



School Newsletter 1

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HEAD'S UPDATE

First and foremost a huge welcome back to all our Waverley Abbey families. It has been joyous having a full contingency of pupils back in the classroom and we have noticed this year that our children look even more smiley with exemplary behaviour too. I think pupils, and staff are all delighted to be back in school! Long may it continue.

For any new parents joining us– welcome to the Waverley Abbey Family. We have had a super start to the term and the children have certainly settled back into school life very quickly. Pupils have already become immersed in their topics and it was wonderful to see different Year Groups engaging in their learning over the course of the week.

Over the summer we have been very busy ensuring the school was ready to welcome all pupils back and I'm sure the children will have noticed some changes too, for example the beginnings of a new colour scheme in corridors and an enhanced outdoor learning area.

Car parking: Thank you for all your support with car parking at drop off and pick up. We knew that this would be one of the greatest challenges but parents have been very flexible and understanding as we all adapt to a new system. A few small reminders – please make sure you are not arriving more than a couple of minutes prior to your year group pick up time and are leaving promptly afterwards so that we can reduce the queuing to get onto the site. The front of the school will now be reserved for buses so please do not park there at drop off or pick up. Also, from next week we are looking to reduce footfall on site so please remain in your car and wait for your children to come to you. If you are walking please say goodbye to your children at the main blue gate rather than close to the Year 6 block. I think after this week the children will also be used to the system so this will be far more manageable.

Car sharing: Now that we can meet with another household in any setting please do consider the possibility of car sharing to reduce the amount of cars on site. I have had several parents asking the school about this this week so there are families in all year groups looking to share the load.

Harvest: We will be celebrating harvest on Tuesday 22nd 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. Once

again we are supporting Farnham Food Bank, who help families in our town. We ask that the children bring in the items to their classroom where boxes will be waiting. We have worked with Farnham Foodbank to ensure we follow all Covid protocols.

Parent consultations: We are currently looking at a virtual system for parent consultations and will update you about this once the system is in place. The timings for appointments on Tuesday 20th October are between 16.00 and 18.50 and on Thursday 22nd October between 15.45 and 18.15. The booking system for appointments will be available online in due course.

Bags and coats: whilst the communal locker spaces remain out of use, can we please remind parents that rucksacks are not required in school as unless equipment fits on desks e.g. pencil cases, it needs to be put under the child's desk or on the back of their chair – bulky items reduce classroom space and are a trip hazard. Also, while the weather is mild but often rainy, a light rainproof jacket is ideal. Several children have come in with a 'kag in a bag' or a 'mac in a pack' which are small on space but waterproof and have proved very popular.

Next week's Learning value – courage

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8

Once again, it is truly wonderful to have our community back together. We have missed you all.

Rebecca Marshall - Head Teacher

School News & Information:

After school clubs

Waverley Abbey clubs

There will be NO teacher run clubs for this term.

Externally Run Clubs

Please refer to the attached flyers with this newsletter for the externally run clubs that will be on offer.

For 365 Athletics, please contact waverley365@gmail.com

For SCL Tag Rugby and Football please contact enquiries@wearescl.co.uk

Their flyers are to follow

School Uniform

The school holds a stock of book bags & ties which can be ordered via Scopay. 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/>

School Meals

Please remember that school meals need to be ordered and paid for online via your SCOPay account at least one week in advance. Menus are available on the school website. If you do need to order a last minute meal for your child in an emergency, please contact the school office.

Outdoor Learning

This year we are very excited to be introducing Outdoor Learning to all children. This will happen in most weathers and your children will need suitable outdoor coats; trousers; gardening gloves and a pair of footwear which will get muddy. These sessions will be led by Mr Chart, on a Tuesday (class rota - class teachers will inform the children the week prior) and on a Friday (all classes) by their teacher.

Medicines in School

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

Please ensure that you have completed a medical request form for any medication. This form can be found on the school website under Parents Information / Forms & Documents

Drop Off

Please can we remind parents that there are no staff on duty until 8:20am, so please do not allow your child to leave the car until this time.

Safety of the children is our priority and we thank you for support with this.

WAVES

Please remember that the WAVES after school club also needs to be booked and paid for via SCOPay at least a week in advance. Please make sure you state which year group your child is in when addressing queries to the school office.

Diary dates for Autumn Term

Sept

8 th	Year 4 Meet the Teacher (Via Zoom)
9 th	Year 3 Meet the Teacher (Via Zoom)
10 th	Year 5 Meet the Teacher (Via Zoom)
11 th	Year 6 Meet the Teacher (Via Zoom)
WC 21 st	Harvest Festival

Oct

20 th	Parent consultations (Virtual TBC)
22 nd	Parent consultations (Virtual TBC)
23 rd	INSET Day

26th – 30th HALF TERM WEEK

Nov

9 th	School (individual) photos
23 rd	Flu Nasal Immunisation
24 th	Flu Nasal Immunisation

Dec

18 th	End of Autumn Term
	Year 6 - 1.10pm finish
	Year 5 – 1:20pm finish
	Year 4 – 1:30pm finish
	Year 3 – 1:40pm finish

