

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

WELCOME TO THE 2020s!

SPRINGING INTO SPRING 1 TOPIC LAUNCHES

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to the new decade! After the initial excitement of being back in school and seeing their friends on Tuesday morning, the children got straight down to business this week, with the 'launch' of this half term's topics.

To launch their 'Tell me a Story' topic, Reception wrapped up warm in their blankets and sleeping bags and had a cosy Teddy Bear's picnic. They enjoyed warming hot chocolate and pom bears whilst listening to the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' Later that day, they watched the teachers in a 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' show. Mrs Mesure acted as a curious Goldilocks, Mrs Drennan was Daddy bear, Miss Stables was Mummy bear and you'll never guess who made a star appearance for Baby bear...Mr Murphy! Every week, Reception will be learning a new traditional tale, so if you see one of the children, please ask them to tell you a story!



Year 1 spotted a treasure chest outside their classrooms and they discovered it was lost pirate treasure! Luckily, the pirates had left clues and challenges behind for Year 1 to work out where the rest of the treasure was hidden. Using their CAPTURE skill of collaboration, the children worked in teams to complete challenges such as destroying pirate traps and designing their own pirate. Finally, they found a clue that led them towards the pirate ship where they found the stolen treasure! I wonder whether the pirates will return for another swashbuckling pirate adventure as part of Year 1's learning about 'Pirates' this half term?

'Roll up, Roll up' Year 2 will be learning all about the circus this half term and to launch their topic they enjoyed a morning of wonder and delight practising the circus skills of juggling, plate spinning, diablo throwing and streamer dancing! The children then gazed in awe as they watched clips of real circus performers while enjoying a bag of scrummy popcorn. After lunch the children then drew on the morning's experiences to transform pictures of themselves into wacky, fun and colourful clown faces.



As part of their learning this half term on their topic 'Super Humans' Year 3 created their own cafe where they designed the perfect, healthy pitta sandwich for each other. This was linked to their learning about different food groups and what they do for our body. Working in pairs they were delighted to assemble their creations and serve them to their partner. Tucking into the sandwiches, they discovered how delicious they were and thought of ways to further improve them and eat them at home as part of a balanced diet. 3F and 3LS would certainly recommend their scrumptious sandwiches as a nutritious lunch!



Inspired by American civil rights activist, Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech, Year 4 wrote of their own dreams for the world as part of their topic 'Different Places, Similar Lives'.

"I have a dream that there would be no racism and the world would be a happy place with no wars." Lara

"I have a dream that the world would give more money to homeless people." Usman

"I have a dream that no one would be bullied." Rihanna

"I have a dream that people would stop killing animals." George

What beautiful dreams Year 4, the world would be a much happier place if these dreams could be realised.



Today, Year 5 embarked on their 'Mission to Mars' with a visit to a mobile planetarium in the small hall, courtesy of Explorer Dome.

"On Friday morning, Year 5 ventured into the unknown...almost! We were slightly scared when we went through the darkest of tunnels. Next, we went on a tour of great space! Have you been on Mars or survived a supernova? We were suddenly star gazing on the edge of the universe and discovered some ancient constellations. Did you know that planet Earth would fit into the sun a million times? If you look up at the sky tonight you will see one of the gas giants, Neptune. We can't wait to find out even more about the beyond, as part of our learning this half term on our 'Mission to Mars'." James L

Wow what an out of this world experience Year 5!



Year 6 wasted no time and dove straight into their topic of 'Marvellous Machines'; firstly learning about "simple machines" and then moving on to making their own machines, comprising of pulleys, levers, screws, wedges, axles and wheels! Why not ask a Year 6 child how they made their racing cars or even their working lifts?



EY/ KS1 DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS

Please be reminded that children must be accompanied into school by an adult and handed over to a member of the classroom staff at the classroom door. Children must not run in ahead on their own, or be walked in by an elder sibling (unless they are aged 16 or over). Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.



FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON QUIZ

Back by popular demand and arguably the highlight of any Wray Common parent's social calendar, the FOWC Quiz is back on Saturday 21st March from 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be £5 per person and entry forms will be sent out nearer the time. With fiendish questions, amazing raffle prizes, and the opportunity to win big, with a £50 cash prize on our very own version of Play Your Cards Right! don't miss out, get your teams together, brush up on your general knowledge and **SAVE THE DATE!**



CHILDLINE CALM ZONE

Childline has launched "Calm Zone" - an online hub of calming techniques and resources for young people to help them feel better when they feel anxious, scared or sad. Please visit [Calm Zone](#) for further information.



P. E. KIT REMINDER

With the colder weather now upon us, please remember that children are allowed to bring in leggings or tracksuit bottoms to wear during outdoor P.E. It is also essential that they have a pair of trainers in school for all of their P.E. sessions.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Jigsaw would like to invite Parents/ Carers to their course on how to support children when someone close to them is dying on 29th January 7 - 9 p.m. For further information please click [here](#).

Welcare are running a number of courses and groups this Spring. For further information, please click on the links below:

"[Mummy and Me](#)" on Monday mornings to support the wellbeing of Mums and babies.

"[First Aid for Parents](#)" 1:30 - 3 p.m. Tuesday 25th February.

"[Every Child A Talker](#)" play sessions on Tuesday mornings, starting 14th January, focusing on communication and speech and language development.

"[Let's Talk](#)" on Wednesday afternoons to support parents and children for whom English is an additional language.

"[Parenting Puzzle](#)" on Tuesday mornings, starting 3rd March for 4 weeks.

"[One Step at a Time](#)" play sessions on Monday afternoons 1 - 2:30 p.m. for parents and children under 5 with additional needs/ disabilities.

"Talking Teens" please contact Welcare at redhill@welcare.org if you would be interested in this course.



SCHOOL CLUBS

A reminder that school led clubs will begin w/c 13th January, as follows:

Cross Country	Years 3 - 6	Mondays 3:30 - 4:15
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Mondays 3:30 - 4:15
Football	Years 5 & 6	Mondays 3:30 - 4:15
Choir	Years 2 - 6	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:15
Hockey	Years 5 & 6	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:15
Dance	Years 3 - 6	Thursdays 7:45 - 8:30
Hockey	Years 3 & 4	Thursdays 3:30 - 4:15



All externally led clubs (which have not already started this week) will also commence w/c 13th January.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Tues 14 th Jan	2:30 p.m. Phonics workshop for Reception Parents/ Carers
Tues 14 th Jan	Reception Heights/Weights/Vision/Hearing Check (during school time)
Weds 15 th Jan	7:30 p.m. Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

JANUARY 2020			
		Description	Time
Monday - Friday	07-10	School swimming re-starts (Years 1, 3, 5 and 6)	
Friday	10	Planetarium Workshop - Year 5 in school	During school time
Monday-Friday	13-17	Wray Common school-led clubs start	3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday	14	Phonics Workshop for Reception parents/carers	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	14	Reception heights/weights/vision/hearing check	During school time
Wednesday	15	Friends Committee Meeting (Small Hall - all welcome)	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	21	5B Class Assembly	2.45 p.m.
Wednesday	22	5Bu Class Assembly	9.00 a.m.
Monday	27	Year 4 Cultural Day - in school	During school time
Wednesday	29	Physifun (invited children only)	During school time
FEBRUARY 2020			
Wednesday	5	Y5 & Y6 Badminton competition (invited children only)	Details to follow
Friday	7	Year 6 Junior Citizen	During school time
Friday	7	KS1 / Y2 Multi-skills event at St. Bede's (invited children only)	During school time
Tuesday	11	2B Class Assembly	2.45 p.m.
Wednesday	12	2DS Class Assembly	9.00 a.m.
Wednesday	12	Gymnastics Competition (invited children only)	During school time
Thursday	13	2V Class Assembly	9.00 a.m.
Thursday	13	Celebration Medals Assembly	2.20 p.m (invited parents / carers only)
Thursday	13	School finishes for Half Term Holiday	Normal pick-up times apply
Friday	14	INSET DAY (no school for children)	
Monday - Friday	17-21	Half Term Holiday	
Monday	24	Return to school	Normal school times apply
Tuesday	25	Friends of Wray Common Bag2school Collection	9.00 a.m.
Tuesday	25	Practice Cross Country	Details to follow
Tuesday	26	New School swimming block starts (Years Rec, 2 and 4)	
MARCH 2020			
Monday	2	Reception Dinosaur Workshop	During school time
Monday—Wednesday	2 - 4	Level 1 Bikeability (Year 4)	Details to follow
Wednesday	4	Quickstix Hockey Tournament RAA	Details to follow
Thursday	5	World Book Day	Details to follow

MARCH 2020 contd.			
Thursday	5	Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting (Small Hall—all welcome)	7.30 p.m.
Monday — Friday	9	Sports Relief Week	Details to follow
Tuesday	10	Parent Consultations (booked time slots)	3.40 p.m.—6.10 p.m.
Wednesday	11	Cross Country Race	After school (details to follow)
Wednesday	11	Yr 1 Nower Wood	Details to follow
Thursday	12	Quickstix Final Surbiton	Details to follow
Thursday	12	Parent Consultations (booked time slots)	4.30 p.m.— 7.00 p.m.
Monday	16	Year 3 RHS Wisley	Details to follow
Tuesday	17	Friends Mother's Day Sale (children only)	During school time
Wednesday	18	Friends Mother's Day Sale (children only)	During school time
Wednesday	18	Hi5 Netball St Bedes (invited children only)	Details to follow
Thursday	19	Friends Mother's Day Sale (children only)	During school time
Thursday	19	Family Day Assembly	A.m. (Details to follow)
Friday	20	Year 5 Sparkfish Easter Journey	Details to follow
Friday	20	Geography Quiz Caterham School (invited children only)	After school
Saturday	21	Friends of Wray Common Quiz	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	25	Football Match @ Sandcross (invited children only)	Details to follow
Thursday	26	1S Assembly	9.00 a.m.
Thursday	26	1W Assembly	2.30 p.m.
Tuesday	31	RP Caterpillars Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	31	RS Ladybirds Class Assembly	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	31	Dance competition (invited children only)	Details to follow
APRIL 2020			
Wednesday	01	Friends Easter Trail	After School
Thursday	02	KS1 and KS2 Discos (Friends event)	Details to follow
Friday	03	Celebration Medals Assembly	12:45 p.m.
Friday	03	Last Day of Term	1:35 p.m. pick up KS1 1:40 p.m. pick up KS2
	Mon 06 - Fri 17 Apr	Easter Holidays	
Monday	20	First day of summer term for children	Normal school times apply