



HEAD'S UPDATE

School Newsletter 3

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This week there has been such a lot happening in school! Year 6 travelled to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. They had a fantastic day in London learning more about Hinduism. An awe-inspiring visit and we are very proud of how respectful and well-behaved our children were.

Some of our pupils have also been to the Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. The feedback from both trips was very positive and all children were a credit to the school. We have also held parent tours for our feeder infant school parents and have had our open mornings. I always love showing parents around Waverley Abbey but can honestly say that our Year 6 tour guides gave me a run for my money! They were courteous, smiley, quietly confident and were true school ambassadors. The parents who came to look around sang their praises too.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our worship team always set our school value each week. They do this a term in advance, working with me to look at the religious calendar, world events and also values that are pertinent to our school community. This will be changing next term in that we are going to have 6 overarching values, each lasting a half term. The worship team are currently planning how they are going to make sure that all children have a say but I would really like parents' involvement too. On parents' evening, there will be a stand with some vision statements and values on. Please do come over and

vote for the ones that resonate with you. These will help us to make a final decision in November.

On Saturday 12th October many of our children will be running in Farnham Park in the schools' cross country competition. Good luck to all the children running!

Polite request – If, during the school day, you need to change the plan as to how your child is getting home please call the office by 1pm so that we can get the message to class teachers in plenty of time. There have been times recently when the message has come to us very late in the day which is far from ideal and puts a great deal of pressure on the office team. Thank you.

Harvest – Thank you for all your kind donations for Harvest this term, these have all been gratefully received by the Farnham Food Bank.

FOWA Build a Guy competition – Build a Guy over half term - the winner will have pride of place at the top of the school bonfire on 8th November. Entries can be brought into school from Wednesday 6th November and taken to the school hall (we'll sit them on the stage). Remember to attach your name and class to your entry. The winner will be announced on Friday 8th November during 'Good News' assembly.

Rebecca Marshall

Head of School

School News & Information:

Year 6 Ski Trip to Paincavello:

Can we please remind parents that payment for next year's ski trip to Paincavallo must be **made in full by 8th November 2019**.

You can check your outstanding balance at any time via your SCOPay account.

If you have any queries regarding payment please contact the office without delay.

Secondary School Applications

If your child will reach age 11 between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they will be due to start secondary school in September 2020.

The application window is now open. The **closing date for on time applications for secondary school is 31 October 2019**.

School Routine and Illness

The school day begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.20pm. Children may be left at school from 8.20am onwards when staff will be on duty to supervise. Children may enter their classrooms from 8.35am.

If your child becomes ill at school the school office will telephone to ask you to collect them. It is important to keep us informed of any new telephone numbers so that we can contact you in an emergency.

Children with vomiting or diarrhoea are exempt from school for 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.

Other good news....

Charlie in Year 5 in Mrs Robinson's class...

Charlie will be completing a 3 mile charity walk at Portsmouth historic dockyard on Wednesday 30th October. He is fundraising money for Rowans Hospice, a wonderful place based in Portsmouth, where they look after terminally ill people and their families in their last days... This is a personal annual event to Charlie as his Uncle Colin passed away there four years ago after losing his battle with cancer.

Charlie feels this is his way he can give back to the hospice and help others who go through such difficult time. If you would like to make a donation, please do so here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CharlieStarlitWalk>



Sporting News

Girls Football Club - We are pleased to have been able to enter two girls teams in the first 'Farnham and District Schools Year 6 Girls Football competition'. We are competing against teams from South Farnham, Rowledge, William Cobbett and St Peter's.

Matches took place last Friday on the 3G pitch at Weydon School, with our A team having a comfortable win against Rowledge. The girls played some terrific football, and showed great composure in front of goal. Our B team were generally less experienced footballers, but also played some great football at times in their defeat against a strong William Cobbett side. Following early nerves, the team settled down really well and although they were the slightly better team in the second half, were unable to score the goals that their all round play deserved.

The next games will take place on Friday 11th October, with the A team playing St Peter's, and the B team playing against South Farnham. A win for the A team will put them in the Final against William Cobbett on 8 November, and a win for the B team will mean they play in the Plate final on 18 October.

Good luck to both teams in their games.

Year 6 Football & Netball teams have now won all their games so far this season and now progress through to the League Finals with a game to spare. The real test will come next Thursday when we play South Farnham to decide who finishes top in both Leagues.

Thank you to Lauren Dover (Y6 parent) who has been providing the teams with outstanding coaching on a Tuesday lunchtime - the hard work is paying off.

Well done to all the players

Important Reminder

Waverley Abbey Clubs will not be running for the week of 21st October, due to Parent Consultation Evenings.

External clubs will run as normal.

Orange Link Fence

A gentle reminder to all. Please do not climb over or on the orange link fence between the hard ground and the playing field.

Diary dates for Autumn Term

Oct

- 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
18th Bookfair Week
21st Year 5 Showcase Assembly (2:45pm)
Ski Trip Parent Evening (6pm)
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 (all year groups)
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)

Thanks to DS Scaffolding

We would like to say a huge thanks to DS Scaffolding for providing us with some racking for our triathlon bikes to hang on for Triathlon Day.

They went out of their way to make this happen for us with no hesitation in donating their time, effort and generosity in supporting us in this event.