

# Waverley Abbey School

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



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

### **Next week's worship theme – Positivity**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Romans 15:13*

Welcome to the second newsletter of the autumn term. After the first few weeks of the new school year, which are always about settling in and setting the standard for the year, we are now fully immersed into school life. The school holidays seem but a distant memory!

This week we have been focused on Harvest and remembering what's important. Our children are so fortunate, so it is lovely to see them giving back so willingly and supporting our local community. I hope that most of you have been able to see the Facebook pictures of our collection for the Farnham food bank – the response from our families has been overwhelming – thank you. Donations have been picked up this week and will be used by local families. This week we also received the wonderful news that the water bottles and school equipment that we sent in the summer term has reached our link school - Thundu, in Malawi. The children were seen in photos and videos queuing up for their stationery and water bottles - they looked so excited! I have no doubt that this will make a difference to their learning. Miss Bedford and the Global Schools team will post further photos next week but a huge thanks to the team for organising the delivery and to all our families who contributed.

**Drop off/ pick up:** As we know this is often a 'pinch point' as we have so many cars on site. One of the biggest factors in slowing down traffic is when cars

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## 22nd September 2023

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leave site and wish to turn right, towards Tilford village. Once again, if I could politely ask that as many parents as possible turn left, and loop around (see map overleaf), our queues would undoubtedly be shorter.

**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 and 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 for a quick return. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Pick up collection:** Please remember to put in the home contact book if your child is going home with a friend or someone other than the main contact listed on our system. We have had a few incidents this week where we have had to phone families to confirm playdates etc. Thank you.

**Mrs Rebecca Marshall**

### **Absence and Lateness**

Please make sure an absence form has been completed for any planned absences where a morning or afternoon registration is missed. When returning your child to school, they must be signed in by an adult.

When leaving a message to report your child as ill, it is necessary to give information as to the nature of the illness.

The school day begins at 8.35am. Children may be left at school from 8.20 onwards.

### **SCOPay and Payments:**

Can we please request that all payments are made via SCOPay and that cash & cheque payments are avoided unless completely necessary, due to the increasing difficulty with accessing a bank and the impact on admin time this involves.

Thank you.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform**

Please email [info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk) in the first instance if you wish to purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform, stating your child's name & class and which items you require. If in stock, the items will be sent home with your child together with a note of how much to pay via SCOPay.

Donations of sweatshirts, cardigans, PE T shirts must be clean and with no holes or tears – please check before donating and we have to throw a large number away as unsuitable. No shirts please as these are not sold. Donations are much appreciated as they help support both the school and our families.

### **IMPORTANT - Lost Property**

We are already collecting large amounts of unnamed lost property. Please make sure ALL items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's full name, these items will then make their way back to the owner. Everything else will be disposed of at regular intervals as we do not have space to store it all. Each year group will have their own lost property collection point where children can look for missing items.

Thank you.

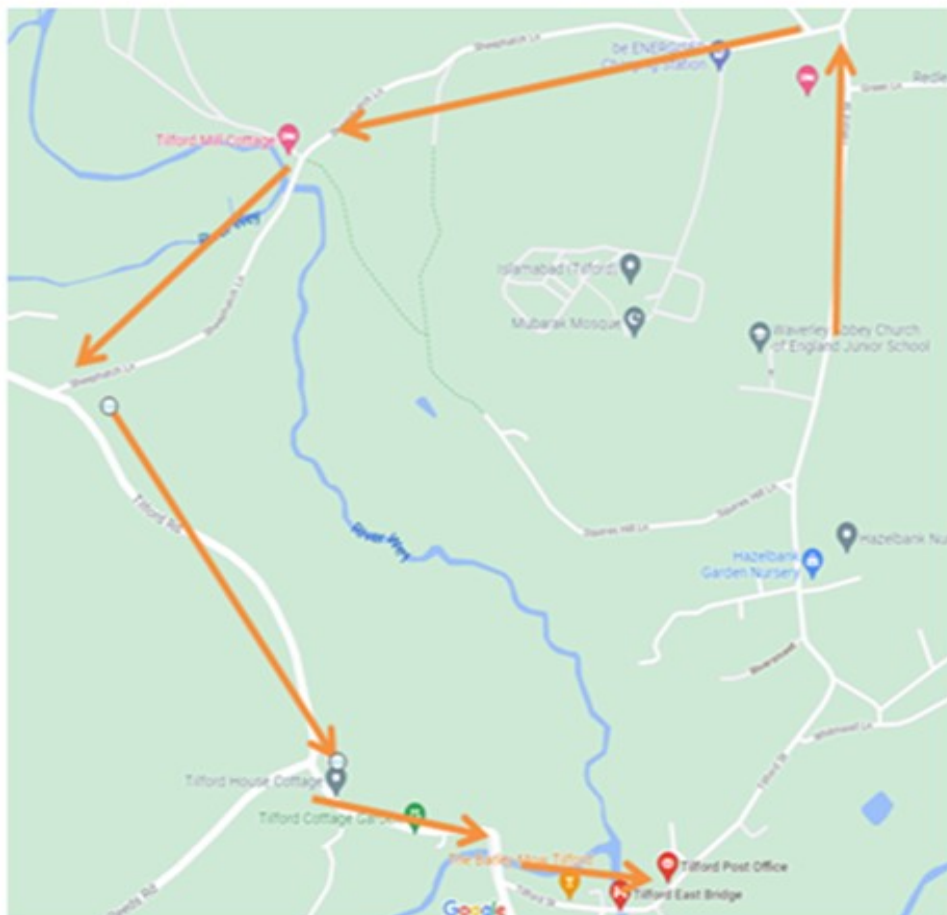
### School Meal Menu

The 'Spring/Summer' menu is valid up until October half term and the menu can be found on the school website.

#### **Menu change for Census day on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Please see attached poster for the menu on October 5<sup>th</sup>. As it is a roast, Thursday's menu will be served on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> so please check to see if you need to make changes to your child's meal choices that week if you have already booked.

### **Alternative route – turning left at WA**



### Diary dates for Autumn Term 2023

#### September 2023

Saturday 23rd	School Triathlon
Tuesday 26th	South Downs Planetarium - 5AD and 5EW
Wednesday 27th	Year 6 - The Mandir Temple visit Calshot Parent Meeting - 6pm
Thursday 28th	South Downs Planetarium - 5SB and 5RC

#### October 2023

Monday 2nd	UKSA Parent Meeting - 6pm
Wednesday 4th	Runway's End Parent Meeting - 6pm
Thursday 12th	Halloween School Disco
Tuesday 17th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19th	Parents' Evening
Friday 20th	Break Up For Half Term
Monday 30th	Return To School Year 6 - Fairground Showcase
Tuesday 31st	Year 5 - Parent Showcase