

Waverley Abbey School

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



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Next week's worship theme – Responsibility

Welcome back to the first newsletter of the new school year. We have had a fantastic start to term - the children have been such a delight and have all settled back in very well indeed.

A huge thank you to all those parents who were able to attend (and Year 5 who are attending tonight) this week's 'meet the teacher' meetings. It has been wonderful to welcome parents into school and for families to see their child's classroom. For parents who were unable to come, all presentations have been put onto the school website for your perusal.

Polite reminder – car parking: We wish to start the year as we mean to go on in terms of children's arrival and departure! One of the biggest factors in slowing down traffic on the main road, is when cars leave site and wish to turn right, towards Tilford village. Whilst I have no authority to enforce a left turn only policy, if as many parents as possible would be willing to turn left, and loop around (see map overleaf), our queues would undoubtedly be shorter. We also ask that parents arrive no more than 5 minutes prior to picking children up. We operate a staggered end of day and if our younger children's parents arrive too early, then there is nowhere for Y6/5 parents to park which leads to long queues on the road. Please note we have opened the field gates so that parking can be there as well, so please feel free to use this resource too.

Children are welcome onto the Year 6 playground from 8.20am. Prior to this there is no adult on duty. Please ensure that any children remain in cars or supervised on the paths until a member of the senior leadership team

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comes over to the crossing.

Uniform: Thank you for ensuring that your children have returned wearing the correct uniform. I have never seen shirts tucked in so quickly! We have had a few children wearing bracelets and necklaces which are not permitted. It is also important that pupils only wear stud earrings, and that hair is tied back with a plain band/ headband not large bows or scrunchies. We also ask that children wear plain socks please.

Watches: Children are permitted to wear a watch to school (named please) and whilst we prefer analogue, children may wear a digital watch including a fitbit/ pedometer watch. We ask that all watches that have other functions e.g. Apple watches, remain at home please. If a child forgets one day, we will keep them safe in the office for you to pick up at the end of the day.

Cauliflower cards: Due to the popularity of the school Christmas Cards, this year we will once again be asking children to design their own, which we will be selling later in the year. More details to follow – please watch this space!

Harvest: We will be celebrating harvest festival on Tuesday 19th September. At this time, we ask the children to reflect about children who are not so fortunate as themselves both in this country and further afield. We also collect food for Farnham food bank. I have attached their request list at the end of the newsletter. If you are able, please do bring something in as their stock is particularly low at the moment. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Rebecca Marshall

Absence and Lateness

Please make sure an absence form has been completed for any planned absences where a morning or afternoon registration is missed. When returning your child to school, they must be signed in by an adult.

When leaving a message to report your child as ill, it is necessary to give information as to the nature of the illness.

The school day begins at 8.35am. Children may be left at school from 8.20 onwards.

FOWA

Welcome to FOWA! (Friends Of Waverley Abbey – our PTA)

All parents are automatically members of FOWA, but if you would like to be more involved then please come to our first committee meeting at 8.45am on Thursday 14th September. Please don't worry if you do not have lots of time to give, roles can be one off for those with limited time. Our next events are the Autumn term disco, Bonfire Night fireworks and the Christmas Fayre. We'd love to welcome new parents too, come along to find out more!

Local Committee

We are currently seeking 2 local committee members to join our team at Waverley. The role is open to any current parent. This role is similar to a governor but is our academy equivalent.

Local committee members meet half termly to look at the school's development and this is an exciting opportunity to be part of the strategic team. If you are interested in applying, please enquire at the office for a form.

WAVES Refunds

We apologise for the delay in processing refunds but are working our way through these. Wherever possible the refund will be made direct to the card originally used. Where this is not possible, we will contact you for further information.

Thank you for your understanding

Huge congratulations to Matilda in Year 4, who performed the lead role of Bugsy in a Stagecoach production of Bugsy Malone at St Catherine's School, Guildford.



Well done to Felix in Year 3, who has just been awarded his blue belt in Karate. Super effort Felix!



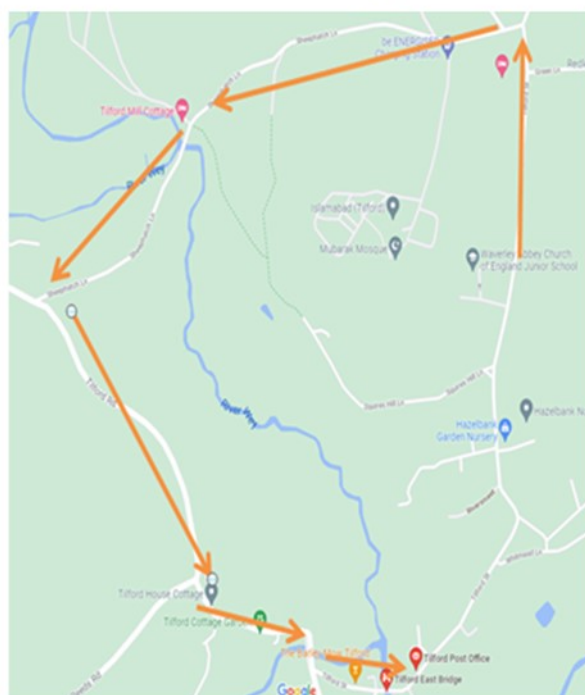
Harvest requests – please bring in on Monday 18th / Tuesday 19th September

Farnham Foodbank: We are very grateful for your support in donating your school's Harvest Festival donations to the Foodbank. Receiving Harvest donations from schools goes a long way to ensure that we can continue to feed those in the local community who are in crisis, especially in these unprecedented times.

We would very much appreciate any non-perishable food items or toiletries but in particular if your school could please collect the items listed below:

- Tinned meat
- Instant mash potato
- Biscuits

Alternative route – turning left at WA



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2023

September 2023

Friday 8th	Year 5 - Meet The Teacher - 2.45 - 3.15pm
Tuesday 19th	Harvest Festival
Saturday 23rd	School Triathlon