



# Warden House Primary School

Irresistible learning for all...

**Newsletter – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

## Headteachers' Message

I cannot believe that we are now half way through term two! Preparations for Christmas are getting into full swing; it is certainly a busy time of year with lots going on across our school community and lots to look forward to for our children.

Our Early Years and KS1 children have started getting ready for their Christmas performances;; we have our whole school trip to the Marlowe pantomime coming up, our RockSteady Concert, multiple Christmas choir visits and concerts – alongside all of our usual exciting topics and lessons in class.

It was great to see so many of you at our PTFA fireworks display on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Final calculations are still being made – however it is likely that well over £9000 was raised for PTFA funds! This is a fantastic figure. Thank you to everyone for their support during this event – especially after we were forced to move the date due to the stormy weather.

We hope that you enjoyed receiving the curriculum newsletters at the start of Term 2. We plan to send these out each term to provide information about the subjects being taught and the areas in focus.

We will be sending home an interim report at the end of this term with key information for parents following our end of Term 2 assessments. Please look out for this in your child's bag on the last day of term.

Best wishes  
Mr. Hackett

## Staffing Updates



Following interviews last term, we are delighted to welcome new senior teaching assistant Joanne Dawson to the team. Mrs Dawson will be joining the EYFS team and will be based in Ducklings Class.



We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Family Liaison Officer Mrs. Kerry Mackenzie-Frazer to the team early in December following Mrs. Cotterill's departure at the end of last term. Please do take a moment to say "hello!"



## NELFT "Worries and Fears" Workshop

### Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

#### Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

Tuesday 28th November 5.30-7.30pm

\*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click** the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 352 223 491 713      Passcode: rd2qv9

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools.

We look forward to meeting you.

Please [click here](#) to access the online session at the given time.

## "Artist of the Term" Home Learning Challenge

Can children create their own artwork inspired by Virginia Benedicto?

- Children may decide to create artwork about things that make you happy using bright colours and fun shapes.
- They may decide to create a self-portrait and include shapes/symbols/words that bring you joy.
- They could create a colourful sculpture of something they love.
- There will be a prize for the most inspired piece, one prize across reception/KS1 and one prize across KS2.

Children should bring in their completed masterpieces by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** to Zebra's classroom.

## Christmas Fair

Our PTFA Christmas Fair is scheduled to take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December straight after school. As always, our PTFA are on the lookout for volunteers to help either with the preparation or running a stall. If you can help in any capacity, please phone 07427601418 or email [ptfa@warden-house.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@warden-house.kent.sch.uk) We look forward to seeing you there!



**WARDEN HOUSE PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 3.15-4.30**

**WARDEN HOUSE PTFA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

### COULD YOU HELP?

**WARDEN HOUSE PTFA REQUEST VOLUNTEERS**

**AS ALWAYS WE ARE ASKING FOR ANYONE WHO HAS TIME TO COME AND HELP, SET UP - MAN A STALL - TIDYING UP.....**

**WARDEN HOUSE PTFA REQUEST RAFFLE DONATIONS**

**A GREAT PRIZE, PROMOTIONAL OFFER OR GIFT EXPERIENCE**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP US AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL OR HAVE ANY OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS....**

PLEASE CONTACT US AT: [PTFA@WARDEN-HOUSE.KENT.SCH.UK](mailto:PTFA@WARDEN-HOUSE.KENT.SCH.UK) OR 07427601418

## Year 6 World War Two Topic

Our Year Six children had a real treat last week when they received a visit from Mister O'Sullivan as part of their WWII topic.



Mister O'Sullivan used to visit us each year to run evacuation day workshops, however he has recently retired. We are delighted that he was willing to come back to see us to share his passion and expertise about this fascinating and important period in British history. The children seemed to love meeting him.



## Exciting Trip for our School Council

We have a real treat in store for our Year 5 and 6 School Council members who, along with our Head Girl and Head Boy, have been invited to visit the Palace of Westminster early next term. They will be taking part in a tour and a special workshop as part of the day. We will report back in our first newsletter of the new term.



## Class Dojo in Year R and KS1

Thank you for your support so far with Class Dojo in Reception and KS1. If you have not yet signed up, please use the link on your personalised letter to see updates from your child's class teacher.



You will receive feedback on your child's achievements and will be getting updates on what your child is learning in class. If you have any questions regarding Class Dojo, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Christmas Events

As Christmas approaches, we have a range of exciting concerts and visits planned for the children. Please see the Key Dates section at the end of this newsletter for further information.

We are really looking forward to our first "RockSteady" concert. Our rock star bands have been busy practicing every Monday since the summer term and are looking forward to sharing their progress with their parents and carers.

Our Reception children have been busy practicing for their first nativity "Everyone Loves a Baby!" and our KS1 children will be presenting their own Christmas Assembly to parents and carers too.

Our newly formed Christmas choir are proud to have been invited to take part in several community events this December. As well as visiting several local care homes and community centres, they have been invited to sing with the White Cliffs Symphonic Wind Orchestra as well as singing as part of the Walmer Town Council "Carols on the Green" event on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

## Children in Need Day

Our children (and staff!) had a great time last Thursday celebrating BBC Children in Need. Thanks to everyone for their support – and especially to Pudsy Bear for his very unexpected appearance in assembly! There is still time to donate if you have not done so already by [clicking here](#). A fantastic £221.50 has been raised so far!



## Community Tennis



The LTA are offering FREE weekly tennis sessions from this Saturday down at Marke Wood park between 10-11am. [Click here](#) to book as needed.

This is a great opportunity for children along with their friends and family members to learn to play. Under 12s must be supervised by an adult.

## School Tours

Do you or someone you know have a pre-school child due to start school in September 2024? If so, do get in touch to book in to visit Warden House.



Tours take place every Tuesday and Thursday morning during Term 2 and are led by Mr. Hackett and Mr. Atkinson (our headteacher and deputy headteacher).

Contact the office to book a convenient time to come and visit our school and see us in action!

We do not run set open days as we feel it is important that we can share our school during the working day where parents can visit classrooms, meet our staff and children and get a real feel for the school as it normally runs.

## PTFA Surprise...!

Our PTFA have been working hard to plan another exciting surprise for our children following the lovely reindeer visit that took place last Christmas.

Save the date for Tuesday 23 January 2024 and watch this space for further details!



## Accelerated Reader "Home Connect"

For our children who have moved onto the Accelerated Reader scheme in school, did you know that as parents you can use your child's login to monitoring their progress as they take their reading quizzes?

To access this, visit "[Accelerated Reader Home Connect](#)". Use your child's login details (usually inside your child's reading record). Once logged in, you can view their current points target; how many books they have read, their total percentage score and much more.

There is even an option to setup email alerts every time your child completes a quiz in school. Should you have any questions or cannot find your child's login, please speak to their teacher.

Visit [our AR website](#) page for more information.

## Key Dates for 2023-2024

Whole School Pantomime trip to The Marlowe Theatre	Tuesday 5 December 2023* <i>(Note the later return to school)</i>
EYFS Nativity	Thursday 7 December at 2pm & Friday 8 December 2023 at 10am
Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair donations	Thursday 7 December 2023
Choir Visit to St. Winifred's	Friday 8 December at 2pm
PTFA Christmas Fair	Friday 8 December 2023 (Straight after school until 4:30pm)
KS1 Christmas Assembly	Monday 11 December 2023 at 10am & Tuesday 12 December at 2pm
'RockSteady' concert to parents	Monday 11 December 2023 at 2pm
Choir visit to Walmer Care Centre	Monday 11 December at 11am
Choir visit to Betteshanger Sports and Social Club Christmas Breakfast	Tuesday 12 December at 9am
Choir visit to Wellington Court	Tuesday 12 December at 2pm
Year 2 Performance	Tuesday 12 December 2023
Choir visit to Glendale Lodge	Wednesday 13 December at 10am
Christmas dinner	Wednesday 13 December 2023
Class 'Autumn Reports' sent home	Friday 15 December 2023
<b>End of Term 2</b>	<b>15 December 2023 at 2pm</b>
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024 & Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024
Children return to school	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
School council trip to Westminster	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
PTFA "Surprise!"	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024



## Menu November 2023 - February 2024

Whole School Meals		Week One	Week Two	Week Three
		30th Oct, 20th Nov, 1st Jan, 22nd Jan	6th Nov, 27th Nov, 8th Jan, 29th Jan	4th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb
Monday	Option 1	Cheesy Pasta	Pizza Pinwheel	Home-made Pizza
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Pasta Provencale	Vegetable Pasta Bake
	served with	Garlic Flatbread Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Wedges Baked Beans & Peas	1/2 Jacket Potato Peas & Baked Beans
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Tuesday	Option 1	Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Breaded Chicken Steak
	Option 2	*Mexican Bean Wrap	Veggie Pie & Gravy	*Cheese Puff
	served with	Rice Carrots & Peas	Creamed Potatoes Broccoli & Mixed Veg	Herby Diced Potatoes Mixed Salad
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Wednesday	Option 1	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy	Roast Pork
	Option 2	Winter Vegetable & Potato Bake	Quorn Sausage with yorkshire pud	*Veggie Meatloaf & Gravy
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Thursday	Option 1	Burger in a Bun	Bolognese	Meatball Sub
	Option 2	Quorn Sausage	Veggie Bolognese	Meatless Sub
	served with	Wedges Cucumber & Coleslaw	Pasta Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Cucumber & Peas
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
		Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
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Suitable for Vegetarians

Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians

Contains Fish

All items are subject to availability

Bread , Salad and fresh drinking water are available with every meal

All vegetarian dishes with \* can be made suitable for vegans

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