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Head's Update

Well – what an eventful week! As I write this last newsletter of the Autumn Term I am reflecting on what a positive one it has been. We welcomed OFSTED in on Tuesday who conducted a very thorough inspection, looking into all elements of school life at Waverley Abbey. We will update you further on this once the report has been made public.

Last week, we also welcomed Signposts into school who are a group of performers from local churches. I felt immensely proud when I saw the children watching the performance. As the Christmas story was retold to the children they were totally absorbed! In Collective Worship we have been thinking about Advent and how we can ready ourselves whilst waiting for Christ. Our 'read all about it' notice board has had an Advent calendar of kindness and many of our children have been using it throughout the school. Our worship team also talked about this when they led assembly both here in school and at St. Peters' School.



My family members often ask at this time of year, when the Christmas 'wind down' will be in school. This always makes me laugh as anyone who has school age children, as well as staff, know that the final weeks before Christmas are some of the busiest in the school calendar! There is no exception to this at Waverley Abbey this year. The Christmas performances from Year 3 and Year 5 were absolutely stunning. How year leaders and their teams ensure that our productions - with up to 140 children taking part - are as professional as they are never ceases to impress me. I am very much looking forward to being part of church services in all year groups next week too. While all the festivities happen, there is still a strong focus on learning and squeezing every learning opportunity into the final week as well – staff and children certainly do not get bored!

Our children continue to be busy outside of school too. One of our budding footballers, Reuben, had a very successful tournament in Lithuania a few weekends ago where his team, AFC Wimbledon, were victorious - not losing a single game! Congratulations to him and his team.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all an extra measure of comfort, joy and hope this Christmas and a peaceful new year.



Rebecca Marshall
Head of School

Important dates:

Monday, 17 December - Year 3 & 4 Church Services will be held at 11am and 2pm

Tuesday, 18 December - Year 5 & 6 Church Services will be held at 11am and 2pm

Christmas Disco – Tuesday 18th December

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.

Start of Spring Term – Thursday, 3rd January 2019.

Waverley Abbey Clubs start week commencing **Monday, 14th January**.

Other News:

Christmas Discos – If you haven't already purchased your tickets for the school discos there are still a few left. There will be two discos on Tuesday 18th December – one for the lower school (4 – 5.15pm) and one for the upper school (5.30 – 6.45pm). This is an opportunity for children to celebrate the end of the first term as we approach the Christmas break. Each ticket will cost £5.00 and will include a small snack and a drink. Additional items will be on sale. Tickets are non-refundable and can be purchased via Scopay until 3.30pm today or from the school office.

Choir's Festive Performance - Waverley Abbey Choir members were in fine voice on Thursday 6th December at The Squires, Frensham. Singing a selection of Christmas favourites, including Carol of the Bells, Silent Night in German and Winter Wonderland, they showed off all the hard work they have been putting into their choir practise, as well as earning the school a very fine Christmas tree. **Well done choir!**

Teacher Training Open Afternoon - St Polycarp's CTSA will be holding their first open afternoon of 2019 for anyone interested in a career in teaching.

The event will take place from 1.30 - 3.15pm on 15th January at St Polycarp's School in Farnham and will answer any questions you may have regarding how to start your exciting journey to qualify as a primary school teacher. Places are limited and must be booked in advance by emailing teachingadmin@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk

FOWA News:

Christmas Fair - Thank you to all the class reps and parent helpers who made our Christmas Fayre a great success. There has been lots of positive feedback on the new layout, science stalls, marshmallows, outdoor games and greater choice of food and refreshments. Please do send us your feedback if you would like to see any other improvements or changes.



Waverley's Got Talent - Please see the poster attached for Waverley's Got Talent. Entries close on **Monday 17th December**.

Diary Dates:

December	
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
18 th	School Christmas Disco's
19 th	End of term – 1.30pm Finish
January	
3 rd	Start of Term
4 th	Year 6 Evacuee Day
11 th	Year 4 Portals to the Past visit
14 th	Waverley Abbey Clubs start
28/29 th	Year 6 Imperial War Museum trip