outdoors, love the natural world, experience a sense of awe and wonder. Come and join us at St Mary's, in the autumn – on Saturday, October 7th 2.30pm- 4.00pm, Saturday, November 4th 2.30pm – 4.00pm and Saturday, December 2nd 2.30pm- 4.00pm. We will gather in the Parish Room before discovering outdoor activities. Outdoors unless the weather is really, REALLY BAD (so bad we need to think about the Ark building!)

Having completed our outdoor activity, we will return to the Parish Room to share and reflect on what we have done, to celebrate God's creation and enjoy refreshments together. Come and join us. We would love to see you there.

175 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

St Mary's Ewell
www.stmarysewell.com

Harvest Festival Lunch

On Thursday 5th October we will continue our harvest festival celebrations with our Harvest Festival Lunch!
All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a delicious school lunch on this day (please see the special menu at the end of the newsletter).
Any children in our nursery who normally have a hot lunch on a Thursday will also receive this special harvest menu.
Please rest assured that all children's individual dietary requirements will be catered for. We therefore ask that packed lunches are not brought in on this day.

Behaviour Policy

This term we have launched our new behaviour policy. This involves our new 'Golden Rules'. Miss Kelly (Deputy Headteacher) will be leading a workshop to inform parents of our new principles and the research behind the policy. Please come along **on Monday 6th November** to hear more! Please click here to read our new policy.

Behaviour Policy

Golden Tickets

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners!

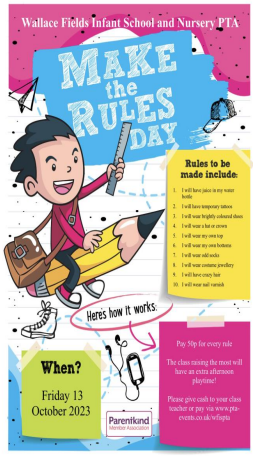
Well done to **Emilia T, Harry L, Charlie A, Sonny G, Nico L, Ezra J-H, Adwith N, Oscar H, Sienna D, Humaid M, Henry K, Tanya S, and Advaith M** who won a golden ticket for their efforts and achievements!

Keep up the great work everyone!

Language of the Month

At WFIS we have 33 different languages spoken across our children and families. We would like to continue to celebrate the different languages and cultures across the school. If you speak a different language to English and would like to come and teach the children some in an assembly or to a class one story time, please contact the school office.

Make the Rules Day – Friday 13th October



On Friday 13th October the children get to 'Make' the rules for one day! The children can 'make' one or more pre-approved rules from our list and pay 50p for each rule (max. £5 for 'making' ten rules).

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Useful Upcoming Dates

Wed 4th Oct	Inclusion Coffee Morning – 09:00-10:00 in School Hall (flyer further down)
Thu 5th Oct	Harvest Festival Party Lunch (for all children in Year R-2 and nursery children who normally have a school lunch on a Thursday)
Fri 6th Oct	PTA Parent Social with a 90s/00s theme
Tue 10th Oct	Owl Class Assembly at 9am (Owl class parents/carers welcome to attend)
Tue 10th Oct	PTA Fireworks tickets on sale from 8pm via WFIS PTA Website
Thu 12th Oct	Kingfisher Class assembly at 9am (Kingfisher class parents/carers welcome to attend)
Mon 16th - Thu 19th Oct	Harvest Festival donations for Epsom & Ewell Foodbank
Thu 19th Oct	Year 1 & Year 2 from 2:45pm – 3:05pm 'Sharing our learning'
Fri 20th Oct	INSET Day (School & Nursery closed)
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct	Half Term (School & Nursery closed)
Fri 27th Oct	Deadline to submit e-consent for flu nasal vaccinations (please see letter emailed to parents/carers of children in Years R-2)
Mon 30th Oct	Winter uniform for children in Reception – Year 2
Mon 30th Oct	Individual school photographs (all children in full uniform please)
Tue 31st Oct	Year 1 trip to Gatton Park
Wed 1st Nov	Year 2 trip to Gatton Park
Thu 2nd Nov	Nasal Flu vaccinations for children in Year R – 2
Sun 5th Nov	PTA Fireworks (tickets on sale 8pm Tue 10th Oct via WFIS PTA Website)
Mon 6th Nov	Behaviour Policy Workshop led by Miss Kelly – details forthcoming
Thu 23rd Nov	Year 2 trip to Natural History Museum (letter to follow)

Please click here to go to the school calendar for future dates.

Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is extremely important and we monitor this closely. If your child is absent from school for an unauthorised reason, you may be liable for a penalty notice issued by Surrey County Council.

Please find below links to some useful information regarding our attendance policy based on *Department for Education* guidance. Please take the time to read this policy and watch the presentation.

Attendance Policy

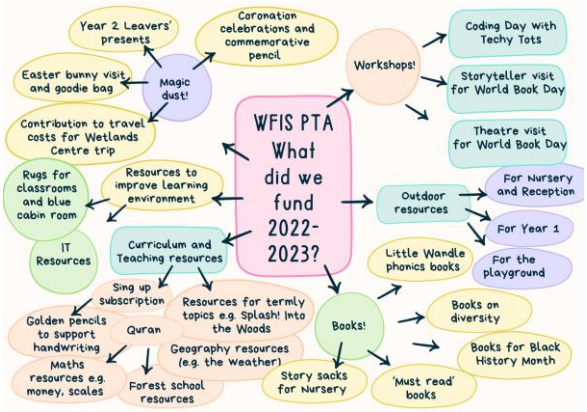
Working Together to Improve School Attendance (slides)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every student, every day

PTA Updates

WFIS PTA AGM and review of the year 2022-2023

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM (please see the minutes here). We are delighted that the PTA raised over £21,000 last year and spent approx. £22,500 on improving the children's learning experiences in school. Not only that, we have made amazing memories of school fairs and events the children will always carry with them. This couldn't happen without your support so thank you to everyone who played a part. You make a huge difference!



Meet the Committee 2023-2024

We are delighted that the following people have been elected for 2023-2024:

We are always looking for more volunteers to join us! No matter how much or how little time you can spare, there is a way to get involved. Everyone has skills to offer from graphic design to gardening; from events management to balancing the books; from wrapping gifts to handing out flyers. Could you help? What skills are you able to offer? Please get in touch on wfispta@gmail.com to find out how you can help enrich your children's learning experiences in school.

PTA MEETING THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 8PM VIA ZOOM

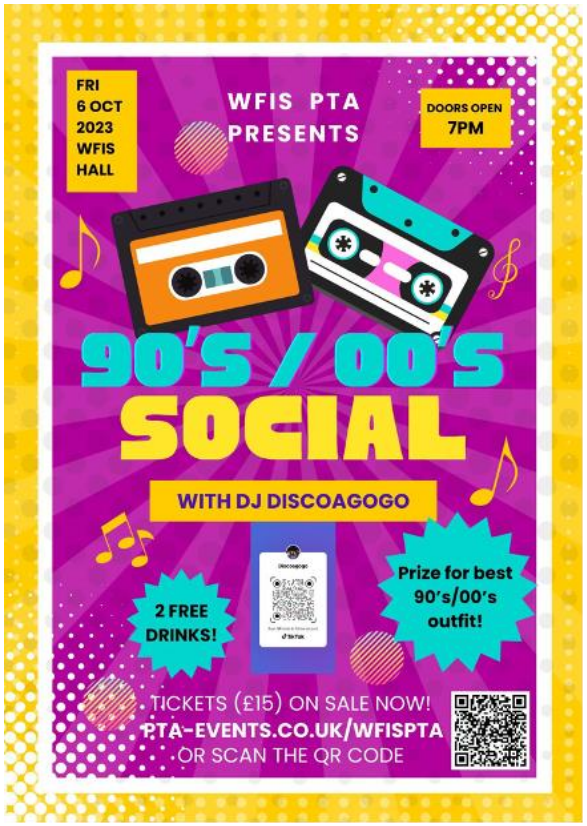
Do you want to hear about all the fabulous events and activities we have planned? Would you like to have your say in how the PTA allocates funds to improve the children's learning experiences? Do you have an amazing idea for an event or otherwise want to get involved?

Join our next meeting on Thursday 12 October at 8pm via zoom. Please email wfispta@gmail.com for login details and to receive the agenda.

Our children 'make the rules' on Friday 13 October!

PARENT SOCIAL

Don't forget to get your tickets for the next PARENT SOCIAL!



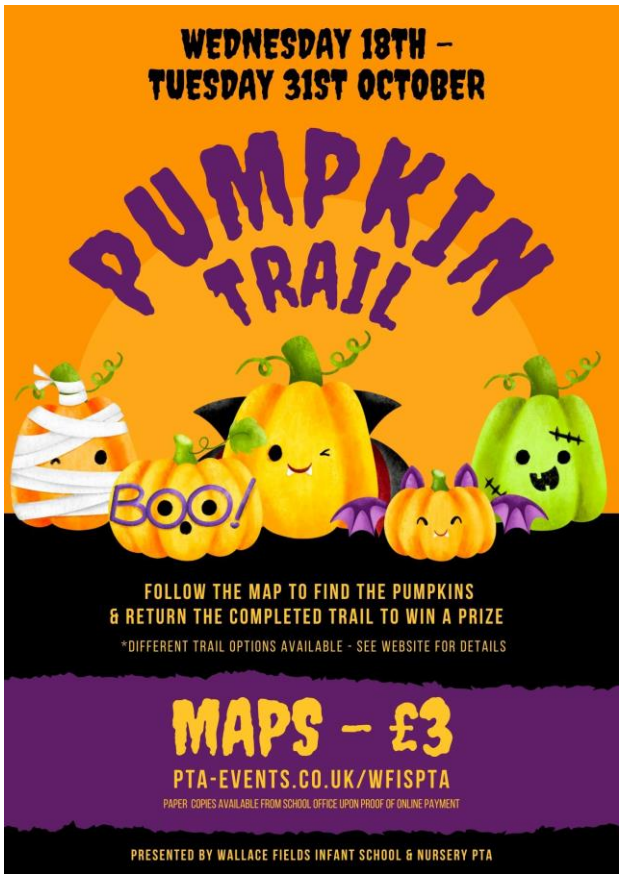
Step back in time with the very best tunes from the 90s and 00s, with DJ Discoagogo, who has kindly donated £100 of their fee to the PTA.

Your ticket includes two drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic options available) and there will be a cash/card bar available.

We highly recommend dressing in your 90s/00s gear! Prize for the best 90s/00s outfit.

Have the best fun while helping to raise much-needed funds for the children in school.

The Pumpkin Trail is back!



QR CODE TO PTA EVENTS

Your one-stop shop for tickets to the 90s/00s parent social, pumpkin trail maps, pre-loved uniform, fireworks tickets, make the rules day donations and so much more!

WFIS PTA and WFJS PTA Fireworks Night

Our super-popular **Fireworks Night on Sunday 5 November**, led by Jade Dodd and Kelly Tebbs, looks set to be another great event.

HUGE THANKS to all those who have signed up for volunteer slots. VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY ACCESS TO BUY TICKETS ON TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER AT 8PM.

Please ensure you are registered on the PTA Events website and that you have opted IN to receive emails. Please note that if you cannot fulfil your volunteer slot your tickets will be at risk.

Remaining tickets will go on general sale on Tuesday 10 October at 8pm.

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH

MAIN

HOT DOG
OR
MEAT-FREE HOT DOG V
WITH CHIPS &
BAKED BEANS

PUDDING

CHOCOLATE COOKIE V

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HOW MUCH DO THE HOLIDAY CLUBS COST?

ACTIVITY PACKAGE	DAILY	WEEKLY (5% DISCOUNT)
Standard Activity Day – 10.00am to 4.00pm	£25.50	£117.30 (Save £10.20)
Standard Activity Day with AM Extension – 8.15am to 4.00pm	£27.50	£126.50 (Save £11.00)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension – 10.00am to 6.00pm	£27.50	£126.50 (Save £11.00)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension – 8.15am to 6.00pm	£28.50	£131.10 (Save £11.40)

8% DISCOUNT on Full Week Bookings

WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE HOLIDAY CLUBS OPEN?

	VENUE	OCTOBER 2023	CHRISTMAS 2023	FEBRUARY 2024
Berkshire	Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	The Heights Primary School, Caversham	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
Hampshire	Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Portway Infant School, Andover	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Court Moor School, Fleet	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Hook Infant School, Hook	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Liphook Junior School, Liphook	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Richmond & Kingston	Castle Hill Primary School, Chessington	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	King Athelstan Primary School, Kingston	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	The Vineyard School, Richmond Hill	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	Teddington Sports Centre, Teddington	23rd to 27th October	CLOSED	12th to 16th February
	Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	23rd to 27th October	CLOSED	12th to 16th February
Surrey	Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Busbridge Junior School, Godalming	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	St. Joseph's Primary School, Guildford	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	Shottermill Junior School, Haslemere	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Danetree Primary School, West Ewell	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Manby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Knaphill Lower School, Woking	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February

* Siblings only

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE ★ OUTSTANDING QUALITY ★ UNLIMITED FUN

Inclusion Coffee Morning

WALLACE FIELDS

9am–10am
Wednesday 4th October 2023

Focus: After School Restraint Collapse In Children

Does your child finish school and instantly become extremely upset, seemingly out of nowhere? Would you like to learn a little more about After School Restraint Collapse?

If so please join Mrs Smith in the school hall on Wednesday 4th October to learn more.

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024.**

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at **surreycc.gov.uk/admissions** or you can call us on **0300 200 1004.**

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online
between
30 October 2023
and 15 January 2024

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KidsQuest

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Dear KidsQuest Parents and Carers,

Friday 14th July 2023

The children have been talking about and exploring what pet they would like to have at home. Some of the children have also explored what it would be like to look after bigger animals they may have seen at a Zoo and more exotic animals. As the season is changing, we have begun to explore autumnal themes using paint, playdough and natural objects. We will continue to experiment using autumnal colours to make creative pieces of artwork next week.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend.

Miss Golding, Miss Kelly and the KidsQuest Team.

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