



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Persevering
Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. Joshua 3: 9-10

This week we are nearing the end of our collective worship journey this term. We have explored Moses and the Israelites 40 year walk and are now looking at Joshua beginning to take a lead. On Monday, the children will listen to the story of the Ark of the Covenant being moved across the Red Sea and will think about their journey this term, reflecting on all they have achieved. On the 4th December, the school's collective worship will move to advent! The school has also been reviewing attendance this week with Surrey's inclusion team. I am delighted to report that the attendance at Waverley remains very high. The statistics regarding attendance speak for themselves. We know that children with good attendance fair far better than those with regular absences. Thank you for your continuing support in this.

Remembrance: Thank you for your support with this year's poppy appeal. As a school we were able to raise £148 in support of the welfare work that the charity does.

Christmas Fair: Thank you for bringing in items for the rainbow raffle today. Next week, we would love to be able to stock our 'Christmas shop' with gifts for family members for £3 or less.

Christmas Post Boxes: The school Christmas post boxes will be out from Friday 1st December. If your child would like to send cards, the Year Group post boxes will be in the corridor between the computing room and the rest of the school.

School Newsletter 6

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The Year 6 one will be in the Year 6 block. Please ensure that your child writes both the recipient's surname and class otherwise we have trouble directing them to the right person!

Home decorated Christmas jumper competition: We continue to think of ways to consider the environment and would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to take part in the Waverley Abbey tradition of decorating a plain jumper ready for Christmas (rather than buying one). If your child would like to take part, please can they bring their jumper to the dining hall first thing on Monday 11th December. The jumper will need to be labelled with the pupil's name and class. There will be prizes for the most creative and 'child completed' jumpers! Pupils are welcome to collect them at break to wear for their Christmas lunch.

Local committee: As you will have seen from the letter sent this week, we are currently looking to recruit two Local Committee members to join our dedicated team. The Local Committee supports the school in its strategic direction, offering challenge and ensuring that the Good Shepherd Trust has a local voice. If you feel this is something that you could contribute to, please do come in to see either myself or our chair, Rev. Sandy Clark for more information.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Parking

When arriving at school for afternoon pick-up, please can we ask parents and carers to take the first available space on your playground to avoid traffic backing up on the road.

Please do not park on the grassed areas within the school grounds.

Thank you.

Forgotten Items

We have noticed an increased number of forgotten items are being dropped off each day. To avoid unnecessary interruptions in the school office and classrooms, please can we ask you to ensure your child has everything they need for the day.

Thank you.

Lost Property

From January, all unnamed school uniform items will be donated to the second-hand uniform stock or disposed of. Any **clearly** named items will be returned to the children as quickly as possible. All other items will be made available at the front of the school, but will be regularly disposed of. We hope this will reduce the amount of lost property around the school.

PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS.

Thank you.

Advent/Christmas Church Services

Parents are very welcome to attend the church services in December (see diary dates).
Each service will begin at 10am and last approximately 45 minutes.

Christmas Fair Food

Pre-ordered food is available to buy from our Islamabad neighbours. Payment can be made via SCOPay. **All orders need to be placed by 1st December.** The meals will be pre-packaged and available for you to take home, they will need to be collected at the end of the school day.

Below is a list of ingredients for your reference.

Chicken biryani

Chicken, rice main ingredients

Oil, tomatoes, onion, garlic, ginger, spices, a hint of yogurt.

Vegetable biryani

Mix vegetables, rice

Oil, tomatoes, onion, garlic, ginger, spices,

Lentil curry(daal)

Mix lentils (green grams beans whole and split, red lentils, split chickpeas)

Oil, tomatoes, onion, garlic, ginger, spices,

Vegetable pakora

Gram flour, onion, potatoes, spinach, green coriander,oil, spices

Samosa

All purpose flour, oil, potato, onion, spices, (mix vegetable/spices.)

Additional Diary Date

3rd December 4pm - Switching on the Christmas tree lights and Carols on Tilford Green. Come and sing with your community. Waverley Abbey children will be invited to sing a hymn too.

Diary dates for Autumn Term 2023

December 2023

Friday 1st	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 4th	Year 4 - Natural History Museum Trip
Wednesday 6th	Year 5 Production - 2pm
Thursday 7th	Year 3 - Pantomime Trip Year 4 - Church Service - 10am Year 5 Production - 6pm
Friday 8th	Christmas Fair
Monday 11th	Christmas Lunch And Jumper Day Year 6 - Church Service - 10am
Tuesday 12th	Year 3 - Church Service - 10am
Wednesday 13th	Year 5 - Church Service - 10am
Thursday 14th	Pause Day
Friday 15th	Last Day Of Term - Early Finish

Diary dates for Spring Term 2024

January 2024

Tuesday 2nd	Inset Day
Wednesday 3rd	Return To School
Friday 5th	Year 6 - Evacuee Day