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## Head's Update

Welcome back to the first newsletter of the new school year and the first one being written by the Head of School! We have had a fantastic start to term - the children are buzzing with enthusiasm about what lies before them. I have been particularly impressed as to how well our Year 3 children have settled in. Our school value this week has been courage and they have shown it in abundance.

Over the summer we have been busy painting and refreshing several areas within the school. The Year 3 classrooms are looking particularly sparkly and new, much to the delight of the adults and children working in them. The old Year 6 horsa buildings have been taken away which has given the children more outside space to enjoy.

There have been a few staff changes since the end of the summer term: Mr Mirov, the caretaker, has left us as his farming business has taken off and there are literally not enough hours in the day for him to fit everything in! We wish him every success in this growing venture. However, we are delighted that Mr Emerson has joined the team and will be taking over where Mr. Mirov left off. We have also employed Mrs Daniels and Mrs O Neill who are joining the support staff in lower school. I know that they are going to fit in brilliantly with our team.

**Harvest:** We will be celebrating Harvest on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. At this time, we ask the children to reflect about children who are not as fortunate as themselves both in this country and further afield. This year we will be collecting food for Farnham Foodbank. The children will be bringing home details of the Harvest shopping list of suggested items to be donated to the collection. Thank you for your support.

**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. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> October are between 16.00 and 18.50 and on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 15.45 and 18.15. The booking system for appointments will be available online in due course.

**Swimming Pool Developments:** We have received 3 quotes for the swimming pool enclosure and are looking for a parent with appropriate building knowledge/experience to help us select the best one and help guide us through the process. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist us.

**Operation Encompass** – Surrey schools have been invited to take part in Operation Encompass, a joint scheme between Surrey Police and Surrey County Council. The project aims to safeguard and support children and young people who are affected by abuse or who are reported missing. Please find attached a letter which explains Waverley Abbey's part in the project.

As always, a list of key dates are detailed below, so please do plan and book ahead so that you or your child does not miss out. As always, it's going to be a very busy term!

**Rebecca Marshall**



**Head of School**

### *Important dates:*

**INSET days this term –**

Monday 29 October 2018

Friday 30 November 2018

**Waverley Abbey School Triathlon** –22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. T-shirts are available via Scopay or from the school office. There are three sizes, 7-8 years, 9-11 years and 12-13 years and they are £6.50 per t-shirt.

## *Other News:*

**Waverley Abbey Autumn Clubs** – Waverley Abbey run clubs will commence from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Some external clubs have already started, please check with them directly for dates & fees.

**School Meals** – Please ensure that you have paid for school meals in advance for the term ahead via Scopay. We require a week's notice for any changes to school meals. These need to be made in writing via the school office.

**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/>

**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 **£25.00** per child for the whole year is required for the academic year. Payment can be made either by cheque, payable to **Waverley Abbey School**, by cash or on-line via SCOPay.

**Cookery/Art & DT** - This year children will continue to learn and develop the many skills required to gain competence and confidence in the kitchen including basic health and safety. Additionally the children will again 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 of basic food ingredients and art and design materials. Payment 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.*

## FOWA:

Two parents have kindly offered to Co-chair the Friends of Waverley Abbey parents association. The FOWA email is now back up and running and if you would like to assist or have any questions about how to get involved please contact Mr Carter &/or Mrs Myers by sending an email to [fowa.chair@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fowa.chair@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk).

## Diary Dates:

September	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Triathlon
24 <sup>th</sup>	Weydon/Woolmer Hill parents evening 6pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Collection
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 New Parents Curry Evening 8pm
October	
09 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Mandir Temple
10 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Maths Teacher
16 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ypres, Belgium Day Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
29 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day