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I'm sure the highlight of the past few weeks for the children has been the snow that we experienced last Friday! I would like to thank our staff who made every effort to get themselves in safely and ensured that the school remained open for all children. We had a great day, using the snow as inspiration to write and draw. As you will have seen from Facebook, we also played in the snow all lunchtime, making some fantastic snow men and having a few snowball fights too! Some of our children were away on a residential and we have heard great things from them as to their activities and the fun of sleeping over at the centre!

We were very keen for Waverley's Got Talent to continue that evening but disappointingly following the second snow fall in the afternoon, this did have to be postponed. Thank you to parents and carers for your understanding in this. The new date for Waverley's Got Talent is Friday March 1. I am looking forward to seeing the acts perform and I'm sure they'll be even more polished now that they have a little longer to practise!

Each week I have many opportunities to observe learning; this is the highlight of my role as I see the

school in action. I am always impressed with the engagement that I see in all the classrooms. It doesn't matter what time I am in classes, our children are always concentrating, engaged in the task and really are a credit to us and you.

**Surrey Arts:** We are very fortunate to have the amazing Holly Cowan in school three times a week. She teaches individual and group piano and singing lessons to children from across the school. Please see more details below. Surrey Arts also have offers for children who are entitled to free school meals. The office can provide more details should this apply to your child.

**Uniform:** We are happy for girls to wear either grey socks or white as part of their school uniform.

**Showshack assembly reminder:** There will be an assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February for pupils who have attended Showshack to perform to the school. The assembly will start at 2.45 and run for approximately 30 minutes – parents of those children performing are welcome to attend.

**Rebecca Marshall - Head of School**

## School News:

### Waverley Abbey Spring Ball

If you don't already know the school is organising a spring ball to raise funds for an enclosure for our swimming pool. The enclosure will enable children to swim all year round and will have showers and changing facilities too.

The ticket price includes prosecco on arrival, a 4-course dinner including wine and dancing! There will also be an auction with lots of great prizes up for grabs.

Buy your tickets soon to take advantage of an "early bird" offer as follows:

- ⊙ £55 per head for the first 50 tickets sold.
- ⊙ £60 per head for the second 50 tickets sold.
- ⊙ All other tickets will be sold at £65 per head

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).

Tickets can be purchased via Scopay or in person at the school office. Please see the attached poster.



*Holly Cowan is a music teacher for Surrey Arts and she visits Waverley Abbey three days a week to teach pupils piano and singing. She has been teaching music lessons at Waverley Abbey for 14 years and is a parent of a year 4 pupil. Music lessons run for a school term, there are 10 lessons per term.*

*They can be provided within a group or a one to one session and are usually between 20 to 30 minutes long. Lessons take place at Waverley Abbey School during the school day.*

*To find out about the music lessons Holly offers, please contact her directly by telephone: 07769 694592 or email [holly@hollycowan.co.uk](mailto:holly@hollycowan.co.uk).*

### INSET DAYS 2019 - 2020

25<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
6<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020  
08<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Year 6 UKSA:** Can we please remind parents that payment is required in full for UKSA by 1<sup>st</sup> March. You may view your balance via SCOPay but please be aware that recent cash or cheque payments may not show up immediately. Thank you

### FOWA News:

**Waverley Abbey's Got Talent** – Waverley Abbey's Got Talent 2019 has been rescheduled for Friday 1 March, at the same time (with same timings as before). Tickets that have already been purchased will be automatically transferred to the new date.

**Book Fair** - The next book fair will be in school week commencing **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Children will be able to preview books on the Monday then they will have the opportunity to buy books on the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Their teacher will let the children know on which day they will be going.

**Waves Afterschool Club** – WAVES bookings should be made online using SCOPay. You will be able to book and pay for sessions and also cancel unwanted sessions up to 7 days in advance and also pay using Childcare Vouchers providing you have given us the details of your provider in advance. Sessions cannot be booked if there are insufficient funds in your account so payment is required at the time of booking. An online guide for parents is attached.



**School Meals:** Please find attached the change of meals form for the next half term. Can we please remind parents that school meals should always be paid for in advance of meals being taken. Also, following on from the snow day last week, many parents were concerned about refunds for meals not taken on that day because their child brought in a packed lunch. Any meals not taken due to absence or other circumstances are automatically refunded on the system.

## Diary Dates

### February

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

01 <sup>st</sup>	Waverley's Got Talent
04 <sup>th</sup> – 08 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair week
06 <sup>th</sup>	Family Stargazing Evening
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



British Science Week will commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and at Waverley Abbey we intend to celebrate this event with many fun-filled and exciting scientific experiences for the children. Included in these activities are two interactive and amazing workshops that each child will take part in at the beginning of the week. The 'Silly Science' workshop will guide the children through a science tour of discovery and ignite their curiosity through practical demonstrations and experiments. The second workshop is a Dinosaur visit, bringing prehistoric life into our school! The children will examine fossils and learn more about the evolution of dinosaurs. To pay for these fantastic workshops, there will be a small payment added to the cost of future trips.

## Local News:



Tilford Bridge Update from Tilford Parish Council - We just wanted to share an update regarding Tilford East Bridge and the planned closure. Despite the works being due to begin imminently Surrey County Council have informed us that they will have to delay the works until Summer of 2019. It is a complex project involving multiple organisations and agencies and despite their best efforts, they were unable to get the permissions and plans in place for a February Closure. As soon as we have an update regarding the postponed dates we will be in touch. You can find more information here

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/our-major-maintenance-projects/repair-of-tilford-east-bridge-on-tilford-street>



**Waverley Vipers** will be running a February Netball camp and Basketball camp this half term, please see the fliers attached for more information.

**Shepherds Way** - We have had a complaint from a resident of Shepherds Way to say that some of our parents are again parking inconsiderately, blocking driveways etc. For the safety of your child, their friends, and the local community we request that you park safely, legally and considerately.