



Waverley Abbey School

All things are possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Forgiveness

*Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32

This week we have been considering 'being fair' in our collective worship, starting off with us discussing how it would feel if only children with brown eyes were allowed to use the equipment/ trim trail. The sense of injustice in the hall was palpable. Today, we have further reflected on the theme as we mark 'show racism the red card' day. We listened to several footballers including Thierry Henry, talk about how they faced racism in their sport and how this made them feel. Nelson Mandela once said, 'Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world'. Change starts with us.

Although it already seems an age ago, we were very proud to show off our school during our OFSTED inspection last week. Thank you for your part in the parent survey too. I am very much looking forward to sharing the report when it is out next half term.

Over the past few weeks, Year 5 have been learning about space and visited the planetarium as part of this. Today I have also been privy to an interesting debate about colonising Mars, with some very persuasive perspectives on both sides.

Year 4 have been exploring the Winchester Science Museum today, as part of their science unit. I have also seen them working hard in maths, deciding the most efficient strategies for subtraction too. Year 6 have also been working hard in maths this week, exploring the concept of BODMAS. I was impressed with their grasp of this so very early in the term. Year 3 are continuing to invent their own fairy stories, using some traditional tales and fairy stories as their inspiration. It was lovely to hear some of these read aloud in class when I was there – the children were so expressive!

School Newsletter 4

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Once again, may I ask parents politely to try wherever possible to turn left at the exit gates at the start and end of the day. Whilst it may appear to add a few minutes onto the journey, I am convinced it will save at least that in the time spent queuing. Thank you for your co-operation here.

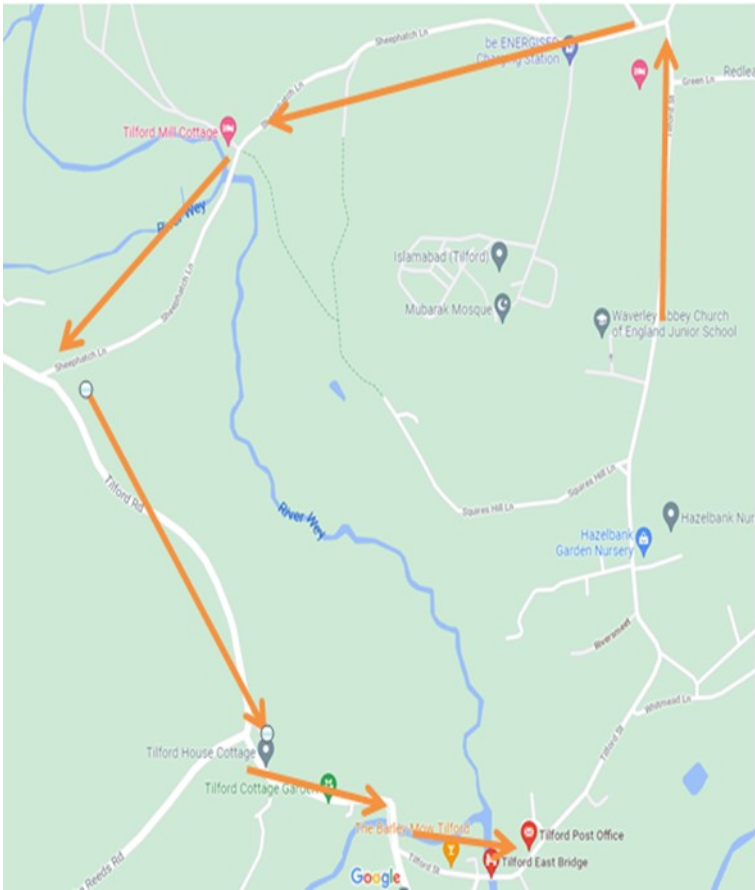
Residentials – As we near the deadline for several of our residential deposits, a polite reminder that we need to have the deposits in as soon as possible. For any families where this may be more of a challenge, please do come in and see me. I want every child who wishes to attend to be able to do so.

Polite request – If, during the school day, you need to change the plan as to how your child is getting home please call the office by 1pm so that we can get the message to class teachers in plenty of time. There have been times recently when the message has come to us very late in the day which is far from ideal and puts a great deal of pressure on the office team. Thank you.

FOWA Build a Guy 'House' competition – Why not fill some time over half term by creating a Guy? Each entry will be judged as part of a house competition with a winning Guy from each house being awarded a prize. The overall winner will also win additional house points for their team too! Entries can be brought into school from Tuesday 5th November and taken to the school hall (we'll sit them on the stage). Remember to attach your child's name and house to the entries. All our Guys will then form part of fireworks night too.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Alternative Route – Turning Left Out Of School



Lost Property

All items which are named should be returned to your child, but this may take a day or two. No lost property is kept in the office apart from valuables such as glasses and watches. All unnamed items are put in the basket outside the front of the school (apart from school uniform which is washed and sold as second hand).

Please clearly name all items with your child's full name – not initials.

We have a large number of unclaimed glasses in our lost property, if your child has lost a pair, you are welcome to check through them. If unclaimed they will be donated to charity during half term.

Thank you

Teacher Led Clubs

A reminder that teacher led clubs will not take place next weeks, due to parent consultations

Thank you

School Meals and SCOPay

A reminder to please make sure school meals are booked at least 7 days in advance.
Please check your SCOPay account to make sure you have booked meals each week if required.

If a meal has not been ordered, or your child does not have a packed lunch with them, we cannot guarantee the catering team will be able to supply a meal.

Thank you.

School Photographer

On Tuesday 5th November, children will have their individual and sibling photos taken. We will share your child's name and class with the photography company.

Please email the school office if you **do not** wish for your child/children to have their photo taken.

Thank you.

Winter School Uniform

After half term, children should return to school wearing their winter uniform. School ties can be ordered via SCOPay and will be sent home with your child.

Please visit our school website for winter uniform information.

Thank you.

Artbox

Artbox are running a workshop at The Farnham Maltings during half term, please click the link for further details.

<https://farnhammaltings.com/events/artbox-mixed-media>

Congratulations!



Recently, Ethan who is in Year 6, sold brownies at Castle Combe Race Circuit to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Ethan helped to sell the brownies (all 380 of them!) with his friends, to the drivers, spectators and officials at the track; starting at 9am and working tirelessly all day until 5pm.

The three of them made signs, spoke to people directly and gave out free samples to entice their customers. They worked hard as a

team with determination and resilience, communicating well with each other to devise the best plan to sell as many brownies as possible. They displayed confidence and enthusiasm, persuading their customers with charm and humour to make a donation.

Their efforts were nothing short of inspiring - raising a fantastic £750 in total for Cancer Research UK.

We are very proud of all 3 of them. They made a great team and should be really pleased with their success!

Diary dates for Autumn Term 2024

October 2024

Friday 18th	Year 4 - Winchester Science Trip FOWA Tuck Shop
Saturday 19th	Farnham District Cross Country Event
Tuesday 22nd	Parent Consultations - No Teacher Led Clubs
Thursday 24th	Parent Consultations - No Teacher Led Clubs Last Day of Half Term
Friday 25th	INSET Day

November 2024

Monday 4th	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th	Return To School School Photographer - Individual & Sibling Photos
Thursday 7th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 8th	FOWA - Firework Evening
Friday 22nd	Year 4 Showcase - 2:30pm

December 2024

Friday 13th	FOWA Christmas Fair
Monday 16th	Christmas Jumper Day and
Friday 20th	Last Day Of Term