



Newsletter 2 - Term 3 2019

Headteacher's Message

I've been delighted to hear from Mrs Bishop and Miss Lund that our recent "Inspired through Sport" event raised nearly £1700 - an absolutely fantastic effort. The money raised will go both toward supporting the development of athletes such as our recent visitor - para-climber Josh Senior- but also towards providing additional sporting equipment for all children at Warden House.

It's been great to see children fully engaged with their learning over the past few weeks across the school. Our Reception children have been thoroughly absorbed in the mystery surrounding who kidnapped Benji Bear! CCTV footage has shockingly implicated our Executive Headteacher Mr Chisnell in the crime! The children are very much looking forward to speaking to him as part of their inquiries!



Thank you to all who completed our recent online parent & carer survey. The staff will analyse the feedback in the coming weeks and look to act on any concerns or issues that have come to light. All opinions are deeply valued and useful as we work together to ensure standards at Warden House are as strong as possible.

Finally, Mr Atkinson is working hard on developing a new school website for Warden House. Watch this space for details regarding the upcoming launch...

Best wishes - Mr Hackett

Online Safety Day 2019

Tuesday 5 February is "Safer Internet Day". Children will have a special assembly in the morning led by Mrs Norton. They will then take part in a range of activities back in class. Our staff received some valuable training on online safety last week led by Kent Online Safety expert Rebecca Avery. One particular area of concern is based around children's use of the game "Fortnite". This game is very popular with children across the school - even though it carries a "PEGI 12" rating. Please see the [leaflet here](#) for further advice regarding the risks associated with children playing this game and how they can be managed.

Craft Club

Mrs Garlinge has started a craft club and would kindly like donations of any wool or cotton thread. Please could any donations be sent in to school via the school office?

Lateness

Our school gates and classroom doors close at 8.55am when children are expected to be present in class. Pupils arriving after these times must enter school by the main office and report to reception where their name and reason for lateness will be recorded. The pupil will be marked as late *before* registration has closed (Code 'L') on their individual school record. Pupils arriving after the register has closed will be marked as late *after* registration (Code 'U') and this will count as an unauthorised absence and be recorded on their individual school record. Frequent/persistent lateness **after the register has closed** (Code 'U') can provide grounds for a Penalty Notice or prosecution. Lateness also affects a pupil's chance of gaining an attendance award at the end of term and school year. Thank you for your support in ensuring children are here on time every day and ready to learn.

Dogs on the Playground

We would like to remind all parents and carers that dogs should not be brought on to the school site (with the exception of guide dogs). Thank you for your support in this matter.



Road Crossing Patrol

We have recently heard that Mrs Lauder will be stepping down from her role manning the road crossing patrol at the London Road entrance to the school. We thank her for her dedication over the past few years and wish her all the best for the future. We are currently advertising for her replacement. Should you be interested in this position, please contact the school office to register your interest. They will then pass on your details to the KCC Highways team who deal with the recruitment process and training on our behalf. Further details are available on our website [here](#).

Spellzone

Children in Year 2-6 have been set up on a new online spelling program called "[Spellzone](#)". Children will be undertaking weekly sessions in class but can also access their account at home. Should you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be pleased to help, although further information will be sent out shortly.

Pond Clearing - Help Needed!

Mr Orchard needs your help! Our pond area has become overgrown and is in need of cleaning out and weeding ready for springtime. If any parents or carers are willing to give up an hour or two of their time to help, please could they let Mr Orchard know via the school office? Thank you.

New Stage Lighting and PTFA

The amazing work of the PTFA continues to directly benefit our school community. We have just finished the installation of a new set of hall stage lightening - fully funded by our PTFA. Thank you to all who came along to our "Meet the PTFA" event last week. Please note that there will be an EGM on Thursday 7 February at 2pm in the Bistro. All are welcome to attend.

Before School

We'd like to remind parents that children should not be on site before 8:45 am unless attending breakfast club. We'd also like to ask that parents and carers ensure that

children do not play on the tyres and the wood-chipped area surrounding the KS2 playground before school. This area has become quite muddy in recent weeks and a lot of dirt is being brought into school. Thank you for your support in keeping Mr Orchard and our cleaning staff happy!

Curriculum Plans

Our school website contains a range of information linked to learning - including the topic plans for each year group. [Click here](#) to access this section of our website and select your child's year group. Here is a photo an *Austin 12 Heavy* that was brought to school to visit Year 3 as part of their "*Planes, Trains and Automobiles*" topic. Thanks to DP Lead & Sons for providing us with this fascinating experience.



Term Dates for 2019

Term 3 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 2:00 pm

Future Staff Training Days

Monday 22 July 2019 & Tuesday 23 July 2019

Polling Day (school closed) Thursday 2nd May 2019