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## Head's Update

Happy New Year! I do hope that everyone had a relaxing and replenishing Christmas break and were not stranded at Gatwick, as I was. Rather than moping, we tried to spend the time counting our blessings – I know I have so much to be grateful for, as we all do!

It was wonderful seeing all the children back in school last week; they were full of energy and ready to start the new term. It is also wonderful to be welcoming Mrs Corrine Hughes and Mr Chris Millwater back to Waverley Abbey, I know the children were excited to see them around school again too.



Year 6 pupils have been bringing their WW2 project to life and spent last Friday as WW2 evacuees.

This week I have been thinking about 'courageous advocacy' which is an element of character development. We have so many examples of this in school, such as the very brave Emily in Year 6 who is having her hair cut off so that she can donate it to the Little Princess Trust. This is a charity which supplies children's wigs free of charge to children who have lost their hair due to cancer and other illnesses. The wigs cost around £500 to produce, a local

hairdresser is donating the cut and Emily is hoping to raise enough money to pay for her hair to be made into a wig too. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please let the office know and they'll forward details of Emily's donate page.

Please remember the importance of practicing times tables with your children – Times Tables Rock Stars is a great way of doing this. We have also introduced the 'sound check' where pupils can practice their tables at speed. We will be feeding back to parents pupils' scores and their improvement at parents' evening in February.

This week we are also looking forward to welcoming Portals to the Past into Year 4 on Friday. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for photo updates!

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**Rebecca Marshall**  
**Head of School**

Look out for the new style newsletter, coming soon.....

*Important dates:*

**Waverley Abbey Clubs** start week commencing **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January**.

**Primary School admissions deadline** – Parents of children due to start primary school in September 2019 are being reminded to apply for their child's school place by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

**Showcase Assemblies this term:**

**Year 6 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** (VE Day Tea Party).

**Year 3 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** (In the classrooms at 2.45pm).

**Year 4 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** (In the classrooms at 2.45pm).

**Year 5 – Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> April** (In the hall at 2.45pm).

**Meet the Maths Teacher** – We would like to offer parents the opportunity to talk to their child's maths teacher again this term. The date we have allocated for this is **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** 16.00 – 17.30. Parents whose child is taught by a teacher who is not their child's class teacher have an opportunity to attend. Other parents will be able to discuss their child's math progress with their child's class teacher at the parent consultations on either 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**Parent Consultations** – will be taking place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**. A separate communication will be sent out nearer the time with details of the appointment booking system.

**Residential School Trip Payments:** Can we please remind all parents whose children are attending residential visits this year that payment must be made on time.

**Aberdovey Y5** – Should have been paid in full

**UKSA Y6** - Payment in full due by **1<sup>st</sup> March**

**High Ashurst Y4** – Payment in full due by **31<sup>st</sup> March**

**School Meals:** Can we please remind parents that school meals must be paid for in advance. You may pay in full or by instalments via SCOPay (where you can also check your balance), cheque payable to Surrey County Council or cash. All debts from last term should be cleared without delay. Thank you.

## *Other News:*

### **Save the date: Waverley Abbey Spring Ball**

We are very excited to invite you to an evening of dining and dancing on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** at the Frensham Pond hotel.

Please join us for a fabulous evening as we continue to raise funds for the refurbishment of our swimming pool enclosure. We are very hopeful that this event will enable us to finally reach our target of £150,000.

There will be many exciting raffle prizes to win and silent auction prizes to bid for including the opportunity to record a song of your choice with the Grammy and Emmy award winning music producer Kipper who has produced many artistes including Sting, Mary J Blige, James Taylor and Gary Numan. The winner will spend 6 hours at his Haslemere studio making music that you can keep forever; this auction prize can be used by a child or an adult either singing or playing an instrument.

Tickets can be purchased via scopy or in person at the school office – booking opens on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. The deadline is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

So why not gather friends and family to attend this fabulous event. Tables can be booked in groups of ten. Smaller groups are welcome too (please note that smaller groups will be joined together to make a ten).

Please look out for posters around the school for more information.

**Young carers** – Following our Young Carers letter this week, if you would like to speak to Emma Lawrence or I to discuss your child, please do make an appointment.

**Surrey Arts** - Surrey Arts would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at our open evening on Wednesday 16th January.

5.15- 6.30pm South West Winds - Woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to grade 4)

Prima - String players (beginner to grade 2) Surrey Arts would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at our open evening on Wednesday 16th January.

6.45 - 8.45pm South West Surrey Youth Orchestra - Strings, Wind, brass and percussion (grade 5+)

All rehearsals take place at Tillingbourne school and the open rehearsal and first term is free. Expert tutors will be on hand to help, just bring along your instrument! For more information, please contact Alison Harding - [Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk)

## *FOWA News:*

**Waverley's Got Talent Auditions** – The children who entered the Waverley Abbey auditions yesterday were amazing and thank you to everyone who was involved in helping the day run so smoothly. It is wonderful to see the huge amount of talent we have at Waverley Abbey.

**Annual General Meeting** – FOWA’s Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 01<sup>st</sup> February**, at 9am in the school dining room. All are very welcome.

## *Diary Dates:*

January	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Portals to the Past visit
14 <sup>th</sup>	Waverley Abbey Clubs start
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 VE Day Tea Party
14 <sup>th</sup>	District Swimming Gala
15 <sup>th</sup>	Primary School admissions deadline
28/29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Imperial War Museum trip
February	
01 <sup>st</sup>	FOWA AGM meeting
01 <sup>st</sup>	Waverley Abbey’s Got Talent
06 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the maths teacher
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	No Waverley Abbey run clubs this week due to parent consults
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations
14 <sup>th</sup>	District Swimming Gala
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 VE Day Tea Party
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Roman Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Ski Trip
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half Term
March	
04 <sup>th</sup> – 08 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair week
08 <sup>th</sup>	FOWA Quiz Night
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	French Cafe
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Showcase Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Waverley Abbey Clubs finish
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Aberdovey residential
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Showcase Assembly
April	
02 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Showcase Assembly
04 <sup>th</sup>	French Theatre Visit
04 <sup>th</sup>	Charities Day
05 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 1.30pm finish
08 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Holidays