



Waverley Abbey School

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



School Newsletter 3

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HEAD'S UPDATE

Next week's learning/ worship theme – Jesus as an example of actions counting

Children, let us not love with words or speech but in actions and in truth. John 3:18

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are continuing to stay well and stay safe. We have had a busy fortnight at Waverley, full of great learning for our young people. Last week we celebrated Harvest focussing on our school value of compassion. It has been wonderful gathering the children's opinions about what compassion means and seeing them put their words into action when considering the needs of others both locally and globally. The children really do lead by example. Thank you to all our community who donated food too.

This week, I have been busy analysing the results of our IT survey in preparation for a 'worst case scenario' i.e. the need for a bubble or school closure. It has become clear that the vast majority of our children share their IT devices with at least one other family member which means that our home learning offer would need to take this into account. What is pleasing is that there are various options which would mean flexibility for families while still being able to deliver a full and varied curriculum. As you can imagine, there have been huge strides taken both by education IT providers and by the staff here at Waverley in order to facilitate the most interactive home learning possible, should the need arise. As always, we hope for the best but prepare for the worst.

As we progress into the autumn we know the weather will get colder. We have been following the guidance around keeping

classrooms well-ventilated, so we need to be mindful of drops in temperature. Accordingly, aspects such as ventilation are important and are key to our risk assessment. Given this, we will strive to keep windows partially open throughout the winter too and classrooms might be cooler for it. To keep children comfortable as the weather becomes more autumnal, it might be worth considering extra layers for your child/ren such as thermal vests. We want our learners to stay as warm as possible!

This term we are holding our first virtual parents' evenings which is a new and exciting change for us all! A letter explaining the system will be coming to families next week. As usual, each consultation will be 10 minutes long. One change with the new system is that there will not be the facility to overrun past the appointment time therefore consultations will end automatically after the 10 minute duration. This means that there will be no delays or waiting around which I know will be popular with all parents! At this current time there is only the ability to have one computer 'participant' other than the class teacher but the company are looking to resolve this in the New Year.

Please note parent bookings will go live on Monday 12th October at 9am and will close on Monday 19th October at 12 noon. This is a slight change to previous years but gives teachers adequate preparation time prior to parent meetings.

Have a super weekend,

Rebecca Marshall - Headteacher

School News & Information:

Year 3

We are becoming concerned about the amount of food that is not being eaten at lunchtime. We are throwing away a lot of food which is very wasteful, but we are also concerned that many children are not eating a proper meal at lunchtime. If they are hungry during the afternoon, this affects their ability to concentrate on their learning. Please talk to your child about the menu choices you are making for them and if your child really doesn't like anything on the menu, please consider sending them in with a packed lunch instead.

Thank you.

Mrs Ferguson



May and Leo wanted to share this with you as they are proud of what they have achieved.

Their grandparents live next door to a golf course and throughout lockdown and the summer holidays, they picked up the stray balls from the woods, cleaned them and then sold them back to the golfers to raise money for Fountain Centre Cancer charity.

They raised a whopping £290 pounds!

Surrey's Little Help Shop Digital Project – what it is and how to get involved!

Parents and carers, Surrey County Council would like to make it easier for you to find helpful information and advice, so you can be confident in meeting your family's needs and knowing where to go if you ever need extra support. We would like your help in finding out how we do this!

Please answer these simple questions [ctrl + click here](#) and if we think you'll be able to help us, we will get in touch to arrange a virtual interview - don't worry, you won't need to prepare anything, we will be asking about your experiences searching for information and advice and for your thoughts on various websites.

If you are asked to take part we will give you a £10 Amazon Voucher as a small thank you!

Farnham – World Craft Town Status

Farnham has been awarded prestigious World Craft Town status. Farnham is England's first town and only the third region in Europe to receive this designation. Other European holders include the Outer Hebrides for Harris tweed and the Danish island of Bornholm, famous for its glass production and pottery. The World Crafts Council, affiliated to UNESCO, welcomed Farnham to the network of over 40 world craft cities earlier this year. To celebrate our award we have commissioned a new [short film](#) featuring local makers and curated a programme of events throughout October – [Farnham Craft Month](#).

Diary dates for Autumn Term

October

- 6th SENCO Parent Coffee Morning 10am (Virtual)
20th Parent consultations (Virtual)
22nd Parent consultations (Virtual)
23rd INSET Day Open Day School Tours (pre-booked parents only)

26th – 30th **HALF TERM WEEK**

November

- 4th Year 3 Butser Farm Visit
9th School (individual) photos
23rd Flu Nasal Immunisation
24th Flu Nasal Immunisation

December

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

2020-21 INSET DAYS

- Friday 23rd October 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 22nd February 2021
- Monday 14th June 2021
- Friday 9th July 2021

Full term dates for the academic year 2020-2021 are available on the school website or the Surrey County Council website.

365 Athletics on Thursday – After School Club

The groups are up and running but there are still some places available. Please contact Bill at waverley365@gmail.com

Year 3 – 3:30 – 4:30pm Year 4 – 3:20 – 4:20pm
Year 5 – 3:10 – 4:10pm Year 6 – 3:00 – 4:00pm



Outdoor Learning

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had our first few Outdoor Learning sessions; the children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and have been mapping the school site using natural resources.

Train to Teach

Now is a great time to train to teach! If this is something that might interest you please feel free to join the St Polycarp's teacher training webinar (details below). Waverley Abbey work closely with St Polycarps and we have been successful in supporting 100% of our students through into teaching careers.

Webinar dates:

Our next event is on the 6th October 12pm and 5.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-polycarps-teacher-training-webinar-tickets-123180150145>

Secondary School Applications

If your child will reach age 11 between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they will be due to start secondary school in September 2021.

The application window is now open. The **closing date for on time applications for secondary school is 31 October 2020.**

Parent Local Governing Committee Vacancy

We are looking for a parent to join our Local Governing Committee (LGC). A further letter will follow about this next week. If you think you may be interested in this role please call the office to book an appointment to meet the chair, Yvonne Mcleod, for an informal chat about the role.