



Waverley Abbey School

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



School Newsletter 8

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Headteacher's Update

Next week's worship theme –Love (A Waverley Abbey School Value)

Children, let us not love with words or speech but in actions and in truth. John 3:18

Love is a value that underpins all that we do at Waverley Abbey. We often use the phrase 'actions speak louder than words'. For all of us, it's not enough just to say nice things to others – we need to back it up by doing kind and caring things for them too.

Jesus demonstrated his unconditional love during his time on earth indiscriminately and as followers of Jesus we aim to walk in his footsteps. **We show love to everyone by putting others before ourselves, without expecting anything in return.**

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all Waverley Abbey families! I do hope that everyone had a relaxing and refreshing Christmas break. The children have all settled back in very well and are already making great strides within their curriculum focus. Year 3 have been exploring information texts looking at the human body as their subject matter and Year 4 are working on gymnastics in their PE lessons as well as launching into their Anglo Saxons topic. Next week, Year 4 will be working with Portals to Past, exploring life as an Anglo Saxon.

This week, Year 5 have been thinking about the space race, particularly focussing on some of the hidden figures such as Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden and learning about their pivotal roles. Next week they move on to The Ancient Greeks. Year 6 are beginning their topic on WWII and are very much looking forward to their evacuee day on Monday!

In collective worship this week and in class we have been thinking about turning over a new leaf, looking at Jesus' forgiveness and support of Matthew as our key bible focus.

Today we have also welcomed Alex Tear into school. Alex is the head of the diocese education team so it was wonderful to be able to show him what is happening at Waverley. He was most impressed with the children's positive attitudes to learning and the broad range of subjects we offer.

I am sure many of you will have noticed that we welcomed Mrs Ashford back into school during the last week of term. Mrs Ashford continues as our assistant head for inclusion and SENCo. Her day off is now a Wednesday. Ms Morris will continue to monitor attendance as well as leading in assessment and will be teaching in Year 6, particularly focussing on supporting in English and Maths.

Mrs Ashford also resumes her role as the safeguarding lead for the school (DSL). Alongside her, the safeguarding team at Waverley are myself, Ms Morris, Mr Brown, Mrs Hilyard and Mrs Parker-Swann (our home school link worker). If you have a safeguarding concern please do contact us via the office or by using the direct E mail address dsl@waverley-abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Parent Consultations – will be taking place on **Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th February**. A separate communication will be sent out nearer the time with details of the appointment booking system.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Headteacher

Diary dates for Spring Term 2022

Jan	
10 th	Year 6 Evacuee Day
11 th	RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch
	Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day & Portals to the Past Workshop
18 th	Year 5 Portals to the Past Greek workshop
20 th	Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
21 st	Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Feb	
14 th -18 th	Half Term
22 nd	Year 5 Greek Day

Creative help and equipment required

At Waverley Abbey, we are looking for any parents, grandparents or guardians who have an art background or expertise and would be interested in participating/leading some art workshops for either children or staff to contact Mr Brown via the school office email.

As well as creative support, we are also looking for any old smart phones/tablets or digital SLRs that you would be willing to donate to school to enable our year 4s to undertake their photography unit we have planned for later this year. If you can provide any help, support or donations, please contact Mr Brown via the school office email. All help, support and donations are much appreciated.

Car Parking Reminder

Please remember that parking space next to the pool is primarily for school bus use and we do need to prioritise them.

School News & Information:

Charity Work

Rylee in Year 5 completed some fantastic charitable Christmas work that he does every year for the RSPCA as he is very passionate about animals. We are very proud of him and this was recognised by Millbrook Animal Centre on Social Media.



Millbrook Animal Centre (RSPCA), Chobham

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a GIANT thank you to the residents of Farnham Surrey for dropping off donations so that two little Christmas elves, Toby and Rylee could drop them off here for all the animals here at Millbrook! [#rspca](#) [#jointherescue](#) [#Christmas](#) [#community](#)



Covid Update

