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## Head's Update

As you will know, we have been focussed on Remembrance over the past week. The children have had many opportunities to reflect on the sacrifice made by our service men and women. Last Thursday we welcomed Paul Barnes into assembly who talked to us about serving in the army. We also unveiled our British Legion soldier and placed him next to the millennium playground. On Friday, Year 6 led us in our service of remembrance which was very moving. Each class then placed their poppies alongside the statue as they reflected on the sacrifice of others.



Many thanks to all those families who contributed to the British Legion cake raffle both in making cakes or purchasing tickets. We have raised £188!

**Waverley Abbey Book Fair** - We hope children enjoyed the opportunity to visit the book fair last week. The book fair is a chance for children to buy books and to share the excitement of selecting a book with their friends. Waverley Abbey's library is primarily built on the money we make from the book fair. This year we raised just under £2000 in free books for our school! Well done everyone. If your child has enjoyed reading a book that is not currently in the library, please let Mrs Hilyard know and we will endeavour to put it in there, with a recommendation using this year's money raised!

This week I have also had the privilege of judging the FOWA Christmas pudding label entries. I am pleased to announce that the winners are;

Year 3 -Theo C

Year 4 - Zara

Year 4 - Mia P

Year 5 - Molly W

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing the finished puddings with your designs on in December.

**Year 5 Astronomy Roadshow** - The space dome visited this week to enhance the learning for our Year 5 pupils. The pupils enjoyed the experience and there was a good deal of excited talk and further questions after the sessions.

**Staffing News** - In September Mr Brown became Teaching and Learning Lead at Waverley Abbey and is one of the members of the Senior Leadership Team. His role is to work alongside staff and pupils across the school, to enable pupils to become effective, enthusiastic and independent life-long learners. Ms Robinson is now the Year 5 Leader and Mr Brown will be working alongside her to enable a positive transition for both pupils and staff. Should you have any questions or need clarification on anything Year 5 related, Ms Robinson will be your next port of call after the class teacher.



**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.

**Inset Day – 30 November 2018**

**Waverley Abbey Clubs** – Please be advised that Waverley Abbey run autumn term clubs finish on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 terms)

**Christmas Disco – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** we will be holding Christmas Disco's for Lower & Upper school pupils, more info to follow shortly.

**Christmas Lunch** - This year's Christmas Lunch will be served on **Friday 14 December**. It is important that the kitchen know well in advance how many to cater for so if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have the Christmas meal, you must complete and return the attached form by **29<sup>th</sup> November**. Similarly, if your child requires the vegetarian option, please complete and return the form by the same date. Thank you.

**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:*

**Waves Afterschool club** – If you need to contact the WAVES team between the time the school office closes at 4.30pm and the end of the WAVES after school club at 5.30pm, the number to use is 07587 223231. This number can also be found on our school website.

**Polite notices** - It has been reported that we still have lots of parents who keep engines running at both pick up and drop off. Across the UK, one in three children is exposed to breathing hazardous levels of toxic air. Unicef UK's research has found that children are often most exposed on the school run and when they're at school. Please see the attached link for more information and ensure that where possible you turn your engines off whilst parked on site.  
[https://act.unicef.org.uk/page/29595/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=fb\\_p](https://act.unicef.org.uk/page/29595/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=fb_p)

**Mobile phones** – Please ensure that you refrain from using mobile devices whilst driving on site.

**Eco Team News** - As part of our environment commitment, we are currently working towards achieving 'Plastic Free School Status.' We are trying to raise awareness of the rising tide of plastic on our streets and in our seas to help the next generation to reduce their plastic use.



As a way to work towards achieving 'Plastic Free School Status', the school's Eco Team are encouraging everyone (children, teachers and parents) to invest in a reusable water bottle. We would like to ensure that every child brings a reusable bottle to school every day, rather than one made of single-use (non-recyclable) plastic.

You may have already banished single-use plastic bottles – in which case, thank you! Our next challenge as a school will be to reduce the amount of single-use plastic packaging that children have in their lunchboxes each day. We will have more details about these changes to come, but would be grateful if you could begin making small swaps such as:

- Using a Tupperware/paper bag/tin foil for sandwiches rather than a plastic food bag or cling film.
- Swap single-serve size snacks with lots of packaging for buying in bulk and using small reusable containers for yoghurt, cheese and crackers or other snack items (it's cheaper too!)
- Avoid single-use straws and plastic cutlery.

As mentioned, we will have more information about the other changes we're working towards in the near future, but for now, please make sure your child is coming to school every day with a

reusable water bottle. This is a small, easy change that will have a huge impact on our environment! Thank you from Miss Hemmingham and the Eco Team.

**Job Advertisement** – There is a school cleaning job available at Waverley Abbey School.

*Working 15.00 – 18:00 Monday to Friday, term time only with deep cleaning  
in some school holidays.*

*Working within a small team of cleaners. £8.10ph - £8.35ph paid weekly*

*Call Becky 01483 727276 or [becky.clark@vervia.co.uk](mailto:becky.clark@vervia.co.uk)*

### *FOWA News:*



### **Waverley Abbey Christmas Fair**

Thank you for your generous donations to this year's Christmas Fair. We are still collecting so if you can help us with more donations for stalls and hampers please put them in the storeroom down the steps, opposite the pool entrance.

## Diary Dates:

November	
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nasal Flu Immunisation Year 3, 4 & 5
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Showcase Assembly 2.40pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ski Trip Parent Information Meeting 6pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	FOWA Christmas Fair
30 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
December	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Arabian Dance Day
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements
7 <sup>th</sup>	Waverley Abbey run clubs finish
10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Competition – Judging
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Christmas Production 6.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Christmas Production 6.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Church Services Year 3 & 4
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Christmas Party
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Church Services Year 5 & 6
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Party
18 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Disco's
19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – <b>1.30pm Finish</b>