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Newsletter – Wednesday 19 July 2023

Headteacher's message

Well, here we are at the end of another busy and highly successful year at Warden House. There has been so much to be proud of – and the children have all worked so hard.

There have been some real highlights to look back on since September: from our recent Year 6 production of "These are the days of our lives", our PGL residential trip, Exhibition Evening, Maths Day, Pfizer's Science Day, Inter-Trust events such as our Veritas Choir and Sports Festival, Sports Days, Spectacular Sportathlon, Young Voices Trip, Choir Concerts, Brass Concerts, Reception Nativities... The list could go on and on!

We are also deeply proud to have achieved Artsmark at Gold standard during the past year as well as being accredited as a National Nurture School.

As we always do at this time of year, we say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 pupils as they get ready to move on to their new schools in September. This current Year 6 cohort has been the largest year group that we have ever had at Warden House with (currently) 88 pupils. We have been so proud of their achievements over the past seven years. We will certainly miss them at Warden House and hope that they keep in touch.



On behalf of the entire staff team, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support this year. I wish you all a fabulous summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4 September.

Best wishes, *Mr. Hackett*

Hello and goodbye!

As you may be aware, we have several staff members moving on at the end of this term – and several new members of staff joining our team.

Departures

We are very sad to announce that, after over 8½ years, our fantastic site manager Mr. Ian Orchard will be leaving Warden House at the end of July. Mr. Orchard has been an absolutely incredible member of our team over his time working for the school and has maintained our school buildings and outside spaces to a very high standard. We will dearly miss Mr. Orchard and wish him all the best for the future. We are currently advertising for a new site manager to come and join our team. Please do share [the advert](#) with anyone that you know who may be interested.

Also leaving us at the end of this term is our Frogs class teacher and KS1 leader Mrs. Mary Norton. Mrs. Norton has led our Year 1 and 2 classes over the past three years with distinction and has driven the implementation of the continuous provision model of learning across this phase – as well as leading maths and our outdoor learning team. We wish Mrs. Norton all the best as she starts the next chapter in her career.



Year 6 Hippos class teacher Miss Garnett will also be leaving us to take up an exciting new challenge at the end of the year. We will particularly miss Miss Garnett's passion for music at our school and are thankful for all that she has done – particularly supporting singing assemblies and leading our choir and Year 6 productions



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over the past two years. Miss Garnett will be staying in touch with the school and has agreed to take the position of school governor.

Nurture TA Mr. Neil March will be leaving us to take up a new career as an estate agent. Mr. March joined us last September and has been a fantastic member of our pastoral team supporting some of the more vulnerable pupils in our school.

Year 4 Sharks Class TA Miss. Summer Harvey will also be leaving us at the end of the term to head off to university to start her degree. We are thankful for all of Miss Harvey's hard work since joining us in the autumn term and wish her all the best with her studies.

TA Ms. Knowles is stepping down from her role in our After School Club in September with our Nurture Lead Mrs. Luck stepping up to take her place. Ms. Knowles will also be reducing her TA hours and will return to work in September in Year 4 Sharks class on a part time basis working alongside Mrs. Creed.

Arrivals

We have a range of interviews taking place over the next few days and will announce details of the staff members joining our team early in September once details are confirmed.

Sports Days

A huge "Thank you" to Mrs. Hockley for organising two such a superb sports days for our children. We managed to keep our spirits up between the showers during Year R and KS1 sports day and still managed to run all the events.

Results:

Congratulations to Green Griffins who won Year R & KS1 AND KS2 sports days – and were our Sports Day cup overall winners.



Well done to Yellow Unicorns who were victorious in the inter-house relay.



Thank you as well to all of our staff team and the volunteers who all contributed and helped with the scoring or the setup of the races – and our PTFA for the refreshments for the adults and fruit platters provided for the children.

The children were all fantastic and performed so well in all of their races and events.

A special thank you to all those parents, friends and family members who took part in our adults races over both days too! You were great sports and the children really appreciated you taking part.

Exhibition Evening 2023

We really enjoyed hosting our Exhibition Evening earlier in July. Thank you to everyone who came along to share



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our children's learning across the year. We are very proud of all they have achieved.



In case you missed it, [click here](#) to view a lovely video showing just some of the work on display in all classes across the school.

Well done Miles!

You may recall from a previous newsletter, that one of our Year 4 pupils was planning a sponsored walk in aid of the RNLI.

On Sunday 2 July, Miles completed an eight-and-a-half kilometre walk to raise funds for Walmer lifeboat. Having been inspired by a visit to the lifeboat station with his cub group, he undertook a sponsored walk from Sandown Castle to Sandwich and back to Deal Pier, raising an amazing £390.00. Miles was then invited to attend the lifeboat station with his parents and younger sister to present the funds raised to the RNLI volunteers.

We are very proud of Miles and all of his efforts in supporting such a fantastic local cause.



Year 6 – 'These are the days of our lives'

Our Year 6 children put on three fantastic performances over the past week to parents, friends and family members of their leavers' show "These are the days of our lives". The children all performed brilliantly and put on a really super show that really celebrated their time at primary school.



Thanks to our Year 6 team – and particularly Hippos class teacher Miss Garnett who wrote the script and selected some really inspirational songs for the children to learn and perform.



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Deal Music and Arts

We are incredibly lucky in Deal to have a fantastic extra-curricular music provision held every Tuesday evening at Goodwin Academy. A number of Warden House pupils have been attending the music centre regularly during the year and have really excelled.



This weekend, a group of pupils from Warden House joined others from schools across the local area in putting on a showcase concert at the Astor Theatre sharing their talents. A special well done to Erroll, Ted and Jack for their fantastic performance playing trumpet, cornet and trombone.

For anyone interested in learning an instrument, why not check out the website [linked here](#) to find out more and get involved. Bursaries and financial support is available for eligible families too.

Summer Fair

Thank you to all who came along to our summer fair at the end of June. It was a really lovely afternoon. Thanks to Scott and our fantastic team of staff, parents and

volunteers who freely give up their time to organise and run events like this.



A superb £2781.61 was raised to go directly to enhancing provision for our children at Warden House.

Buildings and summer works

Over the summer holidays, the part of the school that we call 'The Deck' will be demolished having come to the end of its natural life span. This building was used by Mrs. Marsh for her Meerkat Maths group and was also used flexibly for music lessons and other group work.

As the new school year progresses and our final budgets are confirmed, we hope to replace the roof on our Year 6 building so as to bring this back into a useable space.

With the Year 6 'bulge year' leaving us this year, we will no longer need to use 'The Pavilion' (the scout hut) as a classroom. This will be used flexibly next year for music lessons, holiday and after school club and staff training.



Summer Reading Challenge!

[Click here](#) to access an exciting Summer Reading Challenge being run by Deal library.



Key Dates for next term

Term 6 starts	Monday 5 June 2023
Year 6 Oscars and Leavers' Party	Tuesday 18 July from 5:45pm
End of Year Reports sent home	Wednesday 19 July 2023
Term 6 ends	Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 2pm
Summer Holiday	Thursday 20 July – Friday 1 September 2023
Term 1 Starts	Monday 4 September 2023
Home visits for new Year R Pupils	Monday 4 – Friday 8 September 2023
Kent Test (PESE) for registered Year 6 pupils	Thursday 7 September 2023
Dover Grammar School Tests for registered pupils	Saturday 9 September 2023
New Year R children start school <i>Mornings only and staying for lunch</i>	Monday 11 September 2023
New Year R children start school full time	Monday 18 September 2023
Individual Photos by Kittle Photographers	Wednesday 4 October 2023
Harvest Assembly <i>Details to be confirmed</i>	Friday 6 October 2023
Scholastic Book Fair in School	Tuesday 10 October – Friday 13 October 2023
Parents Evenings for Pupils in Year 1-6	Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 October 2023
Parents' Evenings for Pupils in Year R	Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October 2023
Staff Training Day <i>School closed to all pupils</i>	Friday 20 October 2023
Term 1 ends	Thursday 19 October 2023



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DURING THIS PAST YEAR:
FROM OUR SUMMER FAIR
TO OUR FIREWORKS
DISPLAY, SURPRISE
REINDEER TO FAB FRIDAYS,
THE PTFA IS PROUD TO
SUPPORT WARDEN HOUSE





Warden House Primary School Site Manager



Could you be our new Site Manager?

Site Manager with opportunity for Site Manager 'Team Leader'

Salary Information:

Site Manager - Veritas Range 6: £23,801 - £25,262

Site Manager Team Leader – Veritas Range 7: £25,378 - £28,466

37 hours per week, all year round contract

Holiday entitlement—27 days increasing to 29 days after 5 years continuous service

We are looking to recruit a highly-committed Site Manager who is familiar with site management, general maintenance, caretaking responsibilities and has good communication and people skills. The successful applicant would need to have practical experience in maintenance, decorating and/or minor building work and be able to be both reactive and proactive.

The post is for 37 hours per week for 52 weeks per year. The successful applicant will work closely with the Headteacher and the Trust business team to ensure the school is well maintained, providing a clean, tidy, safe environment for our staff, pupils and visitors.

Further to the Site Manager post, there is an opportunity for this to be a Site Manager 'Team Leader' post within our Trust. This role is predominantly based at Warden House Primary School as Site Manager, and additionally, Team Leader to our Site Manager's across our other two schools within our Trust; Pilgrims' Way Primary School, Canterbury and Mundella Primary School, Folkestone.

Visits to the school are strongly encouraged. Please contact Alison.Moon@veritasmat.co.uk for further information or to arrange a tour. If you feel you have what it takes then we would love to hear from you. All applications will need to be made via the "Kent Teach" website.

The post will start as soon as possible with initial induction and training available in agreement with the successful candidate.



Closing date: Friday 28th July 2023 at 9am

Date of interviews: To be confirmed

Warden House Primary School and Veritas MAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Disclosure and Barring Service and satisfactory references being received.