

Newsletter – Thursday 21 October 2021

Headteacher's message

I cannot believe that we have already reached the end of the first term of the school year! It does not seem like five minutes ago that we were welcoming the children back after their summer holiday. It really has been a super term at Warden House with some fantastic learning going on right across the school with the children engaging so well with their lessons. Really well done to all the children for all they have achieved.

I cannot thank our families enough for the incredibly generous donations sent into school last week for our Harvest assembly. Below is our new Year 6 School Council Executive Committee with just some of the donations that have gone directly to supporting the plight of refugees arriving in our local communities. Thanks to Mr. Orchard for taking the donations over to Canterbury in our school minibus.



Finally, don't forget that school is closed tomorrow for a teacher training day. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 1 November. Wishing you all a super half term break,

Best wishes, *Mr. Hackett*

Flu jabs

Do you have a child in Year R-6? The NHS immunisation team will be in school on 10 December 2021 to give the FLU vaccinations. The online consent portal is available online by [clicking here](#).

Don't forget to record your consent or refusal for your child's FLU vaccination before midnight on 07/12/2021. Please use your child's NHS number or legal surname/date of birth/post code to access the form.



Flo Position

Following on from Mrs. Brady's departure from Warden House we are pleased to announce the appointment of a new family liaison officer following interviews this week. Mrs. Emma Cotterill will be joining our team on a full-time basis later in November. We are really looking forward to working with her and welcoming her into the Warden House family.



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New intake tours

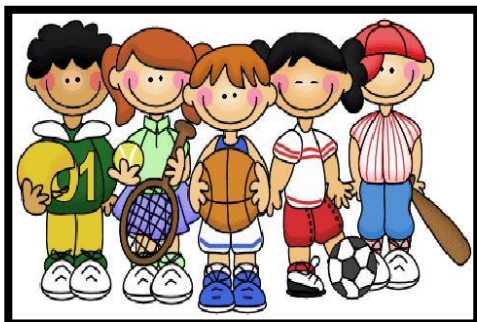
Should you know anyone who is in the process of choosing a school for their child for September next year, please encourage them to contact the office and come for a visit. Tours will be running every Tuesday and Thursday morning throughout Term 2.

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



Clubs

After a delay caused by the setting up of our new Pupil Asset payment system, we are pleased to be in a position to relaunch a range of school clubs next term. You will have been sent further details about these with information about how to book. Should you have any questions about these, please contact the school office.



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 today. If you posted your form, the results should arrive through the letterbox from tomorrow (Friday).



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. Please see the separate letter from Mr. Hackett sent out on Tuesday regarding the appeals process for parents who wish to pursue this option.

Arrival at breakfast club

Please note that for the next few weeks, all children must be accompanied by an adult to breakfast club in the morning. This is due to the pavement at the front of the school currently being out of action due to the building works.





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We have noticed unaccompanied children coming onto site walking up the driveway at around 8am. This is at the same time as the majority of staff are arriving in to work in their cars. This is obviously a significant safety risk. Thank you for your understanding and support.

PTFA Update

Fund Raisin'

Following on from our "Fund Raisin'" campaign this term, we are absolutely delighted to announce that the money has now been counted...

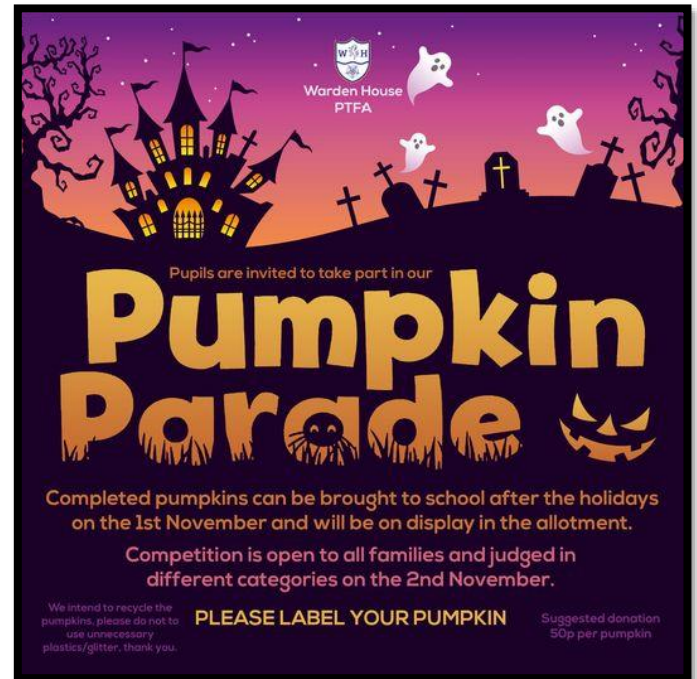
An absolutely tremendous **£1047.16** was raised! We cannot thank our families enough for their support.

The results were really close, however, our **Year 4 Kangaroos Class** raised the most money collecting £102.44! The children in this class will take part in their fun afternoon early next term.



Pumpkin Parade

On Monday 1 November (the first day of term 2) children are invited to bring any pumpkins that they have decorated for Halloween into school. These will be displayed in our new allotment area, with prizes awarded for the winning entries. Entry costs 50p per pumpkin. Please send pumpkins and money into class at the start of the day.



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 Scott McNamara on 07427601418 or email:

Scott.McNamara@warden-house.kent.sch.uk

Uniform, coats and colder weather

Following the half term break, children should return to wearing their winter school uniform. This includes our new reception uniform for children in Foxes and Rabbits. [Further details](#) are available on our school website.

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 still bring their school shoes to change into separately.

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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.



Poppy Appeal 2021

As we begin Term 2, our head boy and head girl will begin visiting classes to sell poppies and other items from the Royal British Legion. This will continue up until Thursday 11 November when the whole school will stop for one minute's silence at 11am as part of national Remembrance Day.

Please send donations into school with the children from Wednesday 3 November. [Click here](#) to view the suggested donation amounts.



Covid guidance

As you will be aware, we have been affected by a rise in Covid cases over the past few weeks. As a result, it is vital that we are all mindful and cautious when presented with any illness in our children.



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 not 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.



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Key dates this term

Key Dates Terms 1 and 2	
Results day for Year 6 pupils who took the Kent test	Thursday 21 October 2021
Teacher Training Day <i>(School Closed to All Pupils)</i>	Friday 22 October 2021
Deadline for Year 6 Parents to complete their applications for secondary school	Monday 1 st November 2021
PTFA Pumpkin Parade	Monday 1 st November 2021
Flu Vaccinations (Yr. R-6)	Friday 10 December 2021
Christmas Lunch Day	Wednesday 15 December 2021
Whole School Trip to the Marlowe Theatre Pantomime	Thursday 16 December 2021

