



# Waverley Abbey School

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



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

### **Next week's worship theme – Being grateful**

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24*

We have had another busy week in school with lots of learning packed in! Year five had a fantastic trip to the planetarium last week and Year 6 enjoyed their visit to the Mandir temple too. Year 4 absolutely loved designing and making their own potions at the beginning of the week and Year 3 are thoroughly enjoying their English book, 'The day I fell into a fairytale' which has led into some lovely adapted fairytale writing.

This year, we are adding reading to our school development plan as in last year's pupil survey there was less reading for pleasure than we have known in recent years. Parents in Lower School please do continue to note your children's home reading in the reading record as we want to keep this up until they are completely independent, Upper School, readers. Even in the Upper School, please continue to ask your children about what they are reading too. Reading is the gateway to the rest of the curriculum so it's important that all children have the opportunity to enjoy great books both in school and out.

**Leave of Absence** – A reminder to all parents/ carers about term time leave of absence:

A pupil's absence during term time can seriously disrupt their continuity of learning. Not only does the child miss the teaching provided on the days they are absent, they are also less prepared for the lessons after they return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement, which the school and the parents/carers should seek to avoid.

Parents/carers are advised against booking any leave of absence during term time as they will not be authorised. (except for exceptional or medical reasons). School holiday dates are published a year in advance and are available on the school and Surrey County Council websites.

## School Newsletter 3

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All absences of 10 days or more will be reported to the Local Authority and the Educational Welfare Officer. Penalty Notices may be issued by the Local Authority for unauthorised leave of absence in term time.

**Mobile phones:** We actively encourage families not to allow their children to bring expensive items into school including mobile phones. However, If your child must bring a phone in then our school policy is that they need to drop it off at the office first thing in the morning, returning to pick it up at the end of the day. We should also have a letter/ E mail confirming that your child will be bringing a phone onto the premises. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Drop off/ pick up:** A reminder that we are asking all families (wherever possible) to turn left out of school at the beginning and end of the day to improve the traffic flow and reduce the queue times. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

We have also had a few children left on school site before 8.20 am. Please do not leave children unattended until our staff come on duty at 8.20 am. If dropping off is a challenge there is an on-site breakfast club provided by SCL which does have some spaces. Please enquire in the office if you would like your child to attend this club.

Could we also please remind families not to let their children climb or swing on our beautiful trees. Tree climbing is most definitely an out of school activity!

**Mrs Rebecca Marshall**

### SCHOOL MEALS

The new Autumn/Winter menu is attached to this newsletter and is also now available on the school website. This comes into effect **after half term**. Please note that **option 3** will be jacket potato with either cheese, tuna or baked beans every day.

Information regarding Special Diets is also available on the school website.

Please can we remind all parents (including those whose children have free school meals) that meals must be ordered at least one week in advance. We have had several pupils with no meals booked recently which puts additional pressure on the catering staff to provide meals and can lead to shortages for other children.

Thank you

### Halloween Discos

Don't forget to buy tickets for the Halloween Discos on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### Waverley Abbey Fireworks

Tickets for this event on 3<sup>rd</sup> November are available on SCOPay. Family tickets are £30 and cover 2 adults and 2 children.

### Waverley Abbey Triathlon

Our recent triathlon was a huge success, well done to the children that took part and a big thank you to everyone who volunteered, encouraged and spectated!



Congratulations to Piers, Maddox, Jax, Charlie and Reuben who completed a 2.5km Tough Mudder, raising an amazing £748.00 for Cancer Research UK.





### Diary dates for Autumn Term 2023

#### October 2023

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

#### November 2023

Wednesday 1st	Year 6 - Greek Workshop
Friday 3rd	Waverley Abbey Fireworks Evening
Wednesday 8th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 13th	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Friday 17th	Children In Need Day

#### December 2023

Monday 4th	Year 4 - Natural History Museum Trip
Monday 11th	Christmas Lunch And Jumper Day
Friday 15th	Last Day Of Term