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Head's Update

Welcome back to what is going to be a very full and exciting half term! I hope you and your families enjoyed the holiday – the children have shared many tales of the adventures they've been on over the break. Now that the weather is bleak and we are drawing nearer to the colder months, may I take the opportunity to remind you that the children should all now be in winter uniform. Boys should be in shirts and trousers and girls in shirts and grey skirts. Thank you for your co-operation in this. Details of the uniform standards can be found on our school website.

This week, the children have had the opportunity to listen to several outside speakers. On Wednesday, we welcomed two actors from Wintershall into collective worship. They performed two monologues for us. The first was from the perspective of the blind man (that was healed by Jesus) and the second was considering the thoughts of Judas when he betrayed Jesus. The pieces were very thought provoking and the children were the perfect audience, listening carefully and, in some cases, taking part too. On Thursday we met our local Police Community Support Officer, PCSO Boxall, who spoke to the children about his role within the Waverley community.

All the pupils and staff alike are looking forward to the Waverley Abbey bonfire tonight. I have had several rather menacing Guys sat in the staffroom for the past week – they are all excellent and it is clear that a lot of work has gone into their design and construction. Thank you to all who took part. If you have not yet purchased tickets, they can be paid for on the door or via www.pta-events.co.uk/fowa. The event starts at 6.30pm with the Bonfire lighting at 7pm and Fireworks at 7.15pm.

I had the pleasure of celebrating several children's achievements this week. Natheer and Basheer in Year 6 have been told this week that they are both winners in a national writing competition and therefore their short stories are to be published in January. We will receive a copy of the book, which I can't wait to read!

It was also delightful to hear that Mable in Year 4 completed a charity challenge, swimming 20 lengths of Farnham pool. Well done!

Next week we are continuing to think about the centenary of the end of World War 1. As previously mentioned, we are supporting the Royal British Legion and will be holding a cake raffle. Children will have the opportunity to purchase tickets all week during break times. Tickets cost 50p – please do help us to support this worthwhile cause and if you are able to help us by bringing in cakes that would be fantastic. The draw will be held at the Good News assembly on Friday afternoon. During the morning of Friday 9th, Year 6 will be leading a remembrance service. At this service, we also remember family members who sacrificed their lives to secure and protect our freedom. If you would like to have a family member mentioned, please speak to the office.



Staffing: Mrs Lelliott-Eves who has provided fantastic support for the whole school community over many years in her role as IT Technician, will be moving on to pastures new later this month. We wish her all the best in her new job.

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Rebecca Marshall
Head of School

Important dates:

Year 3 Showcase Assembly - Parents are welcome to attend the Year 3 Showcase assembly on **Thursday 22nd November** at 2.40 pm in the hall. This will be an opportunity to hear more about what the children have been learning during their first half term at Waverley Abbey. We look forward to seeing you.

Book Fair - The next book fair will be in school the week beginning the **Monday, 5th November**. Children will be able to preview books on the Monday then they will have the opportunity to buy books on the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Their teacher will let the children know on which day they will be going.

Waverley Abbey Clubs – Please be advised that Waverley Abbey run autumn term clubs finish on Friday 7th December.

Wednesday, 12 December - Year 3 Christmas Production 6.30pm

Thursday, 13 December – Year 5 Christmas Production 6.30pm

(Please note that Year 4 & 6 will be doing their productions in the Easter and summer term.)

Last day of term - The last day of term is **Wednesday 19 December**. We will have an earlier lunch break that day and school will finish at 13.30.

Other News:

Sports News - On Saturday, 13 October Waverley Abbey took part in this year's autumn Farnham District Cross Country event held at Farnham Park. The children were amazing – especially considering the torrential downpour before the start. Every child completed the course with smiles on their faces and had great determination. There was a large turnout of Year 3's who took the whole experience in their stride.



Results:

Boys – 3rd overall (Top finishers: Kalle - 5th, Theo - 10th & Toby – 13th)

Girls – 4th Overall (Top finishers: Heidi – 13th, Ella – 21st & Claudia – 38th)

An impressive 440 runners (197 girls, 243 boys) took part from 13 schools.

School Meals: Can we please remind parents that they must inform the Office of any changes to their child's meal requirements to ensure the correct number of meals being prepared. Also, can we kindly ask that all meal payments are made promptly, in advance of meals being taken. Thank you.

Vacancy: The school will shortly have a vacancy for an IT Technician to work with our Network Manager. For details please see the link to Eteach on our school website (Staff and Governors-Vacancies).

FOWA News:

Year 3 Parents Curry Night - has been re-arranged for Friday 16th November - please go online and book your tickets. www.pta-events.co.uk/fowa

Christmas Fair - will be on Saturday 24th November and collections will start after October half term, please look out for emails from your class representative.

Diary Dates:

November	
2 nd	Individual School Photos – Winter Uniform
2 nd	FOWA Bonfire Night
13 th	Year 5 Astronomy Roadshow visit
16 th	Mufti Day –Christmas Fair Tombola
16 th	FOWA Year 3 Parents Curry Evening
21 st -22 nd	Nasal Flu Immunisation Year 3, 4 & 5
22 nd	Year 3 Showcase Assembly 2.40pm
22 nd	Ski Trip Parent Information Meeting 6pm
24 th	FOWA Christmas Fair
30 th	Inset Day
December	
3 rd	Year 5 Arabian Dance Day
7 th	Waverley Abbey run clubs finish
10 th	Christmas Jumper Competition – Judging
12 th	Year 3 Christmas Production 6.30pm
13 th	Year 5 Christmas Production 6.30pm
14 th	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
17 th	Christmas Church Services Year 3 & 4
17 th	Year 6 Christmas Party
18 th	Christmas Church Services Year 5 & 6
18 th	Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Party
19 th	End of term – 1.30pm Finish