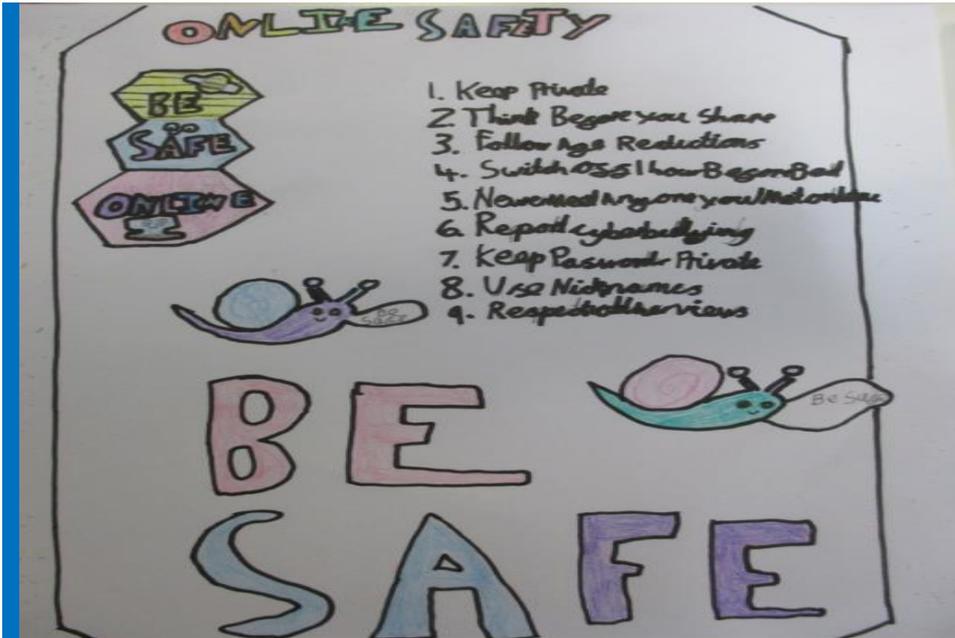




Waverley Abbey School

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



School Newsletter 9

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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's learning/ worship theme – Courage

In Deuteronomy (31:8), Moses says 'The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged'.

Courage is a value for Waverley Abbey because God asks us to be brave in the face of hardship, knowing that He is with us at all times.

Our first newsletter of the term comes amidst another difficult time for us all. For critical worker families there is both the challenge that comes with critical roles during a pandemic and the added anxiety about sending children into school. For 'at home' families there is the enormous feeling of pressure to work as if not having children and parent as if not working. This week I have also experienced both first hand and commend all families juggling home schooling with other commitments. What we are all contending with is a huge ask and I am so impressed with all our families. Please don't be too harsh on yourselves – I've no doubt you are all doing better than you think.

There are lots of exciting elements planned including the first *cross school* TT Rockstars battle! Next week we will be pitting our wits against St. Polycarps. Please encourage your children to be part of this as the more players we have the better our chances are. I look forward to updating you as to the results when they are in!

This fortnight we have already had many exciting events. Year 4's Anglo Saxon day was a great success, with the children planning their questions for the Anglo Saxon expert and then watching his responses via video. We have also enjoyed our daily registrations too as they are such a great chance to connect. As well as asking questions about the day's learning the children have also been finding out more about each other too. The debate about whether pineapple is a suitable topping for pizza rages on!

Finally, I am delighted to announce that next week work begins on the pool enclosure. I know we are all very much looking forward to the project completion.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall
Headteacher



School News & Information:

Diary dates for Spring Term '21

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Feb '21	
9 th & 11 th	Parent Consultations (details to follow)
15 th – 19 th	HALF TERM
22 nd	INSET DAY
Mar '21	
15 th	SATs Mock Week (TBC)
Apr '21	
1 st	End of Spring Term (1:40pm)
2 nd – 16 th	Easter Holidays
19 th	Start of Summer Term

Remote learning

A few reminders and updates about remote learning

- Year group E mails will be manned from 8am until 4pm each weekday. After this teachers have been set other tasks e.g. training and staff meetings. Parents are welcome to E mail/ send in work at other times but please be aware all responses will be within this window.
- Children have been set approximately 5 hours of learning per day. If learning is being completed far sooner or is taking much longer please E mail the year group.
- Following parent feedback, from next week all YouTube videos will be uploaded the night before.
- If there were a time when staff capacity was reduced e.g. through illness, please be aware that the learning offer may be subject to change. Parents will be notified of any changes at the earliest opportunity.

Important Safeguarding Reminder

All children have had an internet safety lesson this week but please encourage your children to use the Purple Mash E mails sensibly and with care for their recipients. Also please remind your children that Y4-6 are able to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable to their class teacher using the report button. Following Year 3s IT lesson next week, they will be joining us on Purple Mash E mails too.

Thank you.

Wintershall Travelling Crib:

We are still more than £600 short on payments for the travelling crib last term. Can we please remind parents again to check that payment has been made for their child as, whilst contributions are of course voluntary, we cannot provide experiences like this without your support.

Thank you.

School Meals:

Please remember to check that you have booked meals appropriately for your child if they are currently in school. Meals for children not attending have been cancelled up to February half term with credits applied to SCOPay accounts. If your child's situation changes from being at home to attending school you will need to re-do meal orders if required.

Clip Frames for Sale:

We have 50 brand new 30x45cm clip frames which we are unable to use in school as they have glass fronts. If anyone would like to make a donation and purchase any of these please contact the school office via info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Thank You!

A special thank you to those parents who kindly contributed toward the Christmas Wreath making in December, led by Mrs Kelly Myers and FoWA and successfully raised £120 for the school.

Year 3 Parents of In School Children:

Reminder for Year 3 families to enter the car park at the entrance closest to the school as, on occasion, there have been cars using the exit which causes unnecessary congestion.

School Pick Up Reminder:

As a gentle reminder to parents of children currently in school, families are to remain in their cars at pick up time to ensure we're following the government guidance about social distancing.

The Community Fridge:

Please make use of 'The Community Fridge & Cupboard', their message is 'No referrals needed, no questions asked just come and help yourself this will help reduce food waste'.

<https://www.halecommunitycentre.org.uk/what-we-do/community-fridge-cupboard/>

<https://www.facebook.com/halecommunityfridgeandcupboard/>

*****New FoWA Chairs and Volunteers Needed*****

Do you like to organise? Do you enjoy running events? Does rolling up your sleeves and mucking in interest you? We are looking for new FoWA Chairs, as well as, volunteers in general to help with fundraising activities in the New Year. If you think you are someone who is suited to these fun challenges and can be fully committed to the roles, please send an email to fowa.chair@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk as we would love to hear from you!