

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

THIS WEEK ...



Year 2 made a dash for the hills on Monday as Mrs Palmer (from the office) ran into the Hall to tell them that gold had been found and she pointed in the general direction of the swimming pool! Year 2 have been learning all about the Gold Rush of 1896 in the Klondike region of the Yukon in north-western Canada. Their learning about the Gold Rush stemmed from them reading a story called the Klondike Cat by Julie Lawson.

There's
GOLD
In Them
Thar Hills

The Year 2 team wanted to let the children experience the excitement of finding gold for themselves, just as the prospectors had done back in 1896. The children then 'story mapped' The Klondike Cat and wrote similar versions of the story but with their own small, subtle changes - inspired, clearly, by their panning for gold!



YEAR 4 PARENTS GET DOWN AND ARTY

Yesterday we opened our doors to our Year 4 parents and carers, to take part in an *arty afternoon* with their children. The activity was colour mixing to create deep sea images and the children applied their knowledge of the skill that they had learnt earlier this year. The end results will be on display next Friday.



THE PANATHLON CHALLENGE

You may remember back in April, Mr Martin took a team made up of 8 children down to Donyngs to take part in a multi sports event. The team returned triumphant with the Surrey Schools Regional First Place trophy. As a result of this, the team were invited to the Panathlon Challenge finals held at Charterhouse Club, in the beautiful grounds of Charterhouse School on Wednesday this week. The children competed against teams from other schools and demonstrated great collaboration and team spirit. They came away with competitors medals and memories of a special day out. Thank you to Mr Martin and Mrs Morrart for accompanying the children.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 - 2019

Here are details of staffing and classes for September 2018. Your child has been told today who their new teacher will be. They spent some time this afternoon with their new teacher, in the classroom where they will be based from September.

Present Class	From September '18	Teacher
NEW	RP (Caterpillars)	Mrs Perifimou
NEW	RS (Ladybirds)	Miss Stables
RK (Caterpillars)	1S	Mr Savedra
RS (Ladybirds)	1VG	Mrs Vallis/Mrs Goodwin
RT (Caterpillars)	1W	Miss Williams
Year 1*	2E	Mrs Edwardes
Year 1*	2C	Mr Carter
2E	3F	Miss Fanner
2M	3LS	Mrs Laing/Mrs Shevel
2ML	3R	Miss Ringwood
3R	4M	Miss McCutcheon
3W	4E	Mrs Ellis
Year 4*	5B	Miss Batchelor
Year 4*	5TE	Mrs Tipson/Mrs Evans
Year 5*	6B	Mr Burgess
Year 5*	6Br	Mrs Brooks
Year 5*	6R	Mrs Roberts

*A NOTE FOR CURRENT YEAR 1, 4 AND 5 PARENTS/CARERS

As advised previously, our current Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 classes have been mixed for the academic year 2018/19. Moving forward, we will mix the Year 1 and Year 4 children only. 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 can 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

OTHER STAFFING NEWS



We are delighted that Mrs Hack will be carrying out her teacher training here next year, working alongside 4E. As well as the new class teachers, Miss Fanner and Mrs Evans, we welcome Mr Savedra and Mr Burgess as permanent, full time teachers. We are also welcoming some new members of support staff to the team: Miss Machin, Miss Turk, Mrs Fabry, Mrs Flint, Mrs Louis-Jean and Mrs Saunders.

Exciting Announcement: Wedding bells are ringing for Miss Kelly, so when she returns in September she will be Mrs Perifimou. We send her lots of luck and best wishes for her special day in August.



SO LONG, FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

The end of an academic year can bring with it some staff leavers, and this year we say farewell to the following members of staff:-

Miss Wortley is moving back home to Manchester after two years here at Wray Common. We would like to thank her for her dedication and contribution to the life of the school, especially in her role as the P.E. leader this year. We wish her well in her new teaching post.



Miss Rees-Williams is also moving on after two years to face challenges new. She has been a valued member of the Wray Common team - her artistic skills are second to none - and we would like to wish her well in her new ventures.

Mrs Musk is moving on to become curriculum leader at Burstow Primary. Mrs Musk has been a class teacher here for two years and we thank her for her contribution to the life of the school and wish her well as she moves on.



We say *au revoir* to Mrs Froggatt as she returns to Wales with her family. We would like to say thank you to her for inspiring our children to learn new languages and would like to wish her *bon chance* for the future.

Mr Speirs started as a teaching assistant here at Wray Common back in November 2012. He is leaving us now to become a teacher trainee at Loseley Fields Primary School in Godalming. Mr Speirs will be missed, not only by the children he works with in class, but also by the Dawn and Dusk Rangers. Goodbye and good luck, Mr. Speirs!



Mrs Morgan is going on maternity leave at the end of this term and we wish her some well earned rest as she awaits the arrival of her first child, due in September.

SUMMER FETE - 1 WEEK TO GO!

Saturday July 14th July 2018 11:00 a.m-2:00 p.m

Many thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help at the Summer Fete. Please be aware that if you have volunteered, a letter will be coming home with your child at the beginning of next week, detailing arrangements for the day. We still need **more** volunteers to help on stalls if we are going to make this day a success for the children. If we are short on volunteers, we may have to cancel some of the stalls and this would be a great shame! The Summer Fete is not only one of the biggest fundraisers for the Friends, but also a fun day for the children and a chance for them to show off their school. If you can spare some time, please contact Lindsay or Katie on wsummerfete@gmail.com



Our final mufti day for the Fete is next Friday where we are asking children to bring in cakes, but we are also in need of more bottles for the tombolas. Please return your **raffle ticket** stubs as soon as possible (additional raffle books are available from the school office). We have some fantastic prizes!

ICE POP FRIDAY

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



DATES FOR W/C 9TH JULY

Mon 9 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 10 th	Year 6 Bikeability Year 6 Production Pirates of the Curry Bean 6:15 p.m.
Wed 11 th	Year 6 Bikeability Year 6 Production Pirates of the Curry Bean 6:15 p.m. (or 5:15 p.m. depending on the England result on Saturday)
Thurs 12 th	Year 6 Bikeability Bandfest Dorking Halls (children leaving school at 1:15 p.m.)
Fri 13 th	Year 6 Bikeability Take One Picture Art Extravaganza (parents/carers, friends and family invited in to school from 12:55 p.m.)

ART EXTRAVAGANZA- FRI 13TH JULY

With the Art Extravaganza only one week away, here is a reminder of the timings of the day:

- 12.50 p.m. - parents, carers, friends and family arrive at school for a tour with the children
- 1.45 p.m. - bell will sound to signal the children to go back to class and visitors to go out on to the field
- 1.55 p.m. - performances of songs and dances

SWIMMING

There are a few more classes to swim next week - please make a note of the additional session and help your child to remember their swimming kit on the appropriate day.

Tues 10th RK and RS (normal swimming times apply)

Wed 11th RT and 5B (normal swimming times apply)

Thurs 12th 5M and 5W (normal swimming times apply)

If you are able to help poolside with your child's session, please let your class teacher know. Thank you.

WRAY COMMON SCHOOL LED CLUBS

Clubs have now been allocated for the Autumn Term and an email has been sent to you today informing you of the club/clubs that your child has been put into. Please fill in the permission slips and return them to the school office. Payment can be made via Tucasi or by cash/cheque at the school office.

If you are unable to print off the letter, please come and collect one.



SCHOOL DINNERS SEPTEMBER 2018

From 4th September 2018, the cost of school dinners will be increasing to £2.30 per day. The cost for your child to have a school dinner for the first half of the Autumn term will be £78.20 and the cost for the second half of the term will be £89.70. All dinners must be paid for in advance and any changes to your child's meal preference must be made in writing, giving the school one week's notice. If your child is currently in Year 2, please be reminded that you will need to start paying for your child's meals from September. If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals, please ask for a pupil premium funding application form from the school office.



SPORTING NEWS

Some of our children who competed at District Sports last week and did particularly well, were invited to Reigate Grammar School on Monday this week to take part in a 'Sprint and Speed Masterclass'. Our children represented Wray Common beautifully and enjoyed the expert tuition they received.

And finally ... the Wray Common Cricket team took part in a match at Sandcross School yesterday, and although they didn't win, they played well and with great team spirit. Some great fielding skills were on display - well done, team!

