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Headteacher's message

At the end of last term, we ran the largest residential visit in the school's history when we took 80 children away for three days to Windmill Hill PGL Centre in East Sussex. It is always a privilege to take part in visits such as this and see the children grown in confidence as they take on new challenges and push themselves outside of their comfort zones. I was very proud of the children for all that they achieved - and of the staff for their dedication and commitment in going the extra mile to provide another 'irresistible' experience for the children who attended.



It has been lovely to welcome many new families into our Warden House community over the past few months and to see the children settle into their new classes so well. If you see a new family waiting outside your child's classroom door at the end of the day, do take a moment to stop and say "hello". We are now looking forward to getting in touch with our new Reception children who will be joining us in September as they get ready to begin their Warden House journey with us. Where does time go?!

As we head towards warmer and (hopefully!) sunnier weather, we continue to investigate ways in which we can further develop our outdoor spaces at

Warden House. As you will be aware, the recent COOP community scheme raised over £3000. This sum will contribute towards the development of our Wellbeing Garden. Please do have a look at the letter sent out from the school and PTFA asking for support for this project and do get in touch if you are able to help in any way. It is our vision to develop this space into an inspirational and multi-purpose space that can be used by children across the school day.

There is still nothing to report regarding the old Year 6 building that has now been out of action for over a year. The Trust team continue to investigate ways in which this space can be redeveloped – and we are currently looking into various community grants that could be accessed to help us redevelop this space. We will hopefully be in a position to provide further news soon.

Wishing you all a super summer term.

Best wishes
Mr. Hackett

Term dates for next year

Our term dates for next year have now been agreed and are published on our school website.



Please [click here](#) to view these and add them to your diaries.



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Scooters and Bikes

Drop off and pick up times are very busy times of day. As a result, it is not safe for children to ride bikes and scooters on site due to the numbers of people and the risk of collision and someone getting hurt.



Please could we ask parents and carers to ensure that children dismount bikes and scooters and push them at all times whilst on our school site? Thank you for your support with this.

Year 6 Trip to Windmill Hill PGL Centre

At the end of Term 5, a group of 80 Year 6 pupils departed on a three day residential trip to Windmill Hill PGL centre in East Sussex.



Whilst there, the children took part in a range of exciting and inspirational activities including raft building, abseiling, climbing, trapeze (leap of faith), and the giant swing.

The children were all impeccably behaved and the teachers received lots of compliments regarding their behaviour and attitudes throughout the visit.

Governor vacancies

Warden House is one of three schools within Veritas Multi-Academy Trust. As part of our governance structure we are always on the look out for volunteers who are interested in giving their time to get involved in school or trust Governance.



We currently operate under a team of trustees who are responsible for the strategic operation of our Trust. The Trustees delegate the monitoring of the day to day operation of our schools to a Regional Governing Body who currently oversee standards in both Warden House and Pilgrim's Way Primary Schools.

We are currently on the look out for volunteers with range of professional backgrounds who could compliment our existing team. This may include people with a range of skillsets and experience in



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fields such as education, health, social care finance or business.

If you have time to get involved and would like to express an interest or arrange a meeting to find out more, please contact Mr. Hackett directly.

Unlike some schools, we do not have a formal 'parent-governor' model, however we do regularly have governors who are also parents of children at Warden House.

PTFA updates

Easter egg hunt

We were very sorry that poor weather at the end of term led to the cancellation of our PTFA Easter Egg hunt. It was decided that, due to the upcoming Easter break, we would send home children who had purchased tickets with their Easter eggs so that they did not miss out. The PTFA are very sorry for any disappointment caused and thank all parents and carers for their support and understanding with this.



Easter competition

Thank you to the PTFA team for organising the additional Easter competition. Thank you to those children who took part – and well done to the winners. There were some lovely entries and some very creative ideas.

Well done to Miss. Robinson

We would like to offer our congratulations to our Ladybirds class teacher Miss. Robinson who successfully took part in the Adidas Manchester Marathon last month.



She has raised over £800 for Cancer Research – which is a fantastic achievement. Should anyone wish to sponsor her, the link is available below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kayleighs-giving-page-437>

An inspiring visitor for our choir

Following our visit to Young Voices at the O2 in January, we were contacted on social media by one of the celebrity acts (international violinist Anna Phoebe) who happens to live in Deal. She kindly

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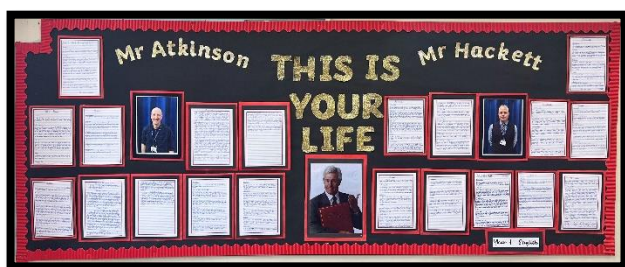
agreed to visit our choir – and came in to visit us last week.



Anna brought several of her violins and let some of the children have a go – and she then accompanied the children singing one of their favourite songs and spent some time answering questions and signing autographs. Thanks to Anna for giving up her time to further inspire our children. Some video clips can be viewed on our Facebook page [here](#).

Year 4 biographical writing

Our Year 4 pupils in Zebras and Sharks classes have been working hard learning about biographical writing in their English lessons. As part of this topic, they asked to interview Mr Atkinson and Mr Hackett and ran a very charming “This is your life” session where the children planned and asked a range of questions as part of their research.



The children then drafted, edited and produced final copies of their writing – some of which have been included in a fantastic new display in the school hall.

The King's Coronation

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the King's Coronation at Warden House this week.

We have a range of events going on (please see the [letter sent out last week](#) for further details).



On Friday 5 May, pupils may choose to dress patriotically in red, white and blue for the day.

During the day there will be a special Coronation Assembly where they will perform a very special “Coronation Song” that they have been learning in class. Later on, there will be a special party lunch time in the hall.

During the day, teachers will be focusing themed performance poetry alongside decorating the pebbles needed for our new “Coronation path”.

Nut Free School

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school due to the significant allergies

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of a range of staff and children. Children are asked not to bring any nut products into school.



This includes many popular chocolate and sandwich spreads such as Nutella. Please do check the ingredients carefully. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Reception classes goats visit

Our Reception children in Ladybirds and Hedgehogs classes had an absolutely lovely visit from Alex and Ellie from Stone Cross Farm at the end of last term.



They brought in several of their baby goats for the children to meet. They learnt all about these very

friendly animals and got the chance to meet them first-hand and talk to Alex and Ellie and ask lots of questions. Thanks to Miss Robinson and Miss Wyatt for organising this lovely experience for our children.

Whole school 'Spectacular Sportathlon!'

On the final day of Term 5 (Friday 26 May), we will once again be holding a Warden House "Spectacular Sportathlon!" Children should come into school wearing the PE kits for the day and will take part in a range of exciting and inspirational sports during the day.



From more traditional sports such as cricket, tennis and tri-golf, to more exciting events such as go-karting, mini-trampolining, zorbing and inflatable sumo-wrestling, our PE team have organised another "irresistible" day for our children.

Warmer weather

As the weather gets warmer, please don't forget to send your child into school with a sun cap and sun screen (preferably applied at home). Also, please do not forget to always send your child in with a water bottle – taken home and washed and refilled at the end of each day. Thank you.



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Key Dates for Terms 5 and 6 2023	
Start of Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023
Teacher Strike Day for affected classes	Tuesday 2 May 2023
School Closed – Local Elections	Thursday 4 May 2023 All day
Bank Holiday for King's Coronation	Monday 8 May 2023
Year 6 SATS Assessments <i>All children must be in school unless unwell.</i>	Tuesday 9 May 2023 – Friday 12 May 2023
KS1 SATS Assessments for Year 2 pupils	From Monday 15 May 2023
Spectacular Sportathlon! (Whole School - Inspirational Day of Sports)	Friday 26 May 2023
End of Term 5	Friday 26 May 2023
Start of Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023
Year Six Swimming Lessons at Tides	Exact times and dates tbc
Year 5 PESE Meeting regarding the Kent Test	Thursday 8 June 2023 at 5pm
Year 1 Phonics Screeners begin	Monday 12 June 2023
Year 4 Multiplication Check begins	Monday 12 June 2023
New Year R parents induction evening	Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 7pm
PTFA Summer Fair	Friday 23 June 2023 – Straight after school
Exhibition Evening	Wednesday 5 July 2023 (4:30pm-6pm)
Whole School Transition Day <i>(Children spend some time with their new teacher and TA for September. Our new Reception children come in for the morning).</i>	Thursday 6 July 2023
Year R and KS1 Sports Day	Thursday 13 July 2023
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 14 July 2023
Year 6 Oscars and Leavers' Party	Tuesday 18 July 2023 (6pm until 9pm)
End of Term 6	Wednesday 19 July at 2pm