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Newsletter - Friday 8th March 2019

Headteacher's Message

I had the great privilege of attending a special concert on Wednesday evening at the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover. A large group of our Year 5 and 6 "Bold As!" musicians performed alongside children from other schools and the White Cliffs Wind Orchestra. The children performed brilliantly and should be proud of their efforts. Well done to all who took part.

Our senior staff and governors have been busy reviewing the outcomes of our recent parent survey. Some parents felt that communication was an issue that could be improved. We agree that this is the case and have already taken some steps to improve this.

1. We have added a new, regular "Key Dates" section to our school newsletter that will provide advanced notice and reminders of key events from across the school.
2. Our new website is ready for launch and we will be using this to further improve communication with families. The new, mobile-friendly website will include an up-to-date calendar, latest news section, and copies of all letters sent home.
3. We have spoken to staff regarding the importance of giving you as much notice as possible regarding upcoming events, especially when a financial contribution is required.

I will be writing to you in the next couple of weeks with further information. Wishing you all a super weekend.

Best wishes - Mr Hackett

Magic Breakfast



We are very pleased to announce that Warden House has been deemed eligible for the National School Breakfast Program known as "[Magic Breakfast](#)". From Monday 18 March, our very own Magic Breakfast team will be delivering trays of warm bagels to classrooms ready for when the classroom doors open at 8:45 am. Children are free to help themselves as needed. There is absolutely no cost to families or the school for this service. Further information will be sent out next week. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions or concerns.

Road Crossing Patrol Vacancy

We are still looking to fill our Road Crossing Patrol vacancy. Please contact the school office if you are interested, and please do share this with your family and friends. Further details are available on our website [here](#).

World Book Day 2019

Thanks to all of our parents and carers for their support with making World Book day such a success. The children (and staff!) all looked amazing and had a super time with a range of activities taking place promoting the love of reading.



Spectacular Sport-athlon!

Mrs Bishop and Miss Lund have been working incredibly hard to plan an all-new sports day for our children. Our "Spectacular Sport-athlon" will take place on Friday 29 March and will give children from Year R-6 the opportunity to take part in a range of sports across the school day. Unlike previous Olympic Days, this event is not open to parents and carers. We will be repeating our more traditional sports days in the Summer term where families are very welcome to attend. Thank you for your support with this matter.

New Website

Our new website is finally complete and is ready for launch early next week. Please keep an eye on www.warden-house.kent.sch.uk and let us know what you think. The new site has been streamlined to make it easier to find the information that you need. It also displays perfectly on smartphone screens.

Did you know that you can add a shortcut to your phone's home screen so that our website appears like an app? [Click here](#) to find out how...



Red Nose Day 2019



We would like to remind parents and carers that [Comic Relief - Red Nose Day](#) takes place on Friday 15 March. Children are welcome to wear something red to school in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief (suggested minimum £1). Red noses and bracelets will be sold in school throughout next week. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

PTFA Update

We would like to thank our PTFA team for two super events that have been organised this week. Firstly, our school discos were a great success and were well attended by pupils from both KS1 and KS2. We are also looking forward to our first PTFA Bingo night tonight. Thanks to all who came to support these great events and gave up their time & energy.

Outdoor Learning Week

During the last week of Term 4, the whole school will be taking part in a special Outdoor Learning Week. Teachers are busy planning activities that will take place both within the school grounds but also out in the local area. We are focusing on developing children's independence and resilience whilst developing children's understanding of a range of high-quality vocabulary from across the curriculum. Full information will be sent out to you next week with details of what your child's class will be doing. I'd like to assure you that teachers have been mindful to plan activities that are at a minimal or no cost to families.

**Key Dates for Term 4****Every Tuesday**

Swimming Lessons for Year 1

Every Thursday

Swimming Lessons for Year 3

Friday 8 March

PTFA Bingo Night

Tuesday 12 March

Class Photographs - Please ensure full uniform is worn.

Friday 15 March

Red Nose Day - Wear something red for Comic Relief.

Friday 22 March

Whole School Science Day - Led by Pfizers scientists.

Friday 29 March

Spectacular Sportathlon - A whole school sporting extravaganza!

Monday 1 April - Friday 5 April

Outdoor Learning Week

Tuesday 2 April - Friday 5 April

Kingswood Residential Trip for Year 6

Friday 5th April

Spring Term reports sent home to parents

Term Dates for 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

Key Dates for Term 5 and Beyond**Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 April**

Parents' Evening Appointments (3:30-6.30pm)

Monday 13 May - Thursday 16 May

Year 6 SATs tests. All children must be in school.

Monday 20 May - Friday 24 May

Year 2 SATs tests. All children must be in school.

Wednesday 3 July (KS2) & Friday 5th July (YrR and KS1)

Traditional Sports Days - Parents invited (Times tbc)

Tuesday 9 July - 5 pm - 7 pm

Exhibition Evening - Whole School

Thursday 4 July

Transition Day - Children spend the day with their new teacher for September.