



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 3rd November 2023



We hope you all had a wonderful half term! This term we have lots of events planned including our choir singing at the Ewell Yule on Friday the 8th December we would love to see as many of our school community there supporting the choir, there are lots of other family events at Ewell Yule taking place too. We hope you have all managed to book your parents evening slot, if you haven't done this already, please do so; this is a chance for teachers to discuss your child's progress and next steps across the curriculum. Please note this year, teachers will be verbally sharing your child's targets with you, we will provide some note paper for you to take notes. If you are attending a virtual session please have a pen and paper at hand!

This week we had a successful class rep meeting, thank you to our reps who have given their time to fulfil this role. Please do read the minutes when these are made available for some important information. As you will see we now have our fencing complete thank you for your patience while the finishing touches have been made, I am sure you will agree they are looking very smart! We are looking forward to a jam packed half term of learning, we have had some lovely feedback from parents regarding our 'Sharing our learning' at the end of last half term and look forward to engaging with parents further for the rest of the academic year.

Children are heard reading every week by staff and volunteers in school. As per our home school agreement we ask that parents/carers read with their child daily and add an entry to their yellow reading diary. Reading with your child may involve them reading you the book, practising phonics flashcards, you reading a passage and asking them questions so children can demonstrate their understanding. Over the next two weeks teachers will be adding reminder stickers to reading diaries to ensure parents are reading daily with their child. We thank you for your support.

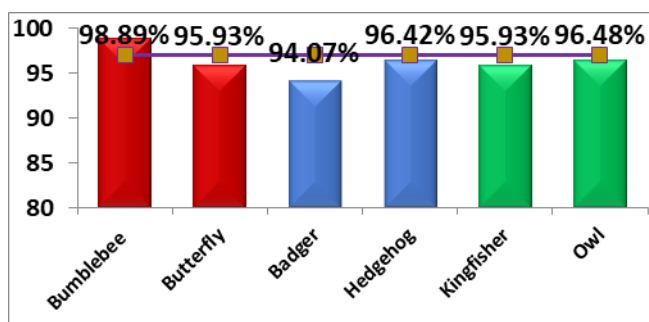
Mrs Muir – Headteacher

WFIS Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school regularly

WFIS Attendance (%) Fortnight Ending 19.10.23

Overall School Attendance: 96.28%



Class Attendance Trophy

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





Nursery

During carpet time, Big Stars discovered the Gruffalo was missing. The children lined up in pairs and went to different locations to see if they could find the Gruffalo. The children were encouraged to use our word aware words 'through' when on our Gruffalo hunt.



Reception

This week we are focusing on The Three Little Pigs. We have been busy making collages of the three little pigs' houses using sticks, straw, and printed bricks with paint on which has been great fun! We have also been challenged by Miss Matthews to write some CVC words. Miss Matthews has been very impressed with our segmenting and letter formations!





Year One

This week in Year 1 we learnt an exciting new skill during our amazing trip to Gatton Park. We all had the opportunity to make necklaces using wood that we cut using a saw. We learnt how to use the saw responsibly by wearing a glove and holding onto the wood to keep it sturdy. We then had the opportunity to decorate our necklaces by adding lots of colour!



Year Two

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Gatton Park this week! We got muddy in forest school by exploring the mud kitchen and water play. We sawed wood and made beautiful necklaces, and decorated trees with fairy items and clay faces! Later in the day we were given story quest boxes, and we explored the enchanted gardens on a mission to find the lost characters! We had a great day and luckily the weather held out!



Harvest Festival Donations

This year we continued our annual support of Epsom & Ewell Foodbank through our Harvest Festival collection. Families generously donated much needed items from the foodbank's wish list and these were delivered to the foodbank directly by our staff. We are absolutely thrilled that we managed to collect a whopping 94.4KG which equates to 91 meals for those in need. Thank you to everybody who was able to contribute towards this fantastic cause.



Staff Spotlight

I have been at Wallace Fields Infant and Nursery school for over 20 years, after joining as a Year One class teacher in 2002. During this time, I have taught across all the year groups from Nursery up to Year 2 and have led most subject areas, my favourite being Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development. After two maternity leaves, I returned to the school on a part time basis, continuing in a class teacher based role as a job share and then in later years as a non class based member of the Senior Leadership Team. During this time I also enjoyed mentoring many trainee teachers which led to me taking on the role of a student school supervisor at Roehampton University, which I continue to do alongside my Wallace Fields role.

Currently I work part time at Wallace Fields as part of the Senior Leadership team with my main focus being the development of our Nursery provision and as a support tutor for the Surrey South Farnham SCITT programme. One of the things I enjoy about my role is how varied it is! My day can involve leading our morning Nursery training meeting, supporting and settling children, meeting with the Leadership team to set our priorities for the week, working in the nursery, induction of new staff, working with the office team on Nursery communication, planning and monitoring with the Nursery teachers and much more! People often ask me why I have stayed at Wallace Fields and do I not need a new challenge, but I have never felt like I have needed to leave Wallace Fields to have this. Put simply, Wallace Fields never stands still! Every year there are new initiatives to implement, new research to consider and every member of staff that joins the team brings something new to the school to learn from. But, the main reason I love Wallace Fields is the people. It is a special place to be, made by the whole school community including staff, children and their families.



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

Spotty Mufti Friday 17th November

On Friday 17th November, we invite all children to come to school wearing spotty mufti in return for a £1 donation to support this fantastic charity. Please hand donations in cash to your child's teacher at drop-off on the day. Children should bring a suitable coat for the weather.

For those children who have PE on this day, please ensure they are wearing something they can do PE in, and they should wear their normal school trainers on this day.



Poppy Appeal

Year 2 children will be selling poppies in the front playground during morning drop-off from Monday 6th – Friday 10th November. This year we have stick-on paper poppies (no pin), classic poppies (with a pin), reflective clip-on poppies (great for book bags), and silicone wrist bands in a variety of colours. Please do bring some cash if you would like to purchase any of the poppy appeal products. Parents/carers are also welcome to come to the school office to purchase poppy appeal items during our office hours (08:30 – 15:30).



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 [click here](#) to read our new policy.

[Behaviour Policy](#)

Golden Tickets

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners!



Well done to **Sophia D, Mia B, Willow TF, Zac M, Jake T, Louie BS, Harriet S, Emilia K, Jonah Y, Sophie S, Nell C and Sofia T** who won a golden ticket for their efforts and achievements!

Keep up the great work everyone!



'Dealing with Difficult Emotions' Workshop 14th November – Ewell



Dealing with Difficult Emotions with Home Start





Does your child get anxious and overwhelmed easily? Do they exhibit angry outbursts and meltdowns? Are they clingy or do they find separation tricky? Difficult behavior is always led by difficult emotions.

We are all emotional beings and sometimes these emotions can be overwhelming. This workshop helps to address these emotions and teaches ways to manage and express emotions safely.

Booking is essential. Please call 020 8337 7310 Option 1 or Email: cc.office@ewellfamilycentre.com

- **When?** Tuesday 14th November 10.00 – 12.00
- **Where?** Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, West Ewell, KT19 0JP





Lesley Lane has kindly shared the details to the 'Dealing with Difficult Emotions' workshop. This workshop is all about how to emotionally regulate, manage difficult emotions, and recognise how we as parents manage our own emotions. A very useful workshop for all of us. Please use the information on the flyer to book if this is of interest.

Useful Upcoming Dates

Sun 5 th Nov	PTA Fireworks Event
Mon 6 th Nov	Behaviour Policy Workshop led by Miss Kelly at 09:00
Tue 7 th Nov	Reception local visits to Alexandra Park
Fri 17 th Nov	Spotty Mufti – Children in Need £1 Donation
Mon 20 th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings (in person) 15:30 – 19:30
Tue 21 st Nov	Reception Parent Teacher Meetings (Virtual) 15:30 – 17:00
Wed 22 nd Nov	Year 2 Parent Teacher Meetings (Virtual) 15:30 – 17:00
Thu 23 rd Nov	Year 1 Parent Teacher Meetings (Virtual) 15:30 – 17:00
Thu 23 rd Nov	Year 2 trip to Natural History Museum (4.30pm return)
Sun 3 rd Dec	PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 11 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance – Year 1 parents welcome to attend arrival from 09:00
Tue 12 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance – Year 2 parents welcome to attend arrival from 09:00
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 13 th Dec	Reception Christmas performance – Parent/Carers welcome to attend arrival from 09:00
Wed 13 th Dec	Big Stars Christmas performance - Parent/Carers welcome to attend arrival from 10:45
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Lunch

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 \(slides\)](#)





Reading for Pleasure at Home



Well done to those of you who tried our spooky reading challenge at home! We love this picture of Bea C in Reception, reading her Funnybones book dressed as a witch!

As so many of you have wonderful furry family members at home, we challenge you to pick a book you love and read it to them! Were your pets well behaved when they were listening? What did they think of your book? Take some pictures of this interaction and see who makes our newsletter next week!



Flu Vaccination



Well done and sincere thank you to all those that responded to the Flu Vaccination invitation. At 95%, Wallace Fields Infant School had one of the highest return rates in Surrey. The nurses were extremely appreciative of your support.

For those that were absent or declined the vaccination on the day, you are now able to book an appointment for your child to have their flu vaccination at a clinic. Please use the same link and school ID (www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk / SR143001) to book your child's appointment.

Behaviour Policy Workshop 6th November at 09:00

WFIS have further developed a new policy to continue to promote the excellent standards of behaviour. Please do come along to our workshop on **Monday 6th November at 09:00** to hear about the latest research and rationale behind the updates.



WFIS & Nursery and WFJS PTA Fireworks Night this Sunday

We can't wait to see you all on the field on Sunday! Come along from 4.30pm to beat the queues and enjoy the atmosphere. Come hungry because our new Hot Dog & Chilli Station will be the best place to grab a bowl to warm you up ready for the big display (veggie options available)!

Please note that the event is sold out and there will not be any tickets available to buy on the night. There is limited parking and all access roads must be kept clear, so please come by foot if you can. Please park all scooters and bikes in the scooter park at the front of the Infant school. We ask that no one brings their own seating, fireworks, pets or sparklers. These will not be permitted onsite.



Have you started your Christmas shopping already?



If you're shopping the Black Friday sales, please remember to use easyfundraising!

Over 7,500 brands will donate to the PTA for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations no matter what you're buying – whether that's gadgets, electricals, games consoles, toys, clothes, gifts or anything else!

These donations make a BIG difference to the children in school and don't cost you anything extra, so please keep the PTA in mind while you're grabbing a bargain.

Please sign up and help us raise more at:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wfispta/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=email&utm_medium=social&utm_content=blackfriday-email1

WALLACE FIELDS INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAVE
THE DATE



3 DECEMBER
1 - 3 PM

Festive fun for all the family!

TOMBOLA
CHRISTMAS GAMES
LETTERS TO SANTA
REINDEER FOOD STATION
MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTO

REFUEL WITH CHRISTMAS
TREATS FROM OUR
CAFE/BAR



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Firework and bonfire safety



Advice from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

Firework and bonfire evenings provide great entertainment, providing everyone follows the right safety procedures and remembers that fireworks can be dangerous if not used correctly.

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service recommend that the safest way to enjoy these activities is to attend a professionally organised event. If you are having your own celebration please use common sense and follow our advice to avoid injuries or damage to your property.

Fireworks are a great way to celebrate, but please remember important advice:

- Only buy fireworks from a reputable supplier, and ensure they carry a CE or UKCA mark.
- Store fireworks in a sealed metal container
- Keep children and pets a safe distance away from fireworks and away from lighters

- Be aware of wind direction and ensure you have sufficient space to set them off
- Never go back to them once they are lit. Even if a firework hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Respect your neighbours, let them know so they can keep pets indoors.

Bonfires

Bonfires are a popular event to host this time of year, and can be a great way to spend time with family and friends as long as they are held safely. Please keep everyone safe this Autumn and:

- Don't use flammable liquids to start a bonfire
- Only burn untreated wood, not painted items, or dangerous materials such as furniture or aerosol cans
- Keep bonfires a manageable size and clear a 10meter zone around the area from foliage.
- Never leave bonfires unattended, keep a bucket of water or hosepipe nearby in case of emergency.

Enjoy bonfire night and firework celebrations this Autumn, and remember, in an emergency always call 999. Find more information on safety around fireworks and bonfires on the [seasonal fire safety web page](#).



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Is your child starting school in September 2024?



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**





KidsQuest



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Dear KidsQuest Parents and Carers,

Friday 3rd November 2023

After half-term the children have been very excited about Halloween and have enjoyed making a variety of pumpkin pictures and spooky Lego buildings.

Next week we will be reflecting on bonfire night and will be making firework arts and crafts.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend.

Ms Bowyer and Miss Kelly and the KidsQuest Team.

