

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back everyone, and if this is the start of your Wray Common journey, a very warm welcome to you. We are delighted to say that staff and pupils are all back in school and have started the first week with a wonderful positivity. Your children will have noticed that things are slightly altered now, with staggered start times, different class layouts and new handwashing and cleaning routines. We are very proud of the way in which all of our students have taken these changes in their stride and enjoyed a relaxed and fun start to this academic year. It has been wonderful to walk around the school and see children running and jumping in the playgrounds and in their P.E. lessons, getting messy with paint and tucking into school dinners in the dinner hall or at their desks.



The dinner hall is back in action after many months...



...while many of our KS2 classes are enjoying eating at their desks!

KS1 Art Painting Pebbles



Year 5 started their Ancient Greeks topic, making temples from paper.



CURRICULUM INFORMATION

A new school year and a new term, means new topics for everyone! Reception children will start with their "I am unique" topic, whilst Years 1-6 will be focusing in on their History learning during the first half term of the school year. Year 1 will become "Time Travellers" and learn about events throughout History such as The Great Fire of London and The First Moon Landing. Year 2 will learn about famous "History Makers" such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Year 3 will journey though the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages learning about "Scavengers and Settlers." Year 4 will learn about the "Temples, Tombs and Treasures" of the Ancient Egyptian times. Year 5 will learn all about "The Great, the Bold and the Brave" Ancient Greeks and Year 6 will find out what life was like for Victorians in their "Workhouse Woes" topic. If you wish to find out more details about the wider curriculum at Wray Common, please follow the link to see a detailed Curriculum Map for each year group. <http://wray-common.surrey.sch.uk/current-parents/learning/curriculum/>

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:

98% 

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 on 01737 737777.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Please find below proposed dates and events for this term. Pin it up at home so you can keep up to date with what is happening in school. Please note all dates and events are subject to change in line with the latest Government Covid-19 guidelines and the school's subsequent risk assessment. Some events may go ahead virtually rather than in school.

SEPTEMBER 2020		Description	Time
Tuesday	02	Back to school	
Monday	07	School Swimming Starts (years 3, 5 & 6)	See separate timetable
Tuesday	08	Year 3 Coffee Morning (via zoom)	4:00 p.m—4:20 p.m.
Thursday	10	Florence Nightingale Workshop Year 2	During school time
Thursday	10	Year 4 Coffee Morning (via zoom)	4:00 p.m—4:20 p.m.
Friday	11	Year 2 Coffee Morning (via zoom)	4:00 p.m—4:20 p.m.
Monday	14	Swimsense After School Clubs Start	As per booking form.
Tuesday	15	Year 6 Coffee Morning (via zoom)	4:00 p.m—4:20 p.m.
Thursday	17	Year 1 Coffee Morning (via zoom)	4:00 p.m—4:20 p.m.
Friday	18	Year 5 Coffee Morning (via zoom)	4:00 p.m—4:20 p.m.
Monday	21	Year R Coffee Morning (via zoom)	4:00 p.m—4:20 p.m.
Monday	21	School Photographs (individual and siblings)	During school time
Wednesday	23	Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Monday	28	Friends Bags2school collection	During school time
Tuesday	29	Parent Consultation Evening (booked time slots - details to follow)	3:40 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
Wednesday	30	Parent/Carer Volunteer Induction and Safeguarding Training (via Zoom)	8:50 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
OCTOBER 2020			
Thursday	01	Parent Consultation Evening (booked time slots—details to follow)	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday	05	Parent/Carer Volunteer Induction and Safeguarding Training (via Zoom)	6:00p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Thursday	08	Year 3 Fossil Workshop	During school time
Friday	23	Celebration Medals Assembly (no parents) in class	2:20 p.m.
Monday - Friday	26-30 Oct	Half Term Holiday	
NOVEMBER 2020			
tbc	tbc	Year 2 trip to Leeds Castle	During school time
Wednesday	04	Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	05	Year R Prospective Parents Open Morning (virtual)	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Friday	06	Possible Friends' Event	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday - Wednesday	9-11	Scholastic Book Fair	Details to follow
Friday	13	Children in Need Day	Details to follow

DECEMBER 2020			
Friday	04 or 11	Friends' Christmas Fayre—if possible	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday	14	Covid Safe version of Whole School Carol Service at St. Matthew's Church (children only)	During school time
Monday	14	Covid Safe version of Christmas Carols Round the Tree—if possible	6:00 p.m. Refreshments 6:30 p.m. Concert
Wednesday	16	Reception Nativity Performance—tbc	9:20 a.m.
Wednesday	16	Year 1 Nativity Performance—tbc	2:10 p.m.
Thursday	17	School Christmas Lunch	
Friday	18	Celebration Medals Assembly (no parents) in class	12:45 p.m.
Friday	18	Break up for Christmas Holidays	1:35 p.m. pick up KS1 1:40 p.m. pick up KS2
	19 Dec- 05 Jan	Christmas Holidays	
JANUARY 2021			
Monday	04	INSET Day (no school for children)	
Tuesday	05	First day of Spring Term for children	Normal school times apply

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The cost of School lunches for this half term is £2.40 per day. Please may we remind you that lunches must be paid for in advance. Due to the current safety precautions, online payments via [Scopay](#) are preferred. If you have not already registered, you will need an activation code. Please email or telephone the School Office and we will send you the relevant information. If you would like to change the days that your child has a school lunch, please note that we need a week's notice and ask you to complete our [printable meal preference form](#), which is available on our website.

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 2020**, but you are encouraged to apply well before that closing date. Surrey are encouraging applicants to apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions in order to prevent delays.



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. So, on days that are wet and muddy ... no wellies, no field!

SWIMMING

School swimming starts **next week** for Years 3, 5 and 6 (see timetable below). In order for our swimming lessons to go ahead, we kindly ask for volunteers. A reminder that all swimming volunteers must be DBS checked, so if you would like to help with swimming and are not DBS checked with Wray Common, please come and speak to someone in the school office. Please also ensure that you attend one of our Volunteer Induction and Safeguarding Training Sessions on either the 30th September or 5th October.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1:00-2:00 6E	1:00-2:00 3B	1:00-2:00 3R	1:00-2:00 5G	
2:00-3:00 6C	2:00-3:00 3F		2:00-3:00 5SE	2:00-3:00 5B

Important: Please note that children will not be able to borrow a swimming hat if they forget to bring their own so please ensure that you send in all necessary kit on the day your child is swimming. The school stocks swimming hats costing £2.40 which can be ordered and paid for via Scopay.

HONOUR BOOK



1P	Klare	For using her excellent memory when writing about her summer holidays, and challenging herself to include how each event made her feel. Well done Klare!
1W	Poppy	Poppy for enthusiastically hunting for the villain Biff!
2B	Alice	For settling in brilliantly to 2B Dragons class.
2S	Toby	For always being a great and welcoming role model to Leone who joined Wray Common this week.
3R	Harry F	For being super focused with great suggestions.
3F	Mia	For always having a smile every morning this week and always listening for instructions.
3B	Noah	For great reasoning and engagement when we were looking at our Stone Age artefacts.
4F	Catherine	For settling into 4F so well and for being such an enthusiastic learner!
4P	Poppy	For writing detailed instructions about how to make papyrus paper.
5B	Katie	For her unique temple design, using smaller columns to create a stronger structure - some others also listened to her advice.
5G	Sophie and Zackary	For collaborating fantastically to create their Ancient Greek temple.
5SE	Anya and Izaak	For collaborating successfully to design and make a 3D Greek temple including historically accurate column architecture.
6E	Luca	For his great contribution to our class discussion on Victorians.
6C	Maddie	For a fantastic Victorian self-portrait - using a silhouette - which would have been used in a locket.
	Sami	For a super Victorian topic book front cover.

Well Done!

POLITE REQUEST — JUNIOR PLAYGROUND AT PICK UP

Please would all parents ensure that your child stays with you after collecting from the junior playground at the end of the day and, in particular, refrains from playing on the climbing equipment.