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## Head's Update

Welcome to the second newsletter of the autumn term.

After the first few weeks of the new school year, which are always about adjusting and refocusing, we have now fully settled back into school life. There has been such a wealth of activities for pupils over the past few weeks, I'm sure that the holidays seem but a distant memory!

Last Saturday saw our sixth school triathlon which was, once again, a resounding success! Our pupils never cease to amaze me with their total grit and determination. Not only did all of our 180 competitors complete the course but several also ran additional loops to support friends and peers. How fitting that our worship values this week have been empathy and compassion. It was also fantastic to see some of our parents tackle the course as well as our very own 'wonder woman', Sue! What a great achievement by all.

Last week we were also entertained by Music Works who came in to lead an assembly showcasing their instruments. I think they were also impressed with Waverley Abbey students who were able to name Fleetwood Mac's 'The Chain' without hesitation! It is always a pleasure to have live music in school and the children were transfixed throughout the assembly.

This week we have been focused on Harvest. I hope that most of you have been able to see the Facebook pictures of our collection for the Farnham food bank – the response from our families has been overwhelming – thank you. Donations have been picked up this week and will be used by local families.

Sadly, today we have said goodbye to one of our fantastic Learning Support Assistants, Mrs Zoe Napier. She has decided that after 12 years of working with children, it was time to pursue a different career path. I am sure you join me in wishing her every success in her career change. On Monday we welcome a new member to the support team, Mr Kieran Wells who will be working in Year 5.

**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. 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. Please find attached a letter for you to complete and return to school if you would like to book onto this session.

**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.

**Polite reminder:** We have had a few children left on school site before 8.20 am. Please do not leave children unattended until our staff come on duty at 8.20 am. If dropping off is a challenge there is an on-site breakfast club provided by SCL which does have spaces. Please see the attached flyer. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Ofsted Parent View Survey:** Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

They will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Please go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to register and complete a survey to help our school improve.

**Rebecca Marshall**



**Head of School**

*Important dates:*

**INSET days this term –**

Monday 29 October 2018

Friday 30 November 2018

## *Other News:*

**School Meals Payments:** Can we please remind parents to pay for school meals promptly. There are a large number of payments outstanding for this half term. Thank you.

**Swimming Pool Contributions:** Please can we remind you that contributions for swimming this academic year are also now due.

## *FOWA:*

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:*

October	
09 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Mandir Temple
10 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Maths Teacher
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip
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
November	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Individual School Photos
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FOWA Bonfire Night
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nasal Flu Immunisation Year 3, 4 & 5
24 <sup>th</sup>	FOWA Christmas Fair
30 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day