

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

HERE WE GO AGAIN ... WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back everyone, and if you are new to the school, a very warm welcome to you. A new school year, a new term, means new topics for everyone! All Year groups wasted no time at all this week getting stuck into their new topics and here are some pictures of what was happening in Years 3, 4 and 5. From the photos, can you work out what topics they are studying?



YEAR 6 POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The children in Year 6 have been seeking appointments for positions of responsibility and following some very impressive speeches, the following appointments have been made:-

- House Leaders
- School Council
- Register Monitors
- Library Monitors
- Assembly Teams
- Digital Leaders
- Parent Tour Co-ordinators
- Sports Leaders
- Recycling Monitors
- Art and Classroom Monitors



RUBIES Jayden - Captain Amber- Vice



EMERALDS Jacob - Captain Eliot - Vice



School Council

Chair - Luke Vice-chair - Lily
Secretaries - Lucas and Alba



DIAMONDS Bea - Captain Anusha- Vice



SAPPHIRES Davina - Captain Oscar- Vice

CHOIR NEWS

From Tuesday, 11th September, choir will take place straight after school in the Music Room. This is a chance to perform with lots of other schools in the 'Let's Sing Together' Concert in November and to be centre stage for Christmas performances too!

Year 2 children will be supervised after school, to have a snack and a short break, before being joined by children from Key Stage 2 at 3:20 p.m. when the rehearsal will start. It will finish at 4:00 p.m. when children can be collected from the main reception.

If your child attends Rangers on a Tuesday, they can come to choir and will then be taken to Rangers together. Please complete the reply slip on the letter that was sent out yesterday if you would like your child to be in the Wray Common Choir. The children will develop singing skills, have performance opportunities and will enjoy all the fun and friendship that comes with being part of a choir.



RANGERS REPORT

Welcome back to Rangers 18/19! Dawn Rangers (Breakfast Club) now opens at 7:30am. We've got lots on offer to satisfy your appetite from cereals, toasts and spreads to porridge, eggs and beans!

We're full of beans and excited to embark on this term's topic: Core Values. We'll learn the ways of the Ranger in being a Respectful, Responsible, Caring and Honest person!

We are also looking forward to greeting our new reception children shortly!



SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 can now start applying for their child's secondary school place. The closing date for applications is the **31st October 2018**, but you are encouraged to apply well before that closing date. Surrey are encouraging applicants to apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions in order to prevent delays with postal applications. Please [click here](#) for more information on how to apply.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

A local Christian charity based in Redhill is looking for volunteers to help with admin and some online fundraising for Christmas. Candidates are required to have some IT training and be confident over the phone. Please contact Rachael on 01737 300397 or email rachel@theway.co.uk

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE ALLOTMENT

Our Gardening Club members and our Year 6 children have been busy in the allotments this week harvesting the crops that were planted last term - a bumper crop as you can see!



SWIMMING

School swimming starts w/c 17th September for Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 (see timetable below). In order for our swimming lessons to go ahead, we kindly ask for volunteers. If you are able to help with swimming, please let the class teacher know your availability.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
12:50-1:50 1VG	12:50-1:50 2E	1:00-2:00 6B	1:00-2:00 1W	1:00-2:00 5B
1:50-2:50 1S	1:50-2:50 2C	2:00-3:00 6R	2:00-3:00 6Br	2:00-3:00 5TE

There are some spaces left in the after school swimming Improvers classes on either Wednesday or Friday. Improvers classes start at 3:45 p.m.. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session. KS2 children, over 8, are allowed to attend without an adult but must be collected from the pool or office after the session is completed. Arrangements can be made if children are remaining in school at Rangers.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Thank you for your great attendance this week! We want to start as we mean to go on and with this in mind, please be reminded of our expectations regarding attendance which is in line with Surrey expectations as laid out below.



Dear Parent/Carer

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the education welfare officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.

Advice and support is available from an Education Welfare Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West Tel: 01483 518130 South West Tel: 01483 517179
North East Tel: 01372 833588 South East Tel: 01737 737777

Please find below dates and events for this term. Why not pin it up at home so you are always up to date with what is happening at school!

SEPTEMBER 2018		Description	Time
Monday	10	Florence Nightingale Workshop Year 2	During school time
Wednesday	12	Year 4 Coffee Morning	8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
		Year 6 Height and Weight Screening	During school time
Thursday	13	Year 6 Coffee Morning	8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Friday	14	Year 1 Coffee Morning	8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Monday	17	School Swimming Starts	See separate timetable
		Wray Common School Led Clubs Start	3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday	18	Year 3 Coffee Morning	8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Wednesday	19	Year 5 Coffee Morning	8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Thursday	20	Year 2 Coffee Morning	8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Friday	21	Year R coffee Morning	8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Monday	24	Year 4 Egyptian Day	During school time
		Year 6 PGL Meeting for Parents	3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	26	Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting (Small Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	27	School Photographs (individual and siblings)	During school time
OCTOBER 2018			
Wednesday	03	Parent/Carer Volunteer Induction Morning	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	04	Year R Prospective Parents Open Morning	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Friday	10-12	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill	Departure time tbc
Thursday	11	Year 3 Dinosaur Workshop	
Tuesday	16	Parent Consultation Evening (booked time slots)	3:40 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
Thursday	18	Parent Consultation Evening (booked time slots)	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
		6B Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		6R Class Assembly	2:45 p.m.
Friday	19	6Br Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		Celebration Medals Assembly	2:20 p.m.
Monday - Friday	22-26	Half Term Holiday	
	29	INSET Day (no school for children)	
NOVEMBER 2018			
Friday	02	Friends' Firework Evening	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday	05	Year 2 trip to Leeds Castle	During school time
Thursday	08	Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting (Small Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Friday	09	Reigate Schools Let's Sing Together Concert (Choir)	Details to follow
Monday - Friday	12 - 16	Book Week (to include a Learn With Your Child session on Reading)	Details of events to follow
Monday - Wednesday	12 - 14	Scholastic Book Fair	Details to follow

NOVEMBER CONTD			
Friday	16	Children in Need Day	Details to follow
Thursday	22	Happy Bags Collection (Friends)	Details to follow
Wednesday - Friday	28 - 30	Year 5 Residential Trip to Aylmerton	Departure time tbc
Thursday	29	Flu Immunisation Programme for Reception to Year 4 (consent letter to be sent home) N.B. Year 5 will also be included in this programme—date to follow.	During school time
DECEMBER 2018			
Friday	07	Friends' Christmas Fayre	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday	17	Whole School Carol Service at St. Matthew's Church (children only)	During school time
		Christmas Carols Round the Tree	6:00 p.m. Refreshments 6:30 p.m. Concert
Tuesday	18	Reception Nativity Performance (coffee available before performance)	9:20 a.m.
		Year 1 Nativity Performance	2:10 p.m.
Wednesday	19	Year 1 Nativity Performance (coffee available before performance)	9:20 a.m.
		Reception Nativity Performance	2:15 p.m.
Thursday	20	School Christmas Lunch	
Friday	21	Celebration Medals Assembly	12:45 p.m.
		Break up for Christmas Holidays	1:35 p.m. pick up KS1 1:40 p.m. pick up KS2
	22 Dec- 06 Jan	Christmas Holidays	
JANUARY 2019			
Monday	07	First day of Spring Term for children	Normal school times apply

WELLIES PLEASE

With the start of the new term well under way, please make sure that your child brings their wellies in to school so that they can play on the field and use the dens at playtime. If it is wet and muddy, no wellies, no field!



COFFEE MORNINGS

A reminder that our coffee mornings start next week, kicking off with Year 4 on Wednesday. Please see the list of calendar dates above for the other class dates.

