

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

THE HEAT IS ON!



WRAY COMMON SPORTS DAY

We were blessed with warm, fine weather on Monday and Wray Common team spirit was put to the fore as the children took to the field to compete in our annual Sports Day. Our KS1 children were boldly led by our Year 6 Sports Leaders, who in turn were ably assisted by a selection of Year 5 children, and collaboration was the name of the game as the children took part in a range of activities. All of the teams tried their best, but the winners at the end of the morning were **Diamonds**. After a wonderful Family Picnic, it was the turn of our KS2 children to shine. Determination and great team work finally saw **Emeralds** as the winners. The overall winner by just 1 point was **Sapphires!** A big thank you to the Year 9 pupils from St. Bede's who came along to help support our children and a big thank you also to Mr Carter, Mr Martin, Miss Wortley and Mrs Drennan for masterminding the event!



WE'RE GOING ON A BUG HUNT!

Reception walked down to the Holmesdale Natural History Museum on Wednesday this week where they were greeted by History Club members who told them all about the building itself and how it was over 100 years old. They explored two parts of the museum; downstairs they discovered archaeological items such as an old school glass milk bottle and some old belt buckles. In the upstairs rooms, there were lots of treasures to find and the children loved sliding out the wooden drawers to see what was inside. They were filled with different species of butterflies, moths and beetles. After a power snack, they walked back to school for lunch, taking time to rest before their next adventure. Armed with magnifying glasses, bug view finders and nets the children ventured up on to the common. Miss Kelly and Mrs Drennan particularly enjoyed catching the bugs that rained down from the trees as Mr Burgess shook them! If you are interested in local, natural history, please visit the museum's website where they advertise dates for lectures and world heritage days. The children were wonderful ambassadors of the school and demonstrated fantastic characteristics of effective learning through asking questions, exploring, and persevering with challenges like trying to catch a butterfly! Easier said than done!



www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/holmesdale-natural-history-club

WANTED

A PLEA FOR SOCKS, PLIMSOLLS AND TIGHTS FOR KS1

If you have any of these items going spare, please bring them to the school office for distribution to the KS1 classes. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Please come and check through the lost property box before the end of term. Any unclaimed items will be recycled.



RANGERS REPORT



This week the Rangers have been getting very messy making all sorts for the Park Wars. Himalaya are firmly in front with a couple of weeks to go. Can Kruger, Yosemite, or Dartmoor come back to claim the trophy?

Booking goes live for September 2017 on 13th July. Spaces are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



YEAR 6+1 REUNION

We welcomed back our 'old' Year 6 children on Thursday evening this week and, as the photos show, even when you're in Year 7, you're never too old to explore and enjoy the ship wreck and beach zone. The children returned to Wray Common to enjoy an evening of catching up, games and food and it was lovely (if not a little scary) to see how much they have grown and matured in just a year. A big thank you to the Year 6 team and Mrs Tipson for organising this event.



SO LONG, FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

At the end of this term we say farewell to our TA and Senior Midday Supervisor, Mrs Butcher, who is leaving us after 15 years at Wray Common and we thank her for her dedication and the support that she has given to so many of our children.

Mr Bruce is leaving us after two years of amazing music teaching at Wray Common. He is looking forward to his semi retirement and spending some more time with his family. The music teaching across the school has gone from strength to strength and the choir are a definite force to be reckoned with following their expert guidance from their choir master. All that's left for us to say is, 'Thank you for the music', Mr. Bruce!

Ms Anthony is moving on after two years and faces challenges ahead at her new school in New Addington. We would like to thank her for her dedication and the contribution that she has made to our English curriculum. The Film Critic Club was the brainchild of Ms Anthony and many children have developed a love of film through her inspiration.

Mr Solomon has been a class teacher here for two years and is moving to a new teaching position in Mitcham. We would like to wish him well as he takes up his new position and would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication to the Wray Common Football Team whom he led to great success this season.

Mrs Williams is returning to her beloved Scotland after a year with us here in Reception and we would like to thank her for inspiring and developing a love for learning for our youngest children here.

We would like to congratulate Miss Jowsey on her new appointment as a class teacher at a school in Ashted. We thank her for her hard work and dedication in Year 1 and hope that she will come back and visit some time.

Mrs Carter is leaving to spend some more time with her family. She has been a valued member of the Year 1 team and the children have really benefitted from her kind, caring and gentle manner.

Miss Smith is taking on the challenge of training to be a teacher and we thank her for her contribution to Wray Common and wish her well as she continues on her teaching journey.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

Here are details of staffing and classes for September 2017. Your child has been told today who their new teacher will be. They spent some time this afternoon in the classroom where they will be based from September with their new teacher.

Present Class	From September '17	Teacher
NEW	RK (Caterpillars)	Miss Kelly
NEW	RS (Ladybirds)	Miss Stables
NEW	RT (Bumblebees)	Mr Timblich
RK (Caterpillars)	1VG	Mrs Vallis/Mrs Goodwin
RW (Ladybirds)	1W	Miss Wortley
Year 1*	2E	Mrs Edwardes
Year 1*	2M	Miss McCutcheon
Year 1*	2ML	Mrs Musk/Mrs Laing
2E	3HW	Miss H Williams
2ML	3R	Miss Ringwood
3HW	4E	Mrs Ellis
3W	4RW	Miss Rees-Williams
4A	5M	Mrs Morgan
4B	5B	Miss Batchelor
4RW	5W	Miss V Williams
5B	6R	Mrs Roberts
5M	6B	Mrs Brooks
5S	6C	Mr Carter

*A NOTE FOR CURRENT YEAR 1

In line with the guidelines that were published this time last year in Newsletter No. 36: 1st July 2016, our current Year 1 classes have been mixed for the academic year 2017/18. The children have spent some time today with their 'new class'. We are aware that some children may find this change challenging and if you are concerned, please have a discussion with your child's current class teacher so we best support your child in settling into their new class.

Rationale

- To create opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers
- To enable greater social interaction between children as they move through the school
- To ensure that the classes remain balanced in response to starters and leavers and changes in need
- To promote a greater sense of community

Principles

- The arrangements for class mixing are based on the professional judgements of class teachers and the Senior Leadership Team
- We will always consider what is in the best interests of individual children and classes as a whole when making decisions
- We will communicate the criteria for class mixing in an open and transparent way
- We will always consider the happiness and welfare of the children and will take into consideration existing friendship groups when we create new classes

Criteria for Mixing

Classes will be mixed to achieve a good balance according to the following criteria:

- Special educational needs
- Range of social, emotional and personal needs
- Academic attainment and progress
- Learning dynamics
- Friendships
- Gender

Process

- Class teachers bring to mind their knowledge and observations of children learning and playing as well as friendships
- Class teachers across the year group meet to draft new class lists to ensure a good balance with reference to above criteria
- Senior Leadership Team discuss with teachers and edit as appropriate and finalise new class lists
- Children are informed of their new classes
- Parents are informed of change on the same day

OTHER STAFFING NEWS

As well as the new members of staff who are class teachers for next academic year (see above), we will also be welcoming Mrs Venables, our new specialist music teacher. We have two teacher trainees joining the team; Mr Savedra who will be working in 1VG and Mr Burgess who will be working alongside 6C. We will also be welcoming Mrs Hack who will be joining our learning support team. Mrs Froggatt will continue to teach French in school and Mrs Shevel will continue in her role as our Science Leader. Mrs Rebbeck, our 'Achievement For All' teacher returns to us after the October Half Term.

SUMMER FETE
SATURDAY JULY 8TH 11AM - 2PM
1 DAY TO GO

We hope that many of you can join us at tomorrow's Summer Fete; the weather looks promising, so we hope to see you there. There will be lots of things to enjoy including:

- BBQ
- Auction and Raffle
- Various Tombolas
- Craft Stalls
- Performances by the School Choir and the Reigate School of Ballet
- Bouncy castle
- Refreshments and cakes

Thank you to everyone who has already helped in the preparation for the Fete and to those who have volunteered on the big day. Let's hope the children have lots of fun and we raise lots of money for the school.

ICE POP FRIDAY

Don't forget... Fridays mean ice pops! Get yours today after school on the main playground.



DATES FOR W/C 10TH JULY

Mon 10th	Last Netball Club	
Wed 12th	Year 6 Production 'Shakespeare Rocks!'	7:00 p.m.
Thurs 13th	Head and Deputy for the Day	
	Year 6 Production 'Shakespeare Rocks!'	7:00 p.m.

