



Newsletter – Tuesday 12 September 2022

Headteacher's message

A very warm welcome to all of our families at the start of the new school year. I hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been lovely to see the children all settling in to their new classes and getting used to their new rules and routines. We have restarted our full whole school assemblies this year and it has been a delight to gather our whole school community together once again. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and all of the exciting and 'irresistible' learning opportunities that our teachers have planned for the children.



We were deeply saddened as a school community to learn of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II last Thursday. Warden House Primary School and Veritas Multi-Academy Trust join people around the world in mourning the loss of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Over the coming days and weeks, our school community will pay tribute to her 70 years of dedicated service.

On Friday last week, we held a special assembly where we celebrated the remarkable life of Queen Elizabeth II. We shared stories about her, read a poem and lit a candle before holding a perfect "70 second" silence (one second for each year of her reign).

Please note that school will be closed to all staff and pupils on Monday 19 September due to the national bank holiday that has been declared on the day of the Queen's funeral. Jungle Club will not be available on this day.

Best wishes, *Mr. Hackett*

Nut Free School

We would like to inform all parents that we are a nut free school due to the significant allergies of a range of staff and children. Children are asked not to bring any nut products into school.



This includes many popular chocolate sandwich spreads such as Nutella. Please do check the ingredients carefully. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Welcome to our new year R children

It has been a delight to welcome our new Reception pupils into school this week as they begin their Warden House journey.



They have enjoyed exploring their new environment, sharing stories and beginning to make new friends. They are coming in for mornings only this week and will start fulltime from Monday.

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New CEO for Veritas MAT

We are delighted to welcome new Veritas MAT CEO Mrs. Kerry Jordan-Daus to our team. Kerry will be working across the three schools within our Trust and will be at Warden House for at least one day each week.



Kerry plans to be out at the front of the school on the days that she is with us at drop off and pick up times and would be very keen to talk with parents to help her learn about our school. Please do look out for her and find time to stop by and say hello.

Jewellery reminder

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school, with an exception being made for small earring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance.



However, we do ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games or cover them with a plaster/medical tape to prevent any potential injuries from occurring. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Parent Pay

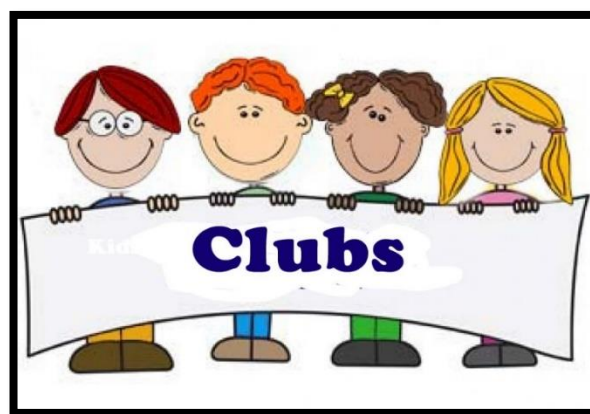
Thank you to all parents for their support as we look to get started with the new Parent Pay system. Parent Pay is a vital app that all parents are asked to use. It will be needed to book clubs, pay from trips and events and school meals. If you have not yet signed up, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.



Should you have any questions or problems getting started, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Clubs

We are in the process of setting up our clubs for the rest of term 1 and term 2, however due to the initial setup required for Parent Pay, there will be an unavoidable delay in getting started with these.



We will write to you as soon as possible with details regarding our after school club offer for the rest of terms 1 and 2 as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience!

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Scooters and bikes

Please could all families ensure that children and parents who bring bikes or scooters to school always push these when on our school site.



We have well over 1000 people on site at the start and end of each day and we want to make sure that everyone is kept safe and not put at risk by children (or adults!) travelling quickly on scooters or bikes. Many thanks for your support and understanding.

Attendance

Thank you to all of our families as we have moved to our new start time of 8:40-8:45am. As you know, school attendance is absolutely vital and it is so important that all children are here on time every day and ready to learn.



Please do note that there are very few circumstances where Headteachers can authorise absence from school. In line with latest government guidance, family holidays will not be authorised during term time and must be organised for the school holidays throughout the year.

Hello and goodbye!

At the end of last term we were very sad to say goodbye to Kangaroos teacher Mrs Wilson. Mrs Wilson had worked at Warden House since February 2020 just prior to the Covid pandemic teaching our Kangaroos class. We wish her and her family well as they return home to Australia.



We would also like to welcome several new staff members to our team this year. We are delighted to welcome new SENCO assistant Mrs. Lucy Watson to our team. We also welcome teachers Mrs Cleary, Miss Woods and Miss Wyatt along with new nurture TAs Mr. March and Miss Poole. Please do take time to say hello and make them feel welcome.

PTFA Events

Our PTFA have lots of exciting things planned for this academic year. They have organised "Rag bag" clothes recycling for this Wednesday 14 September and are planning a school disco for October and the return of our annual Warden House Fireworks display on Saturday 5 November. Please do continue to support the Coop scheme too. It really does make a difference!



Please visit [their webpage](#) to view the latest newsletter and find out more should you wish to get involved.



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Key Dates for Terms 1 and 2 2022	
Term 1 starts	Tuesday 7 June 2022
PTFA Clothes Recycling Collection	Wednesday 14 September 2022
Bank Holiday for HM The Queen's Funeral <i>School closed to all pupils</i>	Monday 19 September 2022
Individual School Photographs for all pupils	Wednesday 5 October 2022
Parents' Evenings (Year 1-6)	Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 October 2022
Parents' Evenings (Year R)	Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 October 2022
Whole School FLU Vaccinations	Thursday 20 October 2022
Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline	Monday 31 October 2022
Term 1 ends	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2 Starts	Monday 31 October 2022
PTFA Firework Display	Saturday 5 November 2022
Year 6 Evacuation Days	7, 8 and 9 November 2022
Staff Development Day <i>School Closed to All Pupils</i>	Friday 18 November 2022
Term 2 ends	Friday 16 December at 2pm

