



# Waverley Abbey School

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



## School Newsletter 4

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## HEAD'S UPDATE

### **Next week's learning/ worship theme – Jesus as an example of loyalty**

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for all you continue to do to support your child/ren and the school while we adapt in ever changing times. Your children continue to be amazing and have settled back in to school life exceptionally well. There is much to share this fortnight – the term certainly is ramping up!

I have had the privilege of observing classes and books this week and have seen some stunning learning across the school. Year 6 pupils have been enthralled with Macbeth and it has been wonderful reading some of their character descriptions. I think this text certainly appeals to those who are intrigued by plots and aren't adverse to a little gore!

Year 5 are currently enjoying their Arabian nights topic and have been excelling at art in a range of media. I particularly enjoyed seeing this applied to their outdoor learning too.

In Year 4 the children are focussing on the genre of fantasy, particularly tales encompassing magic. This morning I have been shown some super examples of instruction writing about how to successfully mount a broomstick. I did have to ask the children whether there was any ulterior motive in showing me these! However spared blushes aside, the writing was of a very high standard.

Art has also been a focus in Year 3 linked to their Scavengers and Settlers unit of work. I have seen some wonderful examples of cave paintings. The atmosphere was heightened by the children drawing these designs in 'cave like' surroundings. Pupils' understanding of this style of art has increased greatly over the half term.

PE has also changed significantly this term. All teachers have been focussing on key skills such as agility, coordination, speed and balance. These will undoubtedly have a positive effect on pupils' stamina and performance once we are allowed to resume traditional sports.

**Emergency Contact Details** Please ensure that your emergency contact details are up to date with the office and you provide us with two (ideally 3) different phone numbers.

**In the event of a further lockdown** With the ever-changing Covid-19 situation, if there is a further local lockdown or bubble closure and you find your circumstances have changed i.e. your child/ren have no access to online learning, please contact the office as soon as possible.

**Meet the Maths Teacher** This year our meet the maths teacher virtual meetings will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. These meetings are for parents where the child is taught maths by another teacher only. Further details about appointments will follow soon.

Have a super weekend,

**Rebecca Marshall - Headteacher**

## School News & Information:

### BBC Children in Need – Mufti Day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

This year we will be supporting BBCs Children in Need – 5 to thrive. This week of fun activities will culminate in us holding a mufti day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November where we are asking the children to wear sportswear into school for a £1 donation to the charity. This can be any club that they represent, their favourite sports team or any clothing they would wear to exercise!



**FIVE TO THRIVE**  
weekly calendar

Each video is around 5 minutes long, so these are quick and fun activities to engage with!



### Road Safety Outside the School

We have had a report that some parents are parking on the pavement at the corner of Tilford Street and Squires Hill Lane at drop off and pick up time, as well as, on the road by the school entrance. We politely ask that you reconsider this bearing in mind the space needed for families walking to school, as well as, the potential danger to the children with the congested parked cars. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

### Upcoming Day Trips for Year 3 and Year 5

If you haven't done so already, please complete and return your child's acceptance form for their upcoming trips. We need these forms back to us before Half Term break next Thursday, so that all related administration is completed in time.

### Uniform Orders

A reminder that if your uniform order is urgent, please select home delivery option, as deliveries to school are now less frequent, as orders have reduced.

### Free School Meals

Do you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals? If so, please contact the office in confidence and we will process a check for you.

### Secondary School Applications

If your child will reach age 11 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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. We strongly recommend you complete your application before Half Term.**

### Waves & Meals Bookings

Please ensure you have your Waves and meal bookings made before the 7 day cut off deadline. This deadline is in place for adequately organised staff cover for Waves and food ordering and budgeting for the kitchen with their suppliers.

### Parent Foot Traffic

As a gentle reminder, we are trying to keep foot traffic to the school office at a minimum during these restrictive times.

Please could parents work with their children to try and remember all their items needed for school, so there is reduced need to deliver forgotten items throughout the day.

### The Lunch Bowl Network

Do you have old school shoes in good condition at home that you could donate to children in Kenya?

If so, please send them in with your child to hand to their teacher for this worthy cause.

Please note, **ONLY school shoes** are being collected. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## Diary dates for Autumn Term

### October

20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations (Virtual)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent consultations (Virtual)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day & Open Day School Tours (pre-booked parents only)

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> **HALF TERM WEEK**

### November

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 South Downs Planetarium Visit <b>(5EJ)</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 South Downs Planetarium Visit <b>(5JR)</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Butser Farm Visit
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 South Downs Planetarium Visit <b>(5HD)</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 South Downs Planetarium Visit <b>(5LH)</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	School (individual) photos
11 <sup>th</sup>	Science Workshops <b>(4JN &amp; 4SB)</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Science Workshops <b>(4AH &amp; 4RH)</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need Sports Mufti Day <b>(£1 donation)</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Flu Nasal Immunisation
24 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Nasal Immunisation

### December

18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Autumn Term Year 6 - 1.10pm finish Year 5 – 1:20pm finish Year 4 – 1:30pm finish Year 3 – 1:40pm finish
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### 2020-21 INSET DAYS

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

### Special Needs Assistant Vacancy

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Special Needs Assistant to join our team at Waverley Abbey. You will be working on a 1:1 basis with a child plus some small group intervention work. Knowledge/experience of SEN (for example speech and language and/or maths programmes) and phonics is required. Experience of delivering successful intervention programmes is essential. The post is for 5 mornings a week (20 hours) Please state on your application if you will be able to participate in an interview on this basis. Please contact Mrs Claire Bowell in the office for further information or click on this link

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/waverley-abbey-cofe-junior-school-jobs-3872/farnham-uk/?oo=ag-lc&pt=51.214321,-0.798802000000023&dis=10>