



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 17th November 2023



This week we have celebrated anti bullying week with the theme 'Make a Noise', encouraging children to speak out about bullying. Children revisited our anti bullying policy and the definition of bullying which can all be found next to the Poppy Appeal thank you box below in our newsletter. To start anti bullying week, we had a whole school assembly about kindness on National Kindness Day. Kindness is our key value for the month of November, and teachers across the school are looking out for children who are displaying this value in all that they do.

We have also had a 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assembly. Children revisited the children's version of our child protection policy, found out about the Childline service, and talked about trusted adults they can turn to if they have a worry. I have seen lots of fantastic learning across the school this week. Creative modelling in Reception, colour mixing to create different shades in Year 2 and some great recount pieces of writing from Year 1. We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Male who has completed her Masters level 'National SENDCO Award' qualification. We now have three qualified SENDCOs in the school with a wealth of experience Mrs Smith, Mrs Male and myself!

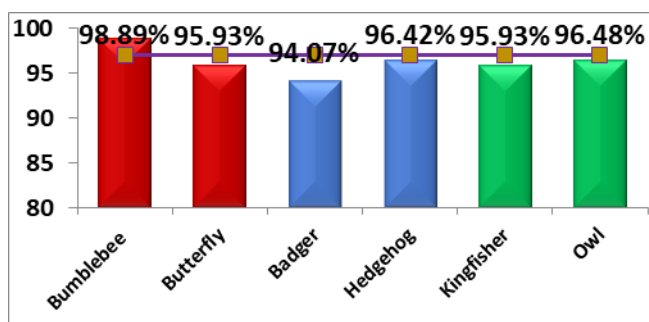
Mrs Muir – Headteacher

WFIS Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school regularly

WFIS Attendance (%) Fortnight Ending 19.10.23

Overall School Attendance: 94.95%



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

This week Big Stars have been learning about the story 'Little Red Riding Hood'. They have been exploring ABAB patterns and printing with forks to make flowers.



Reception

In Butterfly Class, a few of us were scientists during Discovery. We wondered whether water would travel faster or slower as we move the pipe higher/ lower. We set up the experiment making sure that we used the same amount of water each time, and also used a stopwatch to time how long the water took to travel down the pipe. We had lots of fun being scientists!





Year One

In keeping with our termly topic 'Into the woods' this week in Hedgehog class we used natural materials to make crowns. In P.E we have been creating our own dance using actions and pathways whilst keeping in time to the beat of the music.



Year Two

We have really enjoyed finding treasure in forest school and working collaboratively and matching animals to their habitats in science lessons this week.





Staff Spotlight Hilary Walker



I started work at WFIS 15 years ago as an AT. The first teacher I worked with was Mrs Muir in Year 1. Since then, I've worked in every year group from Reception to Year 2.

I have loved all the years I've worked here. WFIS is a very special place. I love the team spirit as well as the children's enthusiasm to learn.

Over the past 5 years I have particularly enjoyed working with Year 2 children on their performances in the Epsom and Ewell Dance Festival. Their commitment is always amazing and can be seen by all as they dance on the stage at Epsom Playhouse.

Another of my great loves is keeping fit. I have been teaching dance aerobics classes in the evening for the last 28 years. Since Easter there has been the opportunity to join me on a Friday morning for WFIS Fitness Fridays, something I look forward to every week. Do come and join on a Friday (weather dependant)!



Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day – Fri 15th December



The children will be enjoying a special Christmas lunch on Friday 15th December (please see menu at the end of the newsletter).

On this day we are also inviting children to wear their Christmas jumpers with their normal uniform (or PE kit if Friday is their PE day).

If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like them to have a school lunch, please complete our questionnaire **no later than Monday 20th November**:

<https://forms.office.com/e/uK1fWdRd11and>

Unfortunately, nursery children who do not normally stay for lunch on a Friday will not be able to have the Christmas lunch due to staff ratios.



WFIS Has Got Talent!

Please bear with us while we work with our new website team to update this section. Please do keep sending through your children's achievements as we are saving these on file ready to publish.



coming soon!

Behaviour Workshop Slides

Following Miss Kelly's behaviour workshop please click [here](#) to find the slides.



Anti-Bullying Week



Value of
the
Month

This week the children have been 'Making a Noise About Bullying'. In assembly the children have been learning about teasing and how,

if teasing is repeated, this is considered bullying. For those who would like view our assembly slides click [here](#) or our anti bullying policy please click [here](#).

Poppy Appeal Thank you

A big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful Year 2 children – Alma T, Eileen A, Amelia S and Nathaniel EO – for their commitment in selling our wonderful array of Poppy merchandise. Our donation pots were feeling very heavy when returning them to The Royal British Legion. They were so grateful for our efforts. Well done everyone!



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 **Oli D, Grace F, Mukori F, Danyal I, Luke K, Sofia B, Flora G, Krish M, Seren F, Ethan F, Harry B and Brooke O** who won a golden ticket for their efforts and achievements!

Keep up the great work everyone!



Reading for Pleasure at Home



Thank you to Willow from Hedgehog Class for sharing this wonderful picture of her reading to her cat Benji!

This week we would love to see you turn your favourite books into plays! Can you recall what happens in your favourite book and create a little drama show for your friends and family? Perform for them and see if they can guess which story you have dramatised!

We would love to see you trying out our reading for pleasure activities at home, so take pictures and send them into the office!

Useful Upcoming Dates

Mon 20th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings (in person, booking closed) 15:30 – 19:30
Tue 21st Nov	Reception Parent Teacher Meetings (virtual, booking closed) 15:30 – 17:00
Wed 22nd Nov	Year 2 Parent Teacher Meetings (Virtual, booking closed) 15:30 – 17:00
Thu 23rd Nov	Year 1 Parent Teacher Meetings (Virtual, booking closed) 15:30 – 17:00
Thu 23rd Nov	Year 2 trip to Natural History Museum (16:30 return)
Fri 24th Nov	PTA Pop-up Café, after drop-off in the hall.
Mon 27th Nov	Sweets and Chocolate donations for Christmas Fair
Tue 28th Nov	Sweets and Chocolate donations for Christmas Fair
Wed 29th Nov	Deadline for Colouring competition entries (via PTA Post Box)
Thu 30th Nov	Book donations for Christmas Fair (In good condition)
Fri 1st Dec	Bring a bottle Mufti for Christmas Fair
Sun 3rd Dec	PTA Christmas Fair 13:00 -15:00
Mon 11th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance – Year 1 parents invited, arrival from 09:00
Tue 12th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance – Year 2 parents invited, arrival from 09:00
Wed 13th Dec	Reception Christmas performance – Reception parents invited, arrival from 09:00
Wed 13th Dec	Big Stars Christmas performance – Big Stars parents invited, arrival from 10:45
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Party Lunch
Fri 15th Dec	End of term: 13:15 Main school, 15:30 Nursey & 16:30 KidsQuest

You can now subscribe to our school calendar via our website. Please [click here](#) to view our calendar, and click 'Subscribe' to sync the calendar with your own device.

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 \(slides\)](#)



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Diwali Festival of light



Last week, we celebrated Diwali, the festival of light. Diwali is an important celebration in Hinduism, and it symbolises the triumph of good over evil. We took part in Indian dancing, made diya lamps, and dressed up in traditional clothing. We also were extremely lucky to have Mrs Chhatralia (Aarya's mum from Hedgehog Class) in for a special assembly all about Diwali. Aarya did a fantastic job helping her mum in the assembly, and the children learnt so much new information about the special celebration. We learnt that Diwali is celebrated by Hindu people as well as Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists. We also learnt that Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' and is celebrated in lots of different ways; they visit the Temple, have fireworks, do rangoli, clean and tidy and have a family feast. We are so grateful for Aarya and her mum for this special assembly.



PTA Updates

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR on Sunday 3 December 1-3pm!

It is that magical time of year again and the PTA Elves are busy planning a fantastic afternoon of festive activities at the PTA Christmas Fair. This is a great event for all the family and what better way to begin your Christmas celebrations.

Most of the stalls and the Café/bar will be in the hall and you and your children can enjoy our festive games and crafts in a familiar environment. Re-fuel with a hot chocolate and a treat (or something stronger!) before you visit Santa himself in our Grotto (pre-booked slots only).



PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR BY DONATING SOME GOODIES!

We are looking for donations of the following for the Christmas Fair:



Mon 27th and Tues 28th November:

SWEETS AND CHOCOLATES (individually wrapped and nut-free)



Thurs 30th November:

PRE-LOVED BOOKS (in good condition)



Fri 1st November:

Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing a BOTTLE FOR THE TOMBOLA (wine, beer, soft drinks, bubble bath etc.)

Tubs will be out at the school gate at drop off and pick up in the week of the Fair, or you can bring your donations to the school office.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Pop up Café and uniform sale next Friday 24 November

Join us for a cuppa, homemade treat and a chat before you get on with your day. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle, as well as tokens to spend at the Christmas Fair (so you can avoid queues on the day of the Fair)!



POP-UP CAFE AND UNIFORM SALE!
Friday 24 November

Join us in the school hall after drop off.
Little ones welcome!

PTA MEETING THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 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? We welcome everyone to get involved!

Join our next meeting on Thursday 23 November at 8pm via zoom. Please email wfispta@gmail.com for login details and to receive the agenda.

HELP MAKE IT MAGICAL BY VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR!

As with all PTA Events, the PTA elves need your help to make sure the children have a magical day.

Can you help us set up on the morning of the fair, man a stall, sell raffle tickets or welcome visitors at the entrance?

Most slots are only 30 minutes long and children love to help!

Show your children your support for their school and their community and be part of the team that makes the magic happen.

Please sign up for a slot at www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta (scroll down for the volunteer slots and you can sign up with one click!)

Or simply scan the QR Code



Christmas Colouring Competition!

Look out in your child's book bag for the Christmas colouring competition sheet. Once your child has completed their colouring, please write their name and class **ON THE BACK OF THE SHEET** and return it to the PTA Post Box (next to Kingfisher class) **TOGETHER WITH 50P** by Wednesday 29th December.

All submissions will be reviewed by Mrs Muir. A winner for each class will be awarded a prize at the Christmas Fair (just before the raffle draw)!

Christmas Raffle!

We have **lots of amazing prizes** to be won in our Christmas Raffle, including:

Silent Pool Gin Distillery Tour and Tasting

Entry to **Bocketts Farm** Park

A three hour home organising, styling or personal shopping session with **A Simple Life**

One month of **Star-tastic Gymnastics**

One month of **Powerhouse Parkour**

Free trial at **Stagecoach** Epsom Early stages

£20 voucher for **Cook Food**

Box of wines from **Naked Wines**

One month of **Absolute Martial Arts**

Ben's Butchery voucher

And many more!

Look out for the books of raffle tickets coming home in the book bags. **Please fill in and return your raffle ticket stubs and money** to the PTA Post Box (next to Kingfisher class) by Friday 1 December. You can also pay online at www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta (or simply scan the QR code).

The raffle draw will take place at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 3 December in the school hall at 2.30pm. **Good luck!**



WALLACE FIELDS

Infant School & Nursery

Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery are looking to appoint Governors and Chair of Governors

Do you know someone who is retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity?

Do you know someone who works in a corporate organisation offering Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV), also known as Corporate Volunteering, where the organisation's employees take paid time off to volunteer during work hours?

Does your company offer you the opportunity to take time off to volunteer?

The Board of Directors at [South Farnham Educational Trust \(SFET\)](#) have delegated certain functions to be locally managed, which means that the [Local Governing Board of WFIS & Nursery](#) has general responsibility for the effective management of the school, allowing individual pupil needs to be met effectively. Local Governors target resources and develop the nature and character of the school to effectively meet the needs and wishes of parents, children and teachers.

The Governing Body 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 by volunteering their time.

The Local Governing Board meet every other month during the academic year to discuss a wide range of school issues. Each Governor has an area of responsibility and the role of a Governor gives volunteers an opportunity to become involved with the life of the school and local community.

To find out more about our Governing Body please click [here](#).

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact the Clerk sconstantino@sfet.org.uk



Twelve15

Christmas Menu December 2023

MAINS

Roast British Turkey with Chipolata Sausage
Or

Quorn Fillet with Meat Free Chipolata Sausage
Served with Roast Potatoes, Peas,
Baby Carrots and Gravy

DESSERT

Festive Shortbread



Don't miss out on Christmas Dinner
- reserve your child's meal now via
the School Office

TEAM TWELVE15 WISHES YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS



NSPCC

With Christmas fast approaching and children receiving gifts that are able to access the internet, you may

be interested in an upcoming workshop for parents/carers.

The internet's a great place for children to learn, create, chat with friends and family, access information or

keep them safe online.

support and explore fun apps, sites and games. But exploring comes with risks, so it's vital we know how to

That's why we'd like to invite you to join our FREE workshop: 'Keeping children safe online'.

Our workshop will:

- Help you understand how children experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

Join us for the FREE virtual workshop. You can attend in-person and be part of the virtual workshop at Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery or attend virtually following the Zoom link provided below.

Date: 12th December 2023

Time: 6pm-7pm

Zoom Link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313?pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUIMSUxOdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313

Passcode: 307249

Please respond to let us know if you'll be attending virtually or in-person for the virtual workshop by completing this [form](#) by 8th December 2023.

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STARTS FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER!**

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24TH - 27th NOVEMBER!

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YOU ARE INVITED TO...



Ewell Village
High Street

Friday 8th
December

5pm - 8.30pm

Follow
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on
Instagram

Festive fun
for all the
family

Late night
shopping
Market Stalls
Children's rides
Festive food &
drink

Visit Santa at
Greenfields
Scavenger Hunt
Entertainment

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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
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KidsQuest



NEWSLETTER

Dear KidsQuest Parents and Carers,

Friday 17th November 2023

This week the children have enjoyed making fireworks with a range of materials. We also opened a nail salon for the day using paint and creating beautiful, coloured nails.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend.

Ms Bowyer and Miss Kelly and the KidsQuest Team.

