

Waverley Abbey School

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



School Newsletter 2

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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – treating others with kindness (Beatitudes)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God
Matthew 5:8

After the first few weeks of the new school year, which are always about settling and getting into good routines, we are now fully immersed in school life.

This week we have been focused on Harvest. In our Harvest festival on Monday, we looked at how each and every one of us can make a difference, however small that might be. We also looked closely at the word harvest, and how that can be made into other words such as earth, have, starve and share. I hope that most of you have been able to see the Facebook pictures of our collection for the Farnham Foodbank – the response from our families has been overwhelming – thank you. I am sure that this has been our biggest donation to Farnham Foodbank. Our contributions have been picked up this week and will be used by local families.

This week has been particularly busy in Year 6 with the majority of pupils considering their wider contribution to school via our numerous pupil voice groups. Well done to all those who have applied for a role! The amazing Year 6 tour guides have also begun showing prospective parents around too.

Parent consultations: Please note that the timings for appointments with class teachers on Tuesday 22nd October are between 15.40 and 18.50 and on Thursday 24th October between 15.40 and 18.20 (Miss Haines and Ms Morris/ Mr Brown's parent consultations will be on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week). The booking system for appointments will be available online in due course.

FOWA: This term we are looking class reps for 3VC, 4LH and 6HD. If you are willing to be a class rep (perhaps in pairs), please come in and chat to the office team. Our first FOWA event is the Firework evening on Friday 8th November. If you are able to help organise this event or help on the night, please let the office know. For those new parents, our Firework evening is a lovely event, with food and drink stalls as well as goodies to buy.

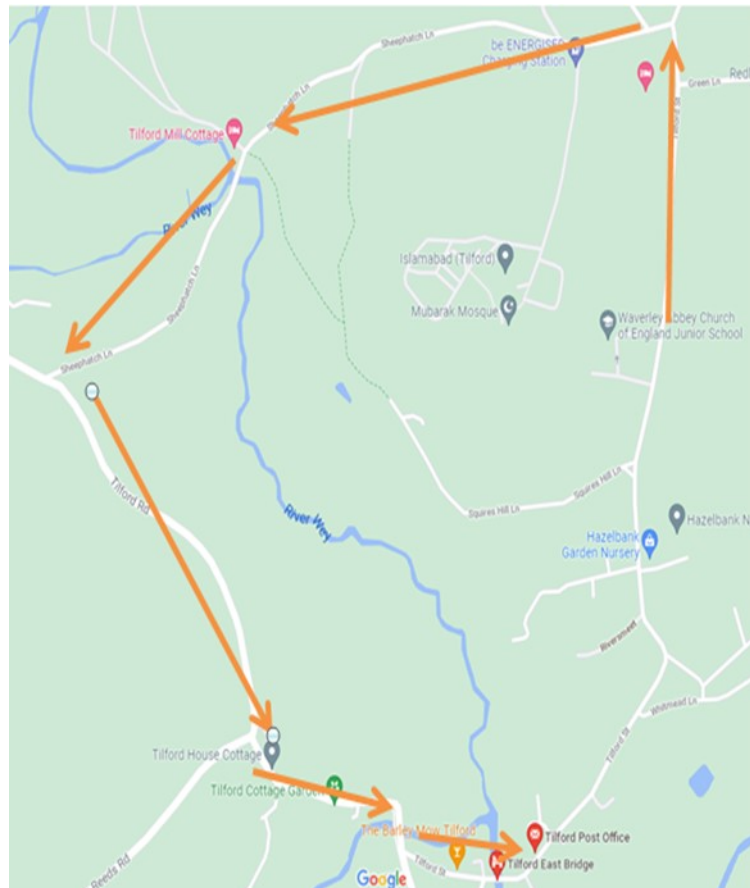
School drop off/ pick up: Thank you for your support in turning left wherever possible out of the school gate. There has definitely been a reduction in queuing. Whilst our front playground remains ever popular for dropping off, please do consider the field car park too which is often less busy in the morning.

Nut free school: Please remember when packing children's lunchboxes that we are a nut free school. We do have children with severe nut allergies therefore cannot have any nuts or nut products (peanut butter etc) on site.

Labelling uniform: There have already been a large number of jumpers and other school uniform left on playgrounds/ the field after break and lunchtimes. When the clothing is clearly labelled with the child's full name this is easy to return, however there have been items with no name at all or just initials. As I'm sure you can appreciate, with nearly 500 children it is essential that clothing is clearly named in order for a quick return. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Alternative Route – Turning Left Out Of School



Supervision Of Children Before 8:20am

A reminder that all children need to be supervised by their parent or carer before 8:20am.

This week we have seen children climbing trees, which is not allowed on school site.

Water And Healthy Break Time Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into class; the water bottle should have a sports cap (to minimise spills), be named and must contain only water.

At break time, pupils are allowed to bring a piece of fruit or healthy snack separate to their lunch if parents wish. Examples of a healthy snack are items such as malt loaf, popcorn, rice cake, oat cake or fruit/vegetables.

We will not allow children to take from their lunch box, or allow them to have chocolate or crisps at break time.

The Music Works



This week, The Music Works visited Waverley Abbey as part of their Roadshow. The children were treated to music by The Killers, Hozier and Taylor Swift to name but a few. They enjoyed participating and it was wonderful to see all the children experiencing live music. We are delighted to be continuing our partnership with The Music Works this year. Please see their communication this week for further details.

School Library

Parents, carers, grandparents and family members - we need your help.

We are looking for some volunteers to work in our library. If you could spare any time in your week to help us, we would be very grateful. The role would include helping children find books they are interested in, putting books back on the shelves and adding in new stock when it comes in.

If this is something you may be interested in, please contact the school office, a DBS check would have to be completed prior starting.

We thank you for your support.

Year 4 Reminder

A reminder that a final decision regarding coach or parent transport for our residential trip to Runways End will be made on Monday morning. If you have not yet voted and would like to please do so before Monday at 9am. The votes are currently incredibly close and the majority opinion will be chosen.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Mz0ss2yyqg>

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Runways End Parents meeting on Tuesday at 6pm.

Max, Louis and Lucie who are in Years 5 and 6, had the honour of representing Godalming Swimming Club in the Surrey Swimming relay event at the 2012 London Olympic Aquatic Centre. A fantastic experience for our Waverley Abbey pupils!



Blake in Year 6 travelled to Manchester with his Flag American Football team the South Coast Spitfires, as one of the four best teams in the country to participate in the National Flag Football Championships!

The Spitfires played three strong games, but came up short in their quest for the Championship title against the best the nation has to offer.

Blake racked up a good number of tackles on the day and had an amazing experience.

When asked about his Highlights from the trip he said, "Stopping the London Fruitbats from scoring and meeting Phoebe Schecter and getting a signed football mini helmet from her". (Phoebe is a Sky sports NFL presenter and a tireless ambassador for the game in the UK at all levels).



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2024

September 2024

Monday 23rd	Year 6 - Kew Gardens Trip
Tuesday 24th	Year 4 - Runways End Parent Meeting - 6pm
Thursday 26th	FOWA Film Night 'U'
Friday 27th	FOWA Film Night 'PG'

October 2024

Tuesday 1st	Year 6 - UKSA Parent Meeting - 6pm
Tuesday 8th	5AD & 5EW - South Downs Planetarium Trip
Thursday 10th	5SM & 5RC - South Downs Planetarium Trip
Wednesday 16th	Year 6 - National Child Measurement Programme
Friday 18th	Year 4 - Winchester Science Trip
Tuesday 22nd	Parent Consultations
Thursday 24th	Parent Consultations Last Day of Half Term
Friday 25th	INSET Day

November 2024

Monday 4th	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th	School Photographer - Individual & Sibling Photos Return To School
Thursday 7th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 8th	FOWA - Firework Evening
Saturday 19th	Farnham District Cross Country Event

December 2024

Friday 20th	Last Day Of Term
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