



Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Hard work

All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk (of it) leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 14:23

Learning across the school: As always, super learning has been happening across the school! Mrs Hilyard and I went in to see many English and guided reading lessons this week and Mr Kitching and I have been observing maths this week too. Children are using their knowledge organisers well, knowing these help them to be independent learners, as well as the use of our working walls and rapid recall (retrieval facts which we call 'sticky knowledge'). The quality of the learning and progress of pupils have been fantastic to see.

The past two weeks have also been filled with visitors in school and experiences to enhance learning for pupils. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Evacuee Day last Friday. I have to say it was one of my more memorable parent tours as I went into several classrooms during the 'aid raid' whereby we found all the class under the tables! On Monday this week, Year 4 were treated to a fantastic Anglo-Saxon day where they were given the opportunity to view artefacts such as weapons, coins and tools; learning all about their use. They also re-enacted a battle with authentic war cries! Next week our choir are off to the O2 to perform their Young Voices concert which all are very much looking forward to.

Collective worship this term: In our collective worship this term, we are considering the importance of 'wise words', looking for inspiration from Proverbs as well as other religious texts and fables. In school we are also reinforcing the

importance of kind words using the 'think' poster (see next page). Generally our children are thoughtful and kind, however a reminder about this never does any harm!

FOWA Thank you: Last term our Christmas Fair raised just shy of £3000. This coupled with Cauliflower Cards which raised a further £700 means that we can add more IT equipment into classrooms, to support learning across the school. Thank you to all who supported, and to the FOWA team who worked tirelessly to make the Fair such a success. If any parent wishes to join our small but dedicated team, our next meeting is on Wednesday 17th January at 8.45am.

Internet Safety: Recently we have experienced an increase in concerns raised by both children and families about children's safe and appropriate use of the internet/ mobile devices. Please continue to keep a close eye on your children's internet use and of their messaging and WhatsApp threads/ friends too.

Bag2School Collection: Donations can be dropped to the school office between Monday 22nd January and Wednesday 24th January (no earlier please), ready to be collected by Bag2School on Thursday 25th January at 9am.

Parent Consultations: Parent consultations will be taking place on **Tuesday 6th** and **Thursday 8th February**. A separate communication will be sent out nearer the time with details of the appointment booking system.

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Congratulations!

Well done to Alexa in Year 6 who has recently passed her Grade 1 Flute practical exam with Merit.

Medicines in School

Can we please remind parents that, in order to reduce time spent out of class and disruption to lessons, prescribed medicines should only be given in school once a day at around lunchtime where at all possible (antibiotics should be timed to fit with this). All prescription meds must come in their original packaging with the child's name clearly marked. A completed medication request form should also be sent in with any medication (available in reception or on the school website under 'parents information'). Thank you for your help with this.

Lost Property

Please check our new lost property basket outside the front of school for any **un-named** items. This will be routinely emptied once or twice a term. Anything that is clearly named should be returned to your child. We also have a selection of glasses in office, so it is worth checking if your child has lost a pair. These should also be named if at all possible please.

Thank you.

Before you speak
THINK

T = Is it **t** rue?

H = Is it **h** elpful?

I = Is it **i** nspiring?

N = Is it **n** ecessary?

K = Is it **k** ind?

If not, don't say it, text it or post it!

LATE FOR SCHOOL?

CHILDREN LEARN BEST AT THE START OF THE DAY

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Diary dates for Spring Term 2024

January 2024

Monday 15th	Young Voices at The O2
Thursday 25th	Bag2School Collection - 9am
Tuesday 30th	Year 3 Trip - Butser Ancient Farm
Wednesday 31st	Year 4 - Clarinet Concert and Showcase

February 2024

Thursday 1st	Year 6 - WW2 Showcase
Friday 9th	Break Up For Half Term
Monday 19th	Inset Day
Tuesday 20th	Return To School