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Headteacher’s message

It was lovely to see so many of you in school last week as we held our first face to face parents’ evenings for over eighteen months. We hope that you found the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher useful and enjoyed finding out about their progress during the first few weeks of term. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year R parents into school next week. Please contact the office if you have not yet made your appointment.

This week we have been made aware of an increasing number of Covid cases within our school community – within both children and adults. I have written to the parents of children in the individual classes directly, however it is clear that many of the symptoms experienced by those testing positive can easily be mistaken for other more routine illnesses. We have put some further restrictions back in place in school in order to manage this including asking adults to wear face coverings in communal areas and running assemblies on Zoom.

With that in mind, we ask all parents to be extra-cautious. **If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school.** If your child is unwell and presents with one of the key Covid symptoms, we will send them home and ask for a full PCR test to be completed before allowing them to return. Thanks to you all for your ongoing support and vigilance.



Best wishes, Mr. Hackett

Flo Position

Last Tuesday was an emotional day at Warden House as we said goodbye to our Family Liaison Officer Mrs. Brady. Mrs. Brady has moved to Scotland with her family to begin a new adventure in Glasgow. We will miss her and wish all the very best for the future and thank her for all of the support and guidance that she has provided for our families over nearly 12 years at Warden House.

We are in the process of advertising for a new FLO and will update you all once the selection process is complete. [Click here](#) to view the advert on our website



Pupil Asset app

Thank you to all parents and carers who have managed to get onto our new parent app called [Pupil Asset](#). It is vital for all parents to use this to manage payments and consents in school.

We strongly encourage all of our families to download this as soon as possible. It is required to pay for school dinners, trips, clubs and other school events. Please contact the office for support if you have any questions. 01304 375040



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England





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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** be brought to the 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. Thank you for your support in ensuring children are here on time every day and ready to learn.

Wellies plea

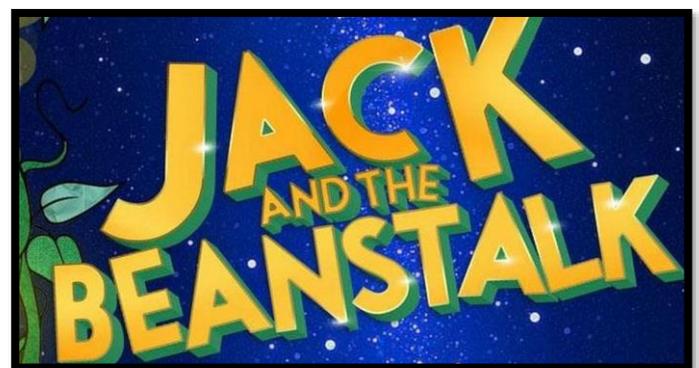
Do you have any spare wellies at home that you could donate for our Year 1 children for using in their outdoor area? Approx. sizes 9-13. If so, please hand them in to the school office or to Miss Allsopp or Miss Glanville. Thank you for your support.



Marlowe Theatre Pantomime Trip

We are really looking forward to taking the whole school to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the end of Term 2. Some families have still not yet signed up for their children to attend or informed us that they do not wish them to go.

[Please complete this brief form](#) to let us know your intentions by the end of next week. Thank you.



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New Intake Tours

We have begun running tours for families who have children starting school next September. Should you know anyone who is in this position and is considering schools for their children, please encourage them to contact the office and come for a visit.

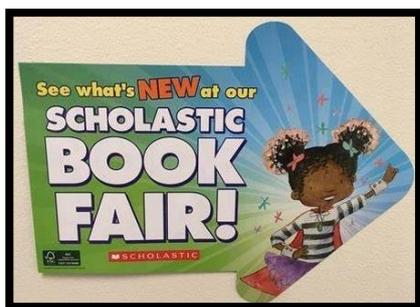
Alternatively, our video tour is still available on our website. [Click here](#) to view this.



Book Fair success!

Thank you to all of the families who visited our book fair after school last week and purchased books for their children. A total of just over £1030 was taken – with £600 being raised to go directly to our school to purchase new books for our library. Amazing!

Thank you to Mrs. Tribe for all of her hard work in organising this for our school community.



Swimming update

Several parents have been in touch asking about the future plans for swimming lessons at Warden House. We are currently investigating getting these up and running again in some capacity in Term 3, however this has been impacted by some significant changes put in place by Tides Leisure Centre that will limit us to only taking a maximum of 90 children per week.

As a school, we are expected to ensure that our year 6 children leave school swimming 25m, so it is likely that any future lessons will initially look to work with our older children in KS2 and support them to get to the required standard. We will send out further updates as soon as we know more.



Year 6 Secondary Applications

Parents of children in Year 6 – if your child sat the Kent Test or the Dover Girls' or Boys' Grammar School tests, the results should be shared with you via email / post from Thursday 21 October.



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Following receipt of the results, parents must then complete the SCAF (Secondary Common Application Form) no later than Monday 1 November. Please [click here](#) to complete this form online.

PTFA Update

[Click here](#) to view the latest newsletter from our fantastic PTFA team. Don't forget to take part in the current "Fun Raisin" campaign. Any boxes should be returned to school by Friday 15 October to be counted.



still bring their school shoes to change into separately.



As part of our Covid risk assessment, we are required to keep the classrooms well ventilated, with doors and windows open as much as possible. As the colder weather returns, please ensure that children are dressed appropriately with a school jumper / cardigan and potentially additional layers such as a vest.

Online Safety Newsletter

We received really positive feedback following our first Online Safety Newsletter sent out last month. Please [click here](#) to view the latest October edition. Alternative, [click here](#) to view all other editions on our website.



If you are interested in joining in and helping with all that our PTFA has to offer, please do not hesitate to contact our chair Scot McNamara on 07427601418 or email: Scott.McNamara@warden-house.kent.sch.uk

Coats and Colder Weather

As the weather turns colder and wetter, it is vital that all children bring a warm waterproof coat to school each day. Should children choose to wear wellies or other footwear to school, it is important that they



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Covid guidance

Covid rates are clearly creeping up in our area and, even though we are operating in a more normal way, we still have to be mindful that there are steps that we must still take in order to keep our school community as safe as possible and limit any disruption to education.



Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying any of the three main Covid symptoms:

- a new and continuous cough
- a temperature
- a loss of taste or smell

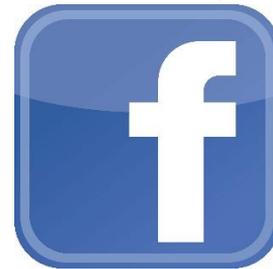
Also, please be aware that children currently being diagnosed with Covid are experiencing symptoms such as tiredness, runny/snotty nose, tummy ache and headache. If you are in any doubt - or if your child is unwell, please keep them at home and seek a PCR test (not a home LFD test).

Primary school-aged children are now no longer expected to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with Covid.

Attendance for all children continues to be mandatory. Should you have any questions at all regarding whether or not your child should attend school, please contact the office to seek advice.

School Facebook page

At Warden House, we use our school Facebook page to share a range of information about life in school. Why not “Like” our page and follow us to keep up to date with all that is going on.



[Click here](#) to go straight to our dedicated school page.

Key dates this term

Key Dates Terms 1 and 2	
Parents' Evening meetings for Year R	Tuesday 12 October & Wednesday 13 October 2021
Results day for Year 6 pupils who took the Kent test	Thursday 21 October 2021
Teacher Training Day (School Closed to All Pupils)	Friday 22 October 2021
Deadline for Year 6 Parents to complete their applications for secondary school	Monday 1 st November 2021
Christmas Lunch Day	Wednesday 15 December 2021
Whole School Trip to the Marlowe Theatre Pantomime	Thursday 16 December 2021