



Waverley Abbey School

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



The Big Schools Winterwatch Live Lesson

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Summary

- Watch live at 11am – here on this page or on the CBBC channel
- Head to bbc.co.uk/teach to download the activity sheet for today's lesson
- In partnership with the RSPB and BBC Two's Winterwatch

Live Updates

Get involved

SHARED Terrific tracks!

Miss Johnston & Year 5 at Waverley Abbey Junior School, Tilford found some amazing animal tracks in the snow around their school!



Waverley Abbey Junior School

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29th January '21

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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's learning/ worship theme – Humility

'The world tells us to seek success, power and money;
God tells us to seek humility, service and love.'

(Pope Francis)

Unfortunately, we have all heard this week that the earliest schools will be open to all pupils is Monday 8th March. The update was hugely disappointing to everyone in school and I've no doubt home families felt the same. Nevertheless, we will continue with our remote learning package and will be maintaining the uploaded videos to support the children so that they do not miss learning or fall behind. This week we have also introduced 'key pieces' which we have asked all children to send in. Many thanks for your support in this - it is important that we have these pieces from all children to ensure we can effectively assess and therefore pitch learning correctly. After next week we will also begin offering an opportunity during each day for children to speak to a member of the Year Team live via Zoom if work is proving tricky or they would like a concept explaining again. More details will follow in Year Group learning packs as the week progresses.

Attached to the newsletter are also the parents' evening details. This term's parents' evening will be for home schooling families and will be a chance to catch up with your child's class teacher. Appointments are set

for ten minutes but will be between five and ten minutes in duration.

A few families have contacted info@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk over the past few weeks to tell us what's working well and also provide helpful suggestions for improving the offer too which is great! There have been several adaptations made thanks to constructive feedback from parents. Please make sure that this is the avenue used as opposed to the children's Friday feedback form. We need to hear from our children too, especially if they have found something challenging so we can adapt their learning accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

On a positive note, it has been wonderful seeing how the children both at home and in school have embraced the RSPB's big garden birdwatch. Eagle eyed families will no doubt have spotted our mention on the BBC website yesterday. Well done to all those contributing to the study.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Rebecca Marshall
Headteacher

School News & Information:

Diary dates for Spring Term 2021

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

Parents' Evenings for children currently being schooled at home:

This term's Parents' Evenings are primarily aimed at the parents of children learning at home in order to provide them with an opportunity to discuss progress with their teachers. ***Please do not book an appointment slot if your child is currently in school.*** Information regarding booking and attending your video meeting is attached with this newsletter.

School Meals:

Please remember to check that you have booked meals appropriately for your child if they are currently in school – **this means 7 days in advance.** 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.

Important Reminder

For in school families, please do not wait until your child is right next to the school before dropping off in the morning, as this means there are often queues, especially at 8.20am. As long as you are past the pool fencing, then we can have up to 4 cars dropping off at the same time with children using the path to walk to the main entrance. Please have your child ready with their belongings to quickly hop out the car to keep the queue moving efficiently.

Also, please ensure the children all come through to the main entrance so we can pass on any messages to them quickly e.g. if there is a room/ staffing change.

For Safety Reasons: Children must not leave cars prior to the allocated drop off area.

Thank you.

A Message from Waverley Borough Council:

Cranleigh Fish is running an offer for £5 off their order using the code FREEFISH through until the 1st February. Further offers will be following in the coming weeks – please keep an eye on the clickitlocal.co.uk/waverley website!

See their attached flyer to this newsletter too!

Clip Frames for Sale:

We still have a large number of 30x45cm clip frames needing good homes. Please let the office know if you would like to purchase some, any donation amount welcome (this can be paid via SCOPay).

Surrey's Family Help Hub:

Have you ever wondered why your child is behaving a certain way? Is that behaviour typical? What could be causing it? Is something wrong? These are common worries for everyone looking after babies, toddlers, children and teenagers.

[Surrey's Family Help Hub](https://www.surreysfamilyhelphub.org.uk/), developed by Surrey County Council with lots of help from all our partners, is a site with a difference. You can search for the information you need based on your child's age and find advice, tips and tools from a variety of trusted sources – and all in one place!

This is a new service that we are developing and only small section of what is planned long term. The team developing this are looking for feedback to develop if further in the coming months, so we'd love you to take a look and let us know what you think.... Check back in as we are making changes all the time.

<https://www.surreysfamilyhelphub.org.uk/>

Families Surrey West Magazine:

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_surrey_west_jan_feb_2021?fr=sN2MyZDI2NzAzMjE

This issue has lots of things to help families with the current lockdown including:

- + links to crafts that can be done at home
- + fun online classes
- + resources to help a family's mental health
- + printable activity sheets