



Wray Common Primary School Newsletter

A VERY BUSY WEEK!

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Before the Year 6 children went on their residential trip to High Ashurst, we listened to some impressive speeches about why they wanted to apply for their roles and the following appointments have been made.



Art Champions



Digital Leaders



Assembly Team



Green Guardians



Charity Champion



School Council



Peer Mediators



Reading Champions



House Captains



Recycling Champions



Sports Crew

The children across Years 1-5 have been seeking appointments for positions of responsibility and following on from class votes, appointments have been made.



Year 2 Fruit, Milk and Litter Monitors



Reading Champions



Charity Champions



School Council



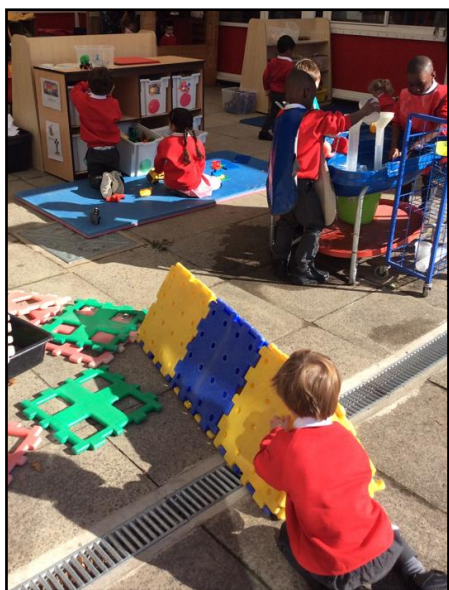
ROCKS

In Science, we began learning about rocks. We explored lots of different rocks and grouped them in different ways. We then learnt about some names of different rocks and described their properties.



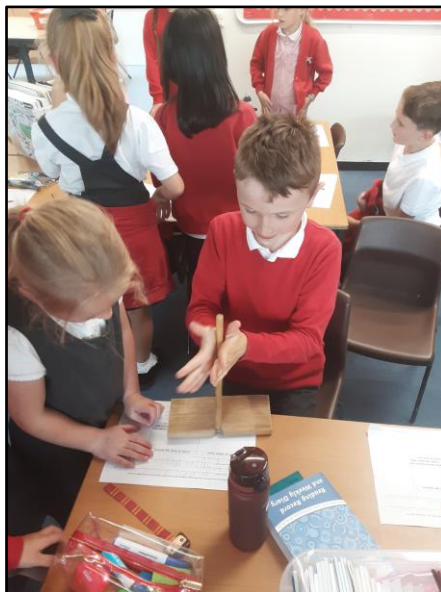
WELCOME TO THE NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN

This week, Reception have enjoyed getting to know their new classrooms and making friends with new children. They have immersed themselves in building, making, storytelling, singing, construction, writing, counting activities and role play to name just a few! What a busy start to school life! Well done to all the children for settling in so brilliantly. We look forward to all the amazing learning to come this year!



STONE AGE

This half term Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age. In History, we were able to explore different artefacts from the Stone Age (loaned to us by a local museum) and understand what they were used for. We were amazed about how they could start fires with flints or friction and how they turned flint into scrapers, knives, arrow heads and axes. We even found out about pot boilers!



NURTURING THE LOVE FOR READING

This week, in their RE lesson, Year One talked about the importance of the Bible to Christians. As part of the lesson, the children were asked to bring in their favourite book to share with the class. The children loved sharing each others books and listening to the teachers reading some of them to the class, particularly 'The Book With No Pictures'.



Attendance Matters

At Wray Common Primary School we expect children to attend school every day, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. Everyday attendance at school and good punctuality are vital for pupils to get the most out of their education. We seek to support children and their parents and carers as best we can to make this a success.

Reporting absences

All absences must be reported on a daily basis by 9.20am. If a child is absent for 5 days or more, we ask that parents provide **medical evidence** for the absence.

If a child is absent from school with no explanation, it will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

If a child is absent without explanation from their parents or carers, for the equivalent of 5 days or more (which do not need to be consecutive) within a 10 week period, parents and carers will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Requesting a leave of absence

Term dates are published well in advance, allowing parents to plan family holidays outside of term time.

As such, 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.** Exceptional circumstances would only ever be considered on the rarest occasion in which a child's absence from school is wholly unavoidable.

Should parents and carers still choose to take their children out of school without the approval of the school, for 10 sessions (the equivalent of 5 days) or more, **which do not need to be consecutive**, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice upon their return to school.

Each parent is liable for a penalty notice for **each child** who is absent from school. If a child has not had a penalty notice in the last 3 years, the amount payable if paid within 21 days, is £80. Thereafter, the amount increases to £160, if paid between 21 and 28 days.

If a child has had a penalty notice in the last 3 years, the amount payable is £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.

If a penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

If a child has had 2 penalty notices in the last 3 years, a 3rd penalty notice would not be issued - The Local Authority would consider prosecution under s444 Education Act 1996.

Thank you for your ongoing support - children's attendance at Wray Common continues to be excellent.

Did you know?

If your child misses 1 day of school every two weeks, this will add up to 20 days each year.

Over children's 13 years at Primary and Secondary School, this would be the same as them missing 1.5 years of school.

Reasons for absence when children are unwell

Children should attend school unless they:

- are not well enough
- have been physically sick and/or had diarrhoea within the previous 48 hours

When children become unwell during the school day

If a child becomes unwell during the school day, they will be supported by school staff. If it is felt that a child is too unwell to continue with their learning, they will wait in the medical area outside the school office while parents or another nominated person, are contacted.

How is attendance monitored?

Every half term, attendance and punctuality are monitored. Schools have a **statutory duty** to report on children's attendance when it has fallen below 95%. This will include writing to parents to make them aware of their child's attendance level and, where appropriate, seeking to work with them to support improved attendance for their child.

Punctuality

Registration is completed promptly at 8.50am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as late.

Persistent lateness disrupts children's education and can lead to poor attendance.

Did you know?

Being just 10 minutes late each day is the same as missing 50 minutes a week. That is almost 1.5 weeks in a year. Over a child's 13 years at Primary and Secondary School, this would be the same as missing almost half a year of schooling.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon - YR Information Meeting 8:50am

Fri - Y4 Egyptian Day



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

For those unable to attend the recent safeguarding training but would like to volunteer in school, there will be **one final** training session held on Wednesday 25th September 9.30-10.30am. This training will be held **online via Microsoft Teams** and cameras must be switched on for the duration of the training. If you would like to attend the training please let the office know and you will be sent log in details nearer the time.

WRAY COMMON SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

Are you able to help children in our school succeed by becoming a School Governor? It's a great way to get involved in the local community, support pupils and teachers and bring skills and knowledge from your working life into the team. Governors are an important part of the school management and work alongside the school leaders in contributing to the school's success. They don't get involved in day-to-day operations but offer strategic guidance through half-termly meetings and school visits. If you think you would be interested in driving school improvement, then do get in touch. We are always looking for people to join the School Governing Board, and right now, we are particularly looking for someone with experience and skills in Education alongside the other key requirements of commitment, enthusiasm, an inquiring mind and willingness to get involved. For further information, please contact our clerk, Catriona Sanderson csanderson@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk. She will be able to provide you with more details and send you an application form. Or if at this stage, you just want to ask about the role and understand more details, with no obligation to take it further, she can help. If you don't feel that your skills exactly fit what we are looking for, but are still interested, do still get in touch.

If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can help you source information about support through the right agencies, and make referrals ourselves to local support groups. Here are some of the things we have supported families with recently:

- School uniform, school bags, P.E. trainers and school shoes
- Pre-loved clothes for children
- Foodbank referrals
- Housing applications and letters of support
- Seasonal gifts for children



If you have any questions or would like to talk about how we can help, please contact Miss Kober on 01737 761254 or email familysupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk

HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Lacey Lou	For exploring speed and showing control when running in PE.
1B	Skylar	For showing courage coming into school during a tricky week and working hard at her phonics.
2T	Mev	For having the courage to raise his hand and contribute his ideas in class discussions.
2P	Oliver	For always sitting beautifully on the carpet ready to learn.
3S	Annie	For showing lots of courage when playing hockey when tackling and keeping possession.
3F	Cody	For always adding interesting contributions to our class discussions.
4BR	Emeer	For showing respect and kindness when asking Mrs Brooks how her lunchtime was everyday.
4BE	Noah	For using his prior knowledge of rugby to help support his peers during our PE lesson this week.
5E	Ben	For being such a considerate partner in PE, throwing and catching with accuracy.
5J	Mia	For thinking carefully about when to defend in tag rugby.
6C	Max	For persevering and challenging himself to solve problems during maths.
6F	Abi	Persevering in the rain at High Ashurst to solve a collaboration task that others were struggling with.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing') involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

Advice for Parents & Educators

BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

We are hiring!

SEN Teaching Assistant

Fixed term, part time, term time

Closes: 26 Sept 2024



Receptionist

Perm, full time, term time

Closes: 26 Sept 2024



After School Club Playworker

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 24 Sept 2024

*Free club place for staff member's child(ren)



Learning Support Assistant

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 24 Sept 2024



Breakfast Club Playworker

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 24 Sept 2024

*Free club place for staff member's child(ren)



KS2 Class Teacher

Maternity cover

Full time or part time

Closes: 25 Sept 2024



Learning Support Assistant

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 23 Sept 2024

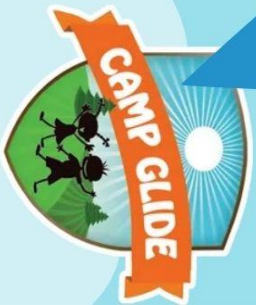
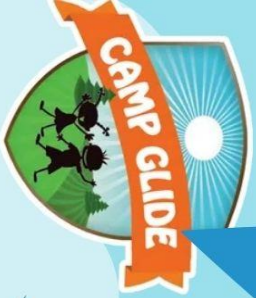


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OCTOBER HALF TERM

MONDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 1ST

- 7:30AM TO 6PM -

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ARTS & CRAFTS
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Open Mornings

Join Wray Common School

6th & 11th November

Come and learn about how our Wray Common Way will help to shape the development of your child. I welcome you to tour the school, talk with our children and meet with me.

Lloyd Murphy, Headteacher

info@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk
01737 761254



Reigate School Open Evening



Thursday 3rd October

5.30pm – 8.00pm

The Headteacher's address will take place at 6pm, 6.45pm and 7.30pm.

We encourage you to come and see the school in action. Please book onto one of our tours from Monday 30th September via contacting the main office.



Year 7 Transition

We pride ourselves on our ability to provide a seamless transition from primary to secondary school. Please scan the click on the link below to find out more about what Reigate School is all about.

[LINK](#)

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Website: www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk



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Pendleton Road
RH2 7N

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POOLSCHOOLS FREE Swimming course

- Who** - Children, non swimmers aged 4-7 years
- What** - A 4-week course of 30-minute lessons
- Where** - Wray Common School in Reigate
- When** - Sundays from 2:00pm, starting 22nd Sept 24
- Why** - Because we ❤️ swimming!!

Find out more
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poolschools.co.uk



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Dyslexia Charity



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HELPI! Online Dyslexia Course for Parents Support your dyslexic child

Interested in new ideas to support your child? Join our seven-session online course for parents led by professional staff from Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity.

- Session 1** - Intro to dyslexia and Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs).
- Session 2** - Working effectively with your child's school. Talking to your child about dyslexia and keeping their self-esteem high.
- Session 3** - Understanding how your child learns best, study skills and helping with homework.
- Session 4** - Supporting your child's reading.
- Session 5** - Supporting your child's spelling.
- Session 6** - Supporting your child's writing.
- Session 7** - Supporting your child's maths.

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Parenting courses at Reigate & Banstead Family Centres

Parenting can be very rewarding, but there can also be times when you need support. Reigate & Banstead Family Centres are running the following courses to help your relationship with your child by helping you understand or communicate with them better. Taking part in a course can improve your confidence and create a happier home environment.

Parenting Puzzle



YMCA HORLEY YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILY CENTRE
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This 10 week course encourages parents and carers to enjoy bringing up children and get the best out of family life. It offers help, tips and advice, so you can understand your child's behaviour and build positive relationships through calm, confident parenting. Suitable for parents/carers of children aged 2 years and above.

Tuesdays | 09:30-11:30

- ▶ 24 September - 3 December (no session on 29 October) | £20 (£5 deposit) via bank transfer
- ▶ Horley Young People and Family Centre, The Old Fire Station, Albert Road, Horley, RH6 7JA

Who's in Charge?

An 8 week course looking at child-to-parent violence (CPV) aimed at parents whose children are being abusive or violent towards them or who appear out of parent control. The structure of the programme consists of 8 x two hour sessions with a two month follow-up. For parents of children aged 8 onwards.

Wednesdays | 10:00-12:00

- ▶ 25 September - 20 November | Free
- ▶ Epsom Downs Family Centre, St Leonards Road, Epsom Downs, Surrey, KT18 5RJ

YMCA EPSOM DOWNS FAMILY CENTRE
PART OF YMCA EAST SURREY

For more information about these courses, or to register, please email us.

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Parent/Carer Workshops

Free Online Parent/Carer Workshops

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team invites you to attend our free online workshops for parents/carers:

These workshops are suitable for parents/carers with children aged 8+.

Our Community Wellbeing team will provide you with information and key strategies to support your child. There will also be time for you to ask any questions that you have via the online chat function.

Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

- ▶ Wednesday 18 September 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 13 November 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

- ▶ Wednesday 16 October 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

YMCA EAST SURREY

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- ▶ Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

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For dates and times and to book your place, please visit our website:
www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/

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