



# Waverley Abbey School

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



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

### **Our worship theme after half term – Making good choices (lent)**

*"A wise child follows their parents' good advice."*

*Proverbs 13:1*

With the first half of the academic year coming to an end, I want to thank all the families of Waverley Abbey children for the support that you give the children. We have noticed a real increase in the number of children reading at home as well as the embracing of Teams for the children's home learning too. I know, both as a parent as well as the Head, that new systems take time to embed and are an added challenge to already busy lives. Thank you for working with us as we have developed this system. We always welcome advice and feedback so please do E mail or speak to your child's class teacher if you think we could adapt and amend further.

You will also spot that our worship theme coming back continues to be about wise words. We have been looking at Proverbs for much of our collective worship in spring term and this will continue after half term too. We will talk in collective worship about the importance of listening to our family when they offer advice, much like Jesus listened to God. This will link with Lent.

Last week, Year 3 enjoyed a superb trip to Butser Ancient Farm, linking to their topic on the Strone/ Iron/ Bronze Age. The children became real life archaeologists carefully excavating ancient finds. They also created some fabulous jewellery in the style of the era as well as discovering all about how people of this time lived. A fantastic time was had by all.

Well done to all who competed for the school in this week's Farnham swimming gala. As always there is tough competition to get into the team as so many of

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our children are exceptionally good at swimming, with many swimming for clubs outside school too. The team fared very well coming in second place. A huge well done to all.

Thank you to all who attended this term's parents' evenings. If you were unable to make an appointment, please do ask for a time for the class teacher to phone home. We would very much like to speak to all families to update about progress and next steps.

**Y5/6 Indoor Athletics** - On a thrilling day of fierce competition, our Year 5 and 6 pupils showcased their athletic ability at the Indoor Athletics event held at Farnham Heath End. The event saw our children divided into two teams - a boys' team and a girls' team - who participated in a range of both track and field events. The competition was neck and neck throughout; full of events which included several relays, a challenging obstacle relay, impressive speed bounce, javelin throw, long jump, triple jump, and vertical jump. Not only was the children's ability on show throughout but also their teamwork and sportsmanship. With the competition heating up, two teams found themselves tied for second place, battling it out for the runner-up position. However, it was our incredible team from Waverley Abbey who emerged victorious, clinching the first-place title by the narrowest of margins. A fantastic morning of sport, thank you to Mr Cassim for leading the team, and the parents and carers, who transported the children to and from the event.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

### Inset Day

A reminder that Monday 19th February is an INSET day.

### Years 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 will need to bring their swimming **and** PE kit (required in case the pool is not useable) to school after half term.

### School Meal Payments

To avoid complications with the handover to our new caterers after half term, please ensure all outstanding dinner monies are paid **today**.

Please remember to book your child's meals for after half term. This needs to be done at least 7 days in advance.

Also, please check the new menu on our website before ordering to ensure that you are choosing appropriately for your child. We hope to have further information regarding options for children with food allergies/intolerances from our new caterers, Caterlink, soon.

### Residential Trip Payments

Please remember that, unless previously agreed with the school, all residential trip payments should be made in full by the end of February. This applies to UKSA, Calshot & Runway's End. You can check your balance at any time via your SCOPay account but please let the office know if you have any problems regarding payment.

### Spare Underwear

Sometimes we need spare underwear in school for children who have had an accident. We would be really grateful if you could check at home to see if you have any suitable items in good condition which you would be happy to donate.

Thank you.

### World Thinking Day 2024

To celebrate World Thinking Day on Thursday 22nd February, children are welcome to wear their Girlguiding and Scouting uniforms to school.

# Safer Internet Day 2024 | Tuesday 6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre



This week we have celebrated Safer Internet Day. All children have taken part in special lessons and some of our year 6 children delivered assemblies to the school. We also had a visit from BBC Newsround reporter, Joe Tidy, who gave us some top tips for staying safe online.

## Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to several of our Year 4 pupils - Barclay, Elodie, Isabella and Alexander who shone in their recent Peter Pan pantomime. The children are part of the BCA performing arts group and after months of rehearsals (with lots of extra hours at the weekends!) they all did an amazing job in front of two packed audiences at Ash Manor School.

## Congratulations from Mrs Duncan

On Wednesday 31st January, a mixed team of Year 5 and 6 children represented Waverley Abbey at a STEM problem solving challenge afternoon organised by SATRO at More House School.

The challenge involved teamwork, design, engineering and maths, and the team worked brilliantly together; sharing ideas and compromising to rise to the challenge.

Whilst ultimately, they didn't win, I was really impressed with the resilience and collaboration they demonstrated throughout the challenge and was proud of how they represented the school.

Well done to Hayley, Alexa and Roo from Year 6 and Zeynep, Jack and Liam from Year 5!

## School Uniform

### **Boys - Winter uniform**

- Plain, long or short sleeved white shirt and school tie
- School sweatshirt
- Mid-grey trousers
- Mid-grey shorts
- Black school shoes
- Plain short black or dark grey socks (no trainer socks)
- School fleece (optional) - does not replace a sweatshirt

### **Boys - Summer uniform - (may only be worn from after the Easter holidays through to October half term)**

As winter, but in addition

- School or plain white polo shirt

### **Girls - Winter uniform**

- Plain white shirt and tie or plain white, open collar blouse (no top button) - **from September 2024 a tie must be worn with all shirts/blouses**
- Mid-grey skirt
- Mid-grey tailored trousers (no legging type trousers)
- Mid-grey shorts
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- Plain white ankle/knee length socks or black tights (no trainer socks)
- Black school shoes
- School fleece (optional) - does not replace a sweatshirt

### **Girls - Summer uniform - (may only be worn from after the Easter holidays through to October half term)**

As winter, but in addition

- Royal blue and white gingham/striped dress
- School or plain white polo shirt

### **P.E.**

- School PE t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plain white socks
- Trainers
- Swimming costume/trunks (one piece) & hat
- Towel

A navy or black, unbranded tracksuit or school fleece may be worn for outdoor PE sessions during the winter.

### **World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Children to dress up as their favourite character from a book. We are going to create a Waverley Abbey Book swap on this day, instead of bringing in money for dressing up we kindly ask for a book donation to use for the swap.

We have also set the children an exciting reading challenge over half term. They need to take a picture of themselves reading in an unusual place. There will be one winner per year group, this will be announced on World Book Day.

### **Diary dates for Spring Term 2024**

#### **February 2024**

Friday 9th	Break Up For Half Term
Monday 19th	Inset Day
Tuesday 20th	Return To School
Thursday 22nd	World Thinking Day
Thursday 29th	FOWA - U Film Night

#### **March 2024**

Friday 1st	FOWA - PG Film Night
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Thursday 21st	Year 4 - Easter Production - 6pm
Friday 22nd	Year 4 - Easter Production - 2pm
Thursday 28th	Easter Egg Raffle Last Day of Spring Term

### **2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR INSET DAYS**

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (new Year 3 children attend the afternoon session)

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025