

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

THE END OF ANOTHER TERM

On Wednesday this week the school was awash with minibeasts of all varieties. The day of the Ugly Bug Ball had arrived and our Year 1 children enjoyed a day of 'bug' related activities including collage, paper plate ladybirds, a bug quiz and the caterpillar game to name but a few. What a fun way to end the term and their 'Bug's Life' topic.



THE GULIDFORD FLAMES SAY 'NO, GO, TELL!'

Yesterday, as part of their *Science Healthy Living* curriculum, Year 6 were visited by members of the Guildford Flames Ice Hockey team, who delivered their 'Drug Freeze' presentation. The message objective is that ice hockey players use their equipment to help prevent getting injured during games. The drug section of the presentation, therefore, gives the pupils information which they can then use to protect themselves against harm caused by drug use. The programme aims to give pupils the information they need to make the appropriate choices when faced with difficult situations both at school and in a social setting. Another strong message that came through was *NO, GO, TELL* - just say no, then go and talk to a trusted adult. The children were very mature and asked excellent questions. Please do take the opportunity to talk to your child at home about what they learnt during this talk.



VEGGIES ANYONE?

With the expert help of Mr and Mrs Cook, Year 3 have been digging over the raised beds in the allotment and planting potatoes, onions, broccoli, cauliflower and beetroot. They are hoping to be able to harvest a good crop later on in the year. I wonder what they will cook with the veggies they harvest? Mr and Mrs Cook - thank you!

THURSDAY NIGHT FEVER

350 children came back to school yesterday evening to take to the dance floor in our annual Friends discos. DJ Frantic (aka Mrs Edwardes) got the KS1 children on their feet and Miss Batchelor and Miss Fanner took to the mic for KS2. Over £500 was raised for the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Bromham and the Friends.



GUARDIANS OF OUR PLANET

NEWS FLASH

As you all know, one of the special things about Wray Common is our annual whole school topic. Who can forget last year's 'Take One Picture' and also 'Exploring the Extraordinary', the topic two years ago, with our



whole school museum experience. Well, this year, we can't wait to get started on 'Guardians of our Planet'. The main focus for the topic will be engagement, raising awareness of current issues and problems that we face, community links and celebration with an emphasis on high quality writing and performance. More details of this topic are to follow at a later stage. Dates to be aware of: **Tues 4th June** - a Super Hero day—details to follow.

Fri 7th June - bring your completed Ecobrick into school (see below) www.ecobricks.org

Fri 12th July - whole school event for parents/carers (details to follow)

Ecobricks

An Ecobrick is a reusable building block created by packing clean and dry used plastic into a plastic bottle to a set density. Ecobricks enable us to take personal responsibility for our plastic.

Ecobrick making is simple and straightforward. Ecobricks can be made by the young, the old and everyone in between — no machines or special skills are required! There are important guidelines to follow, however, to ensure the quality and usability of your Ecobrick.

When plastics are littered, burned or dumped, they poison the Earth, Air and Water. When we save, segregate and pack plastic into bottles, we can make building blocks that can be reused over and over again. Together we can build green spaces that enrich our community and environment.

HOW TO MAKE AN ECOBRICK

1. Use only clean and dry plastic.
2. Use a 500ml bottle.


styrofoam bags packaging straws cellophane
3. Find a stick!
Bamboo and wood make the best sticks.
4. No metal, glass, paper or biodegradables.
5. Pack the bottle tight, and mix the plastics as you go.
6. Weigh your Ecobrick—it must be at least 180g.
7. Label your Ecobrick.
8. Bring it into school so Mrs Goodwin can log your Ecobrick.

PLEASE BRING YOUR ECOBRICK IN TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 7TH JUNE



SAFEGUARDING MATTERS

It has been noted that more and more children are being dropped off at school too early in the mornings. We would like to remind all parents and carers that the school gates to both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds do not open until 8:30 a.m. and, as such, children should not be brought to school before this time. A member of staff will be on duty in the large playground from 8:30 a.m. and so KS2 children will be supervised from then until they go into their classrooms at 8:40 a.m. Before this time, children are left unsupervised and this puts their safety at risk. For KS1 children, parents/carers must accompany their children on to the KS1 playground and stay with them until the classroom doors open at 8:40 a.m.



A reminder about another safeguarding point - in the morning, after school drop-off and at the end of the day, if you need to visit the school office, please make your way there via the **outside** of the school building and enter through Main Reception. At no point, should you be walking through the school building to access the office. We would also like to remind any parents/carers who have children who attend after school swimming here at Wray Common, that, once your child's session has finished, you must leave the school premises via the red gate at the side of the staff car park and not through the school building as some parents/carers are tending to do.

As always, your children's safety is at the forefront of our minds, so we ask for your co-operation in adhering to these procedures.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At Wray Common we passionately value education, excellent attendance and punctuality, so that the children benefit from everything our school has to offer. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which came into effect on 1st September 2013, states that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The guidance from Surrey County Council states that if a parent/carer takes their child out of school e.g. on holiday or other unauthorised leave of absence, for 5 days (10 sessions) or more, without the authority of the head teacher, each parent/carer will be liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. We would like to remind you that penalty notices will be issued for 5 or more days unauthorised leave of absence. The amount payable on issue of a penalty notice is £60 (issued to each parent/carer for each child) if paid within 21 days. This will then increase to £120 after 21 days but within 28 days. After 28 days, the LA may prosecute under Section 444 Education Act 1996.

FIRST WEEK BACK w/c 22/04/2019

Tues 23rd INSET DAY (no school for children)
Wed 24th First day of school for children (normal times apply)
Swimming block re-starts for 4M and 4E
(normal swimming times apply)
Thurs 25th Swimming re-starts for Caterpillars and Ladybirds
(normal swimming times apply)
Fri 26th Swimming re-starts for 3R
(normal swimming times apply)



CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have building experience? We would love the help of a 'builder' to help us in creating our Ecobrick structure. If you have any expertise in the building industry, please get in touch with Mrs Goodwin - she can't wait to hear from you!

MATHS PASSPORT EVENT FOR RECEPTION & YEAR 1

On Wednesday 1st May from 9:00-9:30 a.m., Reception and Year 1 parents are invited to come to the main hall and explore some activities to help support their child's maths passport at home. We look forward to seeing you for some Maths fun!

RANGERS REPORT

This week at Rangers we have been doing lots of different Easter activities to prepare for the two weeks Easter Holiday. We have made foam chicks, rabbits and eggs! We are also having an Easter Egg hunt. At Breakfast Club we learnt how to play 'The floor is lava' and had great fun using the magic portals to transport us to safety. Don't forget to book in with Camp Glide for the Easter Holidays for many more exciting activities!

www.campglide.co.uk



FOOTBALL RESULTS *A report by Isaac*

On Thursday last week, the Wray Common football team played a match at home against St. Joseph's. The final score was 4-0 to Wray Common! We played very well and I am very proud of the team. I scored, along with Jamie, and Owen scored 2! I am pleased with how we demonstrated our Wray Common values on the pitch.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Please visit the Wray Common website to view the flyers for the Summer Term courses at Welcare that are now open for booking.

- First Aid 14th May and 18th June
- Introducing Family Foods 9th May and 13th June

SUMMER TERM 2019 – DATES

APRIL 2019		Description	Time
Tuesday	23	INSET DAY (No school for Children)	
Wednesday	24	First day of school for children	normal school times apply
		School swimming re-starts	normal swimming times apply
Monday	29	Catch-up swim for 3F and 3LS	normal swimming times apply
		School led clubs start	
MAY 2019			
Wednesday	01	Reception and Year 1 Maths Passport Event	9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
		South-East Surrey Music Festival at Dorking Halls (Choir only)	Rehearsal starts at 4:15 p.m. Performance at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	02	Rainforest Animals Workshop for Year 3	during school time
Monday	06	May Day Bank Holiday	school closed
Friday	10	Year 4 visit to Bignor Roman Villa	during school time
Monday - Thursday	13-16	KS2 SATs Week	
Wednesday	15	Panathlon Challenge at Donyngs (invited children only)	during school time
		Friends' Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday	20	Inter-schools' Swimming Gala at RA&A (invited children only)	during school time
		3LS Class Assembly	2:45 p.m.
Tuesday	21	Class and Leavers' Photos (JP Photographic)	during school time
Wednesday	22	3F Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	23	3R Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Friday	24	Celebration Medals Assembly	2:20 p.m. (by invitation)
Monday - Friday	27-31 May	Half Term Holiday	
JUNE 2019			
Monday	03	School re-starts	
Thursday	06	Year 2 Multi-skills Event at St. Bede's (invited children only)	during school time
Monday - Friday	10 - 14	Swimming Gala Week	timetable to follow
Tuesday	11	Friends' Bag2School Collection	9:00 a.m.
		Friends' Father's Day Sale	during school time
		Year 6+1 Reunion	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	12	Friends' Father's Day Sale	during school time
Thursday	13	Friends' Father's Day Sale	during school time
Tuesday	18	Life Bus	during school time
		Forensic Science Event for Year 5 at RGS (invited children only)	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

JUNE 2019 contd.			
Wednesday	19	Life Bus	during school time
		Friends' Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	20	Life Bus	during school time
Friday	21	Reception visit to Sea life Centre, Brighton	during school time
Saturday	22	Friends' Summer Fayre	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday	24	Catch-up swim for Reception (no swimming on Sports Day)	normal times apply
Tuesday	25	Life Bus	during school time
Wednesday	26	Life Bus	during school time
Thursday	27	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day and Family Picnic	(times tbc)
JULY 2019			
Tuesday	02	Secondary School Induction Day (Year 6)	
Wednesday	03	Bandfest (Redhill School Group) Dorking Halls School Choir only	times and details to follow
		District Sports Event at RGS Hartswood	(times tbc)
Thursday	04	'Rain-off' Sports Day	(times tbc)
		New Reception Parents' Meeting (Evening)	(times tbc)
Friday	05	Year 4 Sleepover	details to follow
Wednesday	10	Year 6 Production (Evening Performance)	6:15 p.m.
Thursday	11	Year 6 Production (Evening Performance)	6:15 p.m.
Friday	12	Summer 2 Whole School Event for Parents/Carers	p.m. (details to follow)
Monday - Thursday	15-18	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2	details to follow
Monday	15	School Reports home to parents/carers	
Tuesday	16	Optional Parents' Meetings	booked appointments only
Thursday	18	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		Year 6 Leavers' Ball	6:30 p.m.
Friday	19	Celebration Medals Assembly	12:45 p.m.
		Break up for the Summer Holidays	1:35 p.m. pick up KS1 1:40 p.m. pick up KS2
	20 July - 01 Sept	Summer Holidays	
SEPTEMBER 2019			
Monday	02	INSET DAY (No school for children)	
Tuesday	03	Autumn Term (first day back for children)	normal times apply