

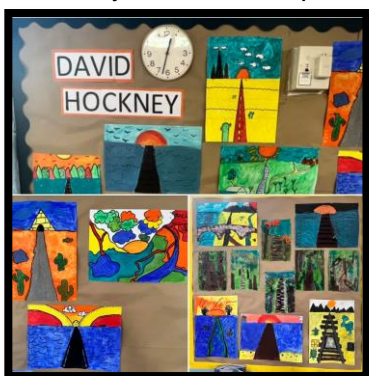


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Headteacher's message

It has been a real privilege to see the children all working so hard since the return to school and enjoying their new topics and learning themes. Our subject leaders have been busy updating our school website. To find out more about what your child will be learning in each subject this year please [click here](#) to explore the subjects being taught.

Below is an example of some of the fantastic art taking place in year 6 so far this term. They have been learning about 'Pop art' and have studied a range of artists and techniques. Here are some creations in the style of David Hockney from Hippos class– we think they are rather impressive!



Don't forget that our parents' evenings for pupils in Year 1-6 take place this week on Wednesday and Thursday. (Year R parents' evenings take place the following week) There is still time to book your appointment if you have not done so already. [Click here](#) to visit the parents' evening booking website.

We are now ready to relaunch our range of extra-curricular clubs and will be writing to you separately this week about what will be on offer during term 2. It has taken a little while, but most of our families are now signed up to Parent Pay – which is the system that will need to be used to sign up and pay for any after school clubs. Thank you for your patience with this.

Best wishes, *Mr. Hackett*

Sad news

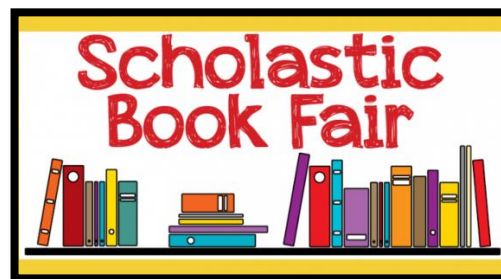
We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of ex Warden House teaching assistant Mrs. Sheena Duncan.



Mrs. Duncan started work at Warden House in 2003 before retiring in the summer of 2021. Mrs. Duncan supported a range of children during her 18-year career at Warden House. She made a huge difference to so many lives with her dedication, care and compassion. I am sure that you will join us in sending her family our deepest condolences at this very sad time.

Book fair returns

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday this week and will be based in the school hall. Please feel free to visit with your child straight after school – or during parents' evenings.



Please note that After School Club will be based in the library whilst the book fair takes place.



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School meals payment update

At Warden House, our school meals are provided by a company called [Whole School Meals](#) who are based in our school kitchen. It is their policy that **ALL** school meals should be paid for in advance.

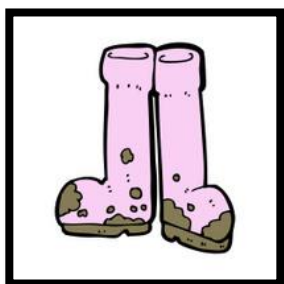


Whole School Meals will usually allow a few days grace before they start chasing any debt, however if a response is not received then they receive the right to stop issuing meals and to request that a packed lunch is provided instead.

Reminders are sent via letter. Please could all parents do all they can to ensure that all school meals are paid for in advance via ParentPay and accounts are kept up to date. Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

Walking across the field plea

Mr. Orchard and the cleaning team would like to request that all families using the London Road entrance to the school stick to the footpaths from now on rather than walking across the field.



The field is now often wet and muddy – particularly at the start of the day - and children are quite often walking mud into school. Many thanks for your support and understanding.

Culture Day at Warden House

As part of our mission to broaden diversity and multi-cultural understanding at Warden House, our art leaders Miss. Mann and Mrs. McDonald have organised an exciting culture day to take place next Thursday 20th October.

Children will spend the day learning all about a different culture. They will learn about art, stories and music as well celebrating key historical messages from each culture.

Here are the different cultures that each year group will be focusing on:

Year 6- Egyptian
Year 5 - Māori
Year 4- Moroccan
Year 3 - Indonesian
Year 2- Colombian
Year 1- Thai
Year R – Ethiopian



Children will then celebrate their learning in a special celebration assembly on the last Friday of term. We are really looking forward to seeing what they get up to!



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Girls football update

A huge well done to our girls' football team who took part in the annual McCarthy Cup tournament at St. Faith's school in Ash last week.



Our newly-formed team did themselves proud with special mentions needed for goalkeeper Meta who made a fantastic penalty save– and to Kleyo for scoring a super goal! Thanks to Mr. Marsh and Miss Poole for organising this trip.

PTFA fireworks display

Warden House Primary School PTFA will be holding our annual firework display on Saturday 5th November. Please come along and join in with the fun! For the first time, tickets are available in advance online by [clicking here](#). Tickets are also available from the school office or Sholden Village Store.



- Adult tickets before the event £6 - on the gate £7.
- Children before the event £4 - on the gate £5.
- Gates open at 5:30pm for a 7pm start.
- Children three and under are free.

We hope to see you there!

Lateness

We have noticed a significant increase in the numbers of children arriving late to school over the past few weeks.

Please can parents do everything possible to ensure children arrive at school on time so that they enter the classroom **ready for an 8:45am start**. If your child arrives after 8:45am, they must be brought to the office and signed in with a reason for the lateness given.

As you will be aware, our start of day times have changed since September with classroom doors opening at 8:40am in readiness for an 8:45am start.



Please note that lateness will be recorded as an unauthorised absence in our registers. Any child arriving after the register has closed will receive an unauthorised absence which may result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

Thank you for your support with this very important matter.



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Harvest Assembly – foodbank

A huge thank you to our school community for their generosity today in donating to the Deal Area Food Bank as part of our Harvest assembly. Here are our school council and head boy and head girl receiving the donations.



Please visit <https://dealarea.foodbank.org.uk> to find out more about how to donate or should you need to access support

Relief midday supervisor vacancies

We are currently recruiting for two new relief midday supervisors. Our midday supervisors work for two hours across our two separate lunch sittings, supervising and assisting the children in the dinner hall as well as supervising playtimes.



Should you be interested in applying, please [visit our website](#) or contact the school office to find out more about how to apply. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lessons with “All Sorts of Music”

Our partners ‘All Sorts of Music’ have now restarted their instrumental teaching in school.

At present Guitar, Piano, Keyboard, Ukulele and Drums can be offered during the school day and additional instruments can be offered at their studios in Ash outside of school hours.

If you would like your child to begin learning an instrument or continue an instrument on which they have previously had lessons, then please contact them directly for a link to a simple online form to complete to sign up for lessons.



Lesson cost can be shared if your child wishes to learn with a friend.

You can also find more information on their website at www.allsortsofmusic.co.uk

Funding and instrument hire may be available for families who meet specific criteria. Please do get in contact to discuss further.

Email allsortsofmusic.musicschool@gmail.com or text/call 07368 518575 for further information.



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Uniform

As we head towards term 2 please note that we expect all children to return to school after half term wearing our winter uniform. This includes the newer Reception Uniform

Please [click here](#) to find out more about our school uniform expectations. Please note that all children **must** wear suitable smart black school shoes. Trainers are not acceptable (unless it is a PE day).



Please note that now that the weather is getting colder that ALL children must bring a warm coat to school each day.

Key Dates for Terms 1 and 2 2022

Term 1 Starts	Tuesday 7 June 2022
Parents' Evenings (Year 1-6)	Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 October 2022
Parents' Evenings (Year R)	Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 October 2022
Culture Day	Thursday 20 October 2022
Whole School FLU Vaccinations	Thursday 20 October 2022
PTFA Annual General Meeting	Friday 21 October 2022 at 3:30pm
Term 1 Ends	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2 Starts	Monday 31 October 2022
Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline	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
Christmas Performances and nativities.	Exact dates and year groups to be confirmed early in term 2.
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14 December 2022
Term 2 Ends	Friday 16 December at 2pm