

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Even though it has been a short week, the children at Wray Common have wasted no time in getting back to work after the Christmas Holidays. Year 2 have become time travellers for this half term and came to school on Wednesday dressed as people from the past. During this half term the children will learn about some significant historical figures, including Florence Nightingale and Christopher Columbus and will time travel in their Tardis to various points in time to make comparisons with life in the past to life today.



MISSION TO MARS



On Wednesday morning the children in Year 5 literally 'launched' themselves into their new topic, 'Mission to Mars', by dressing in space costumes and writing a letter of application to become a member of Star Fleet Wray Common. They had to consider the necessary qualities to become an astronaut and also took part in some collaborative activities communicating with mission control. During this term, the children will work as historians and use their research skills to find out about the history of the exploration of Mars and, as scientists, they will be investigating the solar system.



Year 5 also ventured into Space during their P.E. lesson on Wednesday and trailed the galaxy looking for space objects. Atmospheric lighting and space music helped the space explorers on their mission to clean up the galaxy.



HAS ANYONE SEEN MY PARROT?



Stop press! Captain Pugwash has been found, but Percy, the captain's beloved parrot has now gone missing! The captain came into school this morning to enlist the

help of the Year 1 children in finding Percy. He showed the children a photograph and some of Percy's feathers so that they can now write an accurate description of Percy and hopefully find him.



RANGERS REPORT

Welcome back Rangers 2017! Check out our new mosaic in all its glory that is now complete and hanging at the Rangers' entrance. We've got loads planned for this year including the opening of our holiday club at half term. You can find out more information and book online at:-

www.CampGlide.co.uk



SCHOOL CHOIR

Choir starts again next week, so if your child is not already a member and they would like to be, please collect a permission letter from the School Office. Choir is on a Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. sharp. The Surrey Schools Music Festival at Dorking Halls is the next big event in the Choir calendar and rehearsals for this will begin straight away.

HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

Happy New Year!

STEPPINGSTONES - a Sure Start Children's Centre in Earlswood, have their January - March timetable out.

There are some really useful workshops and activities-

- Stay and Play
- Music sessions
- Breast Feeding support
- Paediatric First Aid Courses.

Please see the leaflet in the school office or contact Steppingstones on 01737 780255



SCHOOL SWIMMING

A reminder that school swimming starts again on Monday. The timetable remains the same as last term: 1W and 1B on Monday, 4Sq and 4RW on Tuesday, 2ML and 2E on Wednesday, Year 6 on Thursday and 1S and 4A on Friday. If you are able to help poolside this half term, please let the class teachers know; your help is always gratefully received.



FRIENDS' FUND-RAISING AND COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Friends' committee meeting is on Thursday 12th January at 7:00 p.m. in the Small Hall. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and join us to find out about forthcoming Friends' events.

The next social event and fundraiser is the Quiz Night that is coming up on Saturday the 4th of February. Please see the letter attached to this Newsletter and start getting your teams together. Each year there is a round of questions created by the children of Wray Common, so kids, get your thinking caps on and submit your toughest question on the form provided.



ACADEMY MEETING FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

A reminder that there are two meetings next week regarding our application to become an Academy. The first is on Tuesday 10th January at 4:00 p.m. and the second is on Thursday 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Wray Common School. The same information will be shared at both meetings which will take the format of a short presentation followed by an opportunity for questions. So that we can make arrangements for the meetings, it would be helpful to know how many people are intending to come, so please use the tear off slip at the end of this Newsletter to indicate which meeting you are hoping to attend and then return it to the school office. Thank you.



SCHOOL CLUBS

School led clubs begin w/c 16th January. Letters were sent home yesterday, so please fill in your child's preference and return the slip to the school office so that places can be allocated. The deadline for returning the slip to school is Wed 11th January. Letters are available from the office as are letters for our externally run clubs.

MUSICAL THEATRE

Sophie Chapman will be running her Musical Theatre Club again this term for children in Years 3 and up. Please collect a letter from the school office if your child is interested in joining.

JANUARY 2017		Description	Time
Monday - Friday	09-13	School swimming re-starts (Yrs 1, 2, 4 and 6)	
Tuesday	10	Academy meeting for parents	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	12	Wray Common Sports Crew training Oxted (with Mr Martin)	During school time (Sports Crew only)
		Academy meeting for parents	6:30 p.m.
		Friends' Committee Meeting (Small Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday	16-20	Wray Common school-led clubs start	3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Monday	23	Star Dome Astronomy visiting Year 5 in school	During school time
Wednesday	25	Football County Finals (Year 5 and 6 football team)	During school time
Tuesday	31	1B Class Assembly	2:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY 2017			
Wednesday	01	Reception heights/weights/vision check	During school time
		1S Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		1W Class Assembly	2:30 p.m.
Thursday	02	Reception heights/weights/vision check	During school time
Saturday	04	Friends' Quiz Night	7:30 p.m.
Monday	06	3W Class Assembly	2:40 p.m.
Tuesday	07	3HW Class Assembly	2:40 p.m.
Wednesday	08	Ladybirds (RW) Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		Caterpillars (RK) Class Assembly	2:40 p.m.
Thursday	09	Parent Volunteer Thank You (formerly Parent Pies)	2:15 p.m.
Friday	10	Celebration Medals Assembly	2:20 p.m.
Monday - Friday	13-17	Half Term Holiday	
Monday	20	Return to school	
		New swimming block starts (Rec, Yr3 and Yr 5)	Days and times tbc
Tuesday	28	5M Class Assembly	2:40 p.m.
MARCH 2017			
Wednesday	01	5B Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		5S Class Assembly	2:40 p.m.
Thursday	02	World Book Day	Details to follow
Monday	06	INSET DAY (no school for children)	
Wednesday	08	Friends' Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	14	Parent Consultations (booked time slots)	
Thursday	16	Parent Consultations (booked time slots)	
Monday	20	Friend's Mother's Day Sale (children only)	During school time
Tuesday	21	Sparkfish Easter Journey Year 5	During school time
Wednesday	22	Family Day Assemblies (am)	Details to follow
		Friend's Mother's Day Sale (children only)	During school time
Thursday	23	KS1 and KS2 Discos (Friends event)	Details to follow

Friday	24	Comic Relief Day	Details to follow
Monday	27	4RW Class Assembly	2:40 p.m.
Wednesday	29	Friends' Easter Trail	After School
		4A Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		4Sq Class Assembly	2:40 p.m.
Thursday	30	Arts Soiree	Details to follow
Friday	31	Last Day of Term	1:35 p.m. pick up KS1 1:40 p.m. pick up KS2
APRIL 2017			
	01 Apr- 17 Apr	Easter Holidays	
Tuesday	18	First Day of Summer Term	Normal school times apply

Please find below a timetable of dates for the Wray Common school led clubs for this term.

Wray Common Netball Club (Mondays)

16.01.17	23.01.17	30.01.17	06.02.17	20.02.17
27.02.17	13.03.17	20.03.17	27.03.17	

Wray Common Football Club (Mondays)

16.01.17	23.01.17	30.01.17	06.02.17	20.02.17
27.02.17	13.03.17	20.03.17	27.03.17	

Wray Common Dance Club (Mondays)

16.01.17	23.01.17	30.01.17	06.02.17	20.02.17
27.02.17	13.03.17	20.03.17	27.03.17	

Wray Common Cross Country Club (Wednesdays)

18.01.17	25.01.17	01.02.17	08.02.17	22.02.17
01.03.17	08.03.17	15.03.17	22.03.17	

Wray Common Film Critic Club (Wednesdays)

18.01.17	25.01.17	01.02.17	08.02.17	22.02.17
01.03.17	08.03.17	15.03.17	22.03.17	



Quiz Night Saturday 4th February

When: Saturday 4th February

Where: Large Hall, Wray Common School

Time: 7.30pm sharp – late

Other information: Nibbles, dessert and tea & coffee will be provided, but please bring your own supplies of goodies, drinks, a glass and cash for the raffle!

Tickets £5.00 each

The Annual school QUIZ NIGHT is back!

Make up a team of 6 and be rewarded for the best dressed team or table.

Any queries, offers of assistance or raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Lucy Hill 07977 112924.

Please return this section to the school office with payment by **Friday 27th January 2017** to secure your table. Send cheques, made out to 'Friends of Wray Common,' or cash in a secure envelope marked QUIZ.

Your Name	
Contact Number	
Your Team Name	
Elders Child's name/class	
No. tickets @£5.00 each	
Total enclosed	£

Quiz Night Give us your toughest question!!!



Think of your hardest, smartest question from your class topic and it might be included in the school Quiz night for adults held on Saturday 4th February. All questions go into the draw for a prize.

Here is the main rule – **DON'T TELL YOUR PARENTS YOUR QUESTION.** Please post your question in the box at the school office by **Wednesday 1st February.**

My Name:.....

My Class:.....

My Question:.....
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Answer:.....
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ACADEMY MEETINGS

Please fill in and return to the school office.

NAME:.....

CHILD'S CLASS

I will be attending the Academy Meeting on Tuesday 10th January at 4:00 p.m.

I will be attending the Academy Meeting on Thursday 12th January at 6:30 p.m.