



Newsletter 2 - Term 2 2018

Headteacher's Message

Rehearsals are now in full swing across the school for a range of Christmas performances and assemblies. We are really looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to see the fruits of the children's hard work. Please remember to book your seats for the performances on our Parents' Evening Booking System. Our school choir have also been busy practising a range of Christmas carols and songs in preparation for visiting several local care homes for the elderly and community centres. A great example of our value "Partners" in action.

On Thursday, we took a large number of children from Years 1 - 6 to the pantomime "Cinderella" at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury. A great time was had by all and the children enjoyed a fantastic show. Thank you to Mrs Grant and Mrs Creed for all of their hard work in organising this trip and for providing another fantastic experience for our children.

Our Year R children also had a super time in school as they worked in our Bistro learning to be chefs. Some very tasty bread rolls were baked!

Best wishes, *Mr Hackett*

PTFA Christmas Fair



Please come along to our PTFA Christmas Fair - straight after school on Thursday 6 December until 5.00pm. Our staff and children have been busy creating a range of displays and decorations to make the hall feel really

festive. There will be a Santa's grotto, elves' workshops, reindeer food bar, craft activities, stalls, games as well as festive music from our school choir.

The PTFA team are still looking for additional adult helpers for this event to set up and run stalls. Please contact ptfa_secretary@warden-house.kent.sch.uk if you are able to help.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Please note that our school Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 19th December. Our partners at Whole School Meals have already released a [special festive menu](#) for the last two weeks of term.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers into school and can bring in an optional donation of £1 in support of the NSPCC.



Christmas Jumper Exchange Service

In the school office there are two boxes for Christmas jumper/tops that no longer fit your children. We would be grateful for any donations of these, in good clean condition. If your child does not own a Christmas jumper/top they will be able to take one from either box for a donation of £1. All proceeds raised will be donated to NSPCC.

Training Day

We would like to remind all families that our next staff training day will take place on Friday 7th December when the school will be closed. Our Jungle Club is open as usual. Please contact the school office for further details.



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Christmas Production Dates

Year R Nativity "Star Shine Star" performances to parents on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December 10.00am.

Year 1 and 2 "Christmas Counts" performances to parents on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December 2.00pm.

Year 3 Christmas is Coming! Assembly to parents on Tuesday 18th December 9.30am.

Year 4 A Tudor Christmas Assembly to parents on Wednesday 19th December 9.30am.

Seats for these performances can be booked via our Parents' Evening Booking system in the usual way. Please [click here](#) to reserve your seats.

Children in Need

Thank you to all who supported Children in Need earlier in the term. The school council inform me that a fantastic £365.00 was raised for this good cause.

New School Minibus

We are delighted to announce that due to the success of our fundraising efforts last year, we have just placed an order for a new school minibus! Thank you to Mrs Patton and our school council - and especially to Mrs Crump who has worked tirelessly with the children, writing to local businesses and leading fundraising activities across the school. Look out for the new bus arriving - maybe even before the end of term!

Reception Classes - Tapestry Online Learning Journal

Our Early Years staff use the Tapestry online learning journal to record the "Wow" moments of the children's time in class. To access this, parents will need to complete a consent form. Please [click here](#) for further details. Please contact your child's class teacher or the school office if you have any further questions.

London Road Entrance

We'd like to remind all parents and carers that the parking spaces by the London Road entrance to the school are for the use of school staff only. We ask that all parents and carers refrain from driving onto this part of the school

site **at any time** due to safety reasons and out of respect for our neighbours. Thank you for your continued support.

Admissions Consultation

Veritas MAT Trust board would like to consult with parents and carers regarding a proposed change to the admissions arrangements for our reception intake in September 2020. The proposal is to provide priority to children who have been adopted from outside of England.

This proposed change is in light of advice received from the DfE. Please [click here](#) to view the proposal. Should you wish to comment or provide us with your point of view, please email the school office at office@warden-house.kent.sch.uk . Thank you.

Attendance Update

Our current attendance figure stands at 96.36%. Thank you to all our families for their support in ensuring that children are in school and on time every day and ready to learn.

Term Dates 2018-2019

Term 2

Finish: Friday 21 December 2018 at 2:00pm

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 2:00pm

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 2:00pm

Future Staff Training Days

Friday 7 December 2018

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23 July 2019