



School Newsletter 1

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HEAD'S UPDATE

Welcome back to the first newsletter of the new school year, especially to any new parents joining us—welcome to the Waverley Abbey Family. We have had a super start to the term with all our children settling back into school life very quickly. The children have already become immersed in their topics and it was wonderful to see different Year Groups engaging in Arabian dance, circus skills and watching a performance of Macbeth.

Over the summer we have been very busy updating playground markings, creating a quiet space where the plinth used to be and painting some of the Year 5 classrooms. The school is certainly looking more sparkly!

Baby news: Over the summer Mrs. Sartori gave birth to a little girl called Elsie. The Sartori family are faring well and enjoying their new addition!

Harvest: We will be celebrating harvest on Monday 23rd September. At this time, we ask the children to think about those children who are not as fortunate as themselves both in this country and further afield. This year we will be collecting items for Farnham Food Bank. Please see the attached letter for more details. We ask that the children bring in the items to the hall when they arrive in the morning where Mrs Ashford and I will be there to greet them.

Polite reminder: Please ensure that polite 'car park etiquette' is followed at all times and that drivers'

speed remains at 5 mph on the school site. The start of the year has been brilliant and I am keen that this continues all year! Please do also not have your engine's running whilst sitting in your cars. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Maths Teacher Meetings: We would like to offer parents the opportunity to talk to their child's maths teacher (as sometimes this is not their class teacher). The date we have allocated for this is Wednesday 9th October 15.45 – 17.00. Parents whose child is taught by a teacher who is not their child's class teacher have an opportunity to attend. The school will open a booking system for 5 minute appointments. Other parents will be able to discuss their child's maths progress with their child's class teacher at the parent consultations which are the 22nd and 24th October. Year Three parents will not need to attend this term's meet the maths teacher, as maths is class based.

Parent consultations: Please note that the timings for appointments on Tuesday 22nd October are between 16.00 and 18.50 and on Thursday 24th October between 15.45 and 18.15. The booking system for appointments will be available online in due course.

Finally, could we please ask that parents do not leave children in the playground before 8.20am as staff are not available to supervise children before this time.

Rebecca Marshall - Head of School

School News & Information:

Waverley Abbey Triathlon

The 2019 Waverley Abbey Triathlon takes place on Saturday 21st September.

If your child is participating please arrive at least 30 minutes before their designated start time. This is to allow enough time for registration, pin numbers onto t-shirts, rack bikes etc.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day of the triathlon and keep up to date with all things triathlon, please join the Triathlon Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/125060801410355/about/>



After school clubs

Waverley Abbey clubs – We still have a lot of availability for teacher led school clubs. These are a great alternative to childcare. Please sign up for these via SCOPay.

Clubs commence on Mon 23rd Sept.

Genie Lab - are also very low on numbers. This is a fun, hands on science club. For more info and to book, please visit <https://bookwhen.com/genielab>

Alexander Technique-Creative Confidence for Years 3 & 4 will be merged with Years 5 & 6 due to low numbers. The taster session will take place on Thurs 19th Sept. Please see the attached flyer for information.

School Uniform

The school holds a stock of book bags & ties which can be ordered via Scopay or through the school office. Any other branded uniform items (i.e. **sweatshirts, cardigans, PE t-shirts, caps, fleeces**) must be ordered via our uniform supplier, Schoolyard using the link below.

<https://waverley-abbey.schoolyardonline.co.uk/>

Music Lessons

Music lessons in school are run by Surrey Arts and Musicworks.

Please see the attached flyers from both providers with information on how their lessons are run and how to sign up.

School Meals

Please ensure that you have paid for school meals. You may check your balance via Scopay.

Any changes to school meals must be made in writing to the school office in advance.

Medicines in School

Please ensure that you return / bring in medication to school that your child requires.

Swimming at Waverley Abbey School - We are fortunate in being one of the few Surrey schools which still maintain a swimming pool. Over the years, with increasing pressure on budgets, schools have made the difficult decision to close their pools due to the costs of maintaining the provision and providing the highly trained staff to both operate the plant and teach lessons safely and effectively.

In order to continue to provide this wonderful facility for the children a contribution of **£25** per child for the whole year is required for the academic year.

Art & DT - Children will be undertaking many creative projects in their Art/Design and Technology lessons. In order for these lessons to take place and for the children to take home the wonderful things they produce, a contribution of **£8.00** per child for the whole year is required to cover the cost art and design materials.

Payment for both of these can be made either by cheque, payable to **Waverley Abbey School**, by cash or on-line via SCOPay.

While these contributions are voluntary, we would like to make you aware that these lessons cannot run without it, however, if you do have any problems or questions regarding payment please contact the school without delay.



Children's Newspaper plea

Year 6 are looking for old copies of children's newspapers or non-fiction magazines (e.g. First News, The Week Junior, National Geographic for Kids, Science and Nature for Kids, The Eye) to use in their literacy lessons next week.

If you have any unwanted piles at home please send them in with your child and ask them to take them to Miss Haines' classroom.

Rugby at Farnham RUFC

The Girls Minis, Juniors and Academy, and Ladies Seniors, teams at Farnham are expanding rapidly and are looking for any girls or ladies keen to try rugby for a taster session on the day above. All abilities welcome and encouraged; there will also be a Girls match following for those that want to see a game in action, as well as free hotdogs in the clubhouse for all participants.

Diary dates for Autumn Term

Sept

- 16th Year 6 Resilience workshop (during school)
Parent session at 6pm
- 17th FOWA welcome back meeting, The Fox Pub, 7.30pm
- 20th FOWA Year 3 Welcome Supper
- 21st Triathlon
- 23rd Waverley Abbey clubs start
Weydon Talk for Year 6 Parents (in hall, 6.30pm)
- 30th Open morning

Oct

- 4th Open morning
- 7th Year 6 Temple visit
- 9th Meet the Maths teacher
- 21st – 24th No Waverley Abbey clubs this week
- 22nd Parent consultations (4pm – 7pm)
Year 4 Winchester Science Museum
- 23rd Year 6 Showcase Assembly (2:45pm)
- 24th Parent consultations (3.45pm – 6.30pm)
Second hand uniform sale
- 25th INSET Day

Nov

- 6th Year 3 Butser Farm
- 8th FOWA Fireworks night
- 11th School (individual) photos
- 21st Year 5 Showcase Assembly (2:45pm)
- 28th Year 3 Showcase Assembly (2.45pm)
- 30th Christmas Fair

Dec

- 5th Year 4 Showcase Assembly (2:45pm)
- 6th INSET Day
- 9th Year 3 Christmas Production (6.30pm)
- 11th & 12th Nasal Flu
- 12th Year 5 Christmas Production (6.30pm)
- 17th Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers
- 18th & 19th Church services
- 19th Class Christmas parties
- 20th End of Autumn Term (1.30pm finish)