



Newsletter 1 - Term 1 2018

Headteacher's Message

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our children and families back to school at the start of another school year. The children all look incredibly smart in their new school uniforms and have settled well into their new classes and routines. The school environment looks great too; Mr Orchard and our estates team have been very busy during the Summer break painting some of our communal areas and carrying out a deep clean. The teachers have also been busy updating their classrooms into welcoming learning environments too.

We have enjoyed welcoming our new reception children into Foxes and Rabbits Classes this week as they have begun their Warden House journey. We are already very proud of how quickly they have settled into their new surroundings.

Finally, do visit our [school website](#) and "Like" our [Facebook](#) page to keep up to date with the latest information and many of the exciting things that are going on in class. I look forward to working with you this year.

Best wishes, *Mr Hackett*

SENCO News

We are sad to announce that after 17 years working at Warden House, our SENCo Mrs Garrett will be leaving at the end of this term to take up the role of specialist teacher working for the Specialist Teaching and Learning Service in Folkestone. Mrs Garrett has worked tirelessly during her time at Warden House, both as a reception class teacher and as SENCo. She has made a huge impact on the lives of hundreds of children and families and will be greatly missed. We wish her well for her future career.

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Zoe Alldis as our new SENCo. She will be liaising with Mrs Garrett during the latter stages of this term and will begin work with us at the start of Term 2.

Welcome to New Members of Staff

We are delighted to welcome several new additions to our staff team this term. Mr Robertson, Miss Mann and Miss Hodges have all joined the school as class teachers; Miss Rolfe has joined our TA team, Mrs Aldred has begun work as a new midday supervisor and Mrs Morgan has taken up her position as our new receptionist.

School Uniform

Please be reminded that our school uniform is now available from our online supplier. A letter and flyer regarding this were sent out last term. Please visit the "[Your School Uniform](#)" website for further information.

Reading at Home and Accelerated Reader

We'd like to remind all of our parents and carers of the importance of supporting children's reading at home. We strongly recommend that all children read at home **every day** - with the minimum expectation being five entries into your child's reading record each week.

Once children have progressed onto Accelerated Reader as they move through KS1, parents are able to track their progress online as they take reading quizzes based on the books that they have read. Click here to visit the [Accelerated Reader Home Connect](#) website and use your child's login details to gain access. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you have any problems.

Smoking and Vaping

We'd like to remind all parents and carers that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on our school site. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this matter.

Nut Free School

Due to the allergies of a range of staff and children, Warden House is a nut-free school. Thank you for your support this year in ensuring that children's packed lunches are completely free from nuts and nut-based products. This includes products such as Nutella and many cereal bars. We greatly appreciate your support.



Start of Day

Please could all parents and carers ensure that children are not left unsupervised on the school site before 8:45am as there is no supervision provided by school staff.

Our Breakfast Club is available from 8am each day for parents and carers who need to drop their children off early. Please speak to the school office for further details.

Attendance and Family Holidays During Term Time

We'd like to ask for the support of all of our parents and carers in ensuring that all children's attendance at school is as strong as possible. As you may be aware, in 2016 the government took away the authority of headteachers to authorise children's absence from school for the purposes of family holidays. We'd like to thank all families in advance for ensuring that family holidays are not taken during term time.

The minimum national level of attendance is 95%. This academic year, we will continue to contact families whose children's attendance falls below 95% to make sure we are doing all we can to work in partnership with parents and carers to improve our children's attendance and punctuality. Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding

At Warden House, our primary duty is to ensure the safeguarding of all children within our care. We currently have three DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads) who are responsible for overseeing the safeguarding of all children within the school. Our DSLs are Mr Hackett (Lead DSL), Mr Atkinson and Mrs Brady (Deputy DSLs). Should you have any concerns regarding the safety or well-being of any child at Warden House, please do not hesitate to contact any of our DSLs in confidence who will be able to advise and support as necessary

Harvest Assembly

Our school council have once again made the decision to support the Deal Local Area Food Bank this year. We will be holding a special Harvest assembly on Friday 5

October and would like to ask each child to bring in a donation for the Food Bank on this day. The Food Bank supports many families in our local area and any donations of non-perishable food and soft drinks are always very gratefully received. Please visit the [Deal Area Food Bank](#) website for further details.

Training Day Date Change

It has been necessary to move our teacher training day in Term 2 from Friday 30th November to Friday 7th December. Please see the Term Dates section of the newsletter for a full list of our training days this year where the children will not be in school.

Term Dates 2018-2019

Term 1

Start: Tuesday 4 September 2018
Finish: Friday 19 October 2018

Term 2

Start: Monday 29 October 2018
Finish: Friday 21 December 2018 at 2pm

Term 3

Start: Monday 7 January 2019
Finish: Friday 15 February 2019

Term 4

Start: Monday 25 February 2019
Finish: Friday 5 April 2019 at 2pm

Term 5

Start: Tuesday 23 April 2019
Finish: Friday 24 May 2019

Term 6

Start: Monday 3 June 2019
Finish: Friday 19 July 2019 at 2pm

Future Staff Training Days

Friday 12 October 2018	Friday 7 December 2018
Monday 22 July 2019	Tuesday 23 July 2019



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