

## Newsletter – Thursday 1 December 2022

### Headteacher’s message

It has certainly been a busy few weeks at Warden House. Earlier in the term, our Year 6 pupils were visited by WWII air raid Warden Mister O’Sullivan as part of their history topic. They had a great time learning about life in the 1940’s and even got the chance to be “evacuated” and sent on a “train” to Wales. This was the twelfth year that Mister O’Sullivan has visited Warden House and he never ceases to inspire our children (and staff!).

It has been great to see our children continuing to learn outside this term, even when the weather has been rather cold and damp. Our Year 5 children took part in a great Escape Room style activity as part of their science lessons last week – and our Year 3’s enjoyed comparing rocks and soils across different parts of our school site.

Our school hall displays have been transformed since our Culture Day at the end of last term with some fantastic displays sharing our children’s learning. Thank you to Miss Mann and Mrs. McDonald for coordinating these for us. We think they look great!



We were joined in assembly last week by Marlene Burnham from Deal Rotary Club. She came in to present each child in Year 5 with their own dictionary on behalf of the Rotary Club. The children

displayed excellent manners and were very appreciative of this very generous gift.

We are really looking forward to a range of Christmas events over the next two weeks. Our Year R Nativity, Year 1 Christmas concert, KS2 music concert are taking place alongside our Christmas pantomime and Christmas lunch day and several choir visits. Please check out the key dates section for full details. Teachers will be writing to you separately regarding end of term parties. The PTFA have kindly provided refreshments for these

Best wishes, *Mr. Hackett*

### School dinner Price Increase

Whole School Meals have sent the following message about a change to the price of a school meal from next term:



*“It is with much regret that we are having to increase the cost of our school meals. Food prices are going up on a weekly basis coupled with labour costs and we are unable to sustain the impact any longer.*

*From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 the cost of a school meal for a child will increase to £2.41 in line with the current government allowance for a FSM. An adult meal will increase to £2.50 plus VAT.*

*I am sure you will agree that this is still great value for money for a healthy, 2 course lunch and we thank you for your continued support.”*

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### Children in Need

Thank you to all of our children and families for their support for Children in Need on Thursday 17 November. We raised a superb £293.50! Here are some lovely posters designed by some of the pupils in our Butterfly Class...



### Bigfoot Pantomime

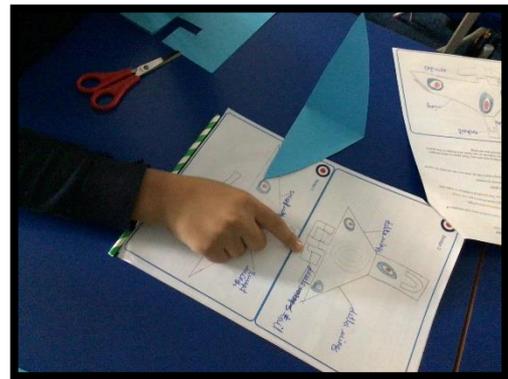
On Tuesday next week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming Bigfoot Arts Education into school to perform a special pantomime-style show to the children called "Dip and Dab's Christmas Mix up!"

There will be two performances during the morning for each Key Stage with a grab-a-bag lunch available afterwards for children having school dinners.



### Year 5 STEM Day

On Thursday last week, our Year Five pupils took part in the Road to RIAT (Royal International Air Tattoo) STEM project. This fantastic programme is sponsored by the RAF and allows primary school pupils the opportunity to further explore the exciting world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



During the morning, the children took part in an activity called "The Space Challenge". Working in teams, they designed, built and tested a rocket for launching a satellite into space.



Then in the afternoon, the children took part in a different activity – "The Sustainability of Aerospace" – challenging them to design a sustainable aircraft of the future, before developing a poster to present their ideas.

It was a super day with some fantastic, high-quality learning for our children.

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### Year 4 Invasion!



Our Year 4 Zebras class had a surprise after assembly on Wednesday when they returned to find that their classroom had been "invaded" by William the Conqueror (and some of his friends from Sharks Class!) The children were shocked to find other children in their places, speaking to them in another language- and refusing to leave!

This activity gave the children a first-hand opportunity to reflect on the impact of an "invasion" as they continue their history topic on the legacy of William the Conqueror. It also allowed the children an opportunity to empathise with communities affected by foreign invasion and recognise the long lasting and damaging effects of such actions on societies.

### Medication in school

We are very happy to administer medication in school as needed. In order for this to happen, please visit the school office to complete a medical form.

Please note that for prescribed medication such as antibiotics where there is no set time gap between

doses, our default position is to ask that this is administered out of school time if the requirement is for three doses across the day.



This can usually be managed before school, after school and before bed. Of course, if attendance at clubs or other circumstances mean that this is not possible we are of course happy to administer the medication in school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Attendance – including lates

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

It is really important that 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.





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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.

### Deal Music & Arts – Music Centre

Our KS2 children took part in a super music assembly last week led by Peter Cook from Deal Music and Arts.



Peter shared information about the fantastic Music Centre that takes place at Goodwin Academy every Tuesday after school and demonstrated some of the instruments on offer to pupils. [Click here](#) to find out more...

### Please name your clothing!

Please do make sure that **all** of your children's clothing and belongings are clearly named. We have noticed an increasing amount of lost property around the school.

In an organisation the size of Warden House, it is often impossible to track down the item's rightful owner. Any unclaimed clothing with no name inside will be placed in the PTFA clothing recycling

bin if the rightful owner cannot be located. Thank you for your support with this matter.



### Facebook & Social Media Reminder

We love Facebook and social media at Warden House but please remember, if you have an issue with any aspect of your child's life at school, please tell us first.

Hearing about an issue publicly on social media always makes those it affects feel really let down. Be sure to raise any issues directly with school staff; we will then make sure we look into the issue with the care and sensitivity it deserves.



Help us to continue to make Warden House a great place for your child to live and learn and carry on being wise about your posts on social media.



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### PTFA News

Thank you to all of our families who attended our PTFA fireworks display on 12 November. It was an absolutely superb evening.

A bumper crowd was in attendance and an incredible £10,360 was been raised to go directly to supporting wider opportunities for all of our pupils here at Warden House.

Huge thanks to Dover District Council for their grant and our PTFA for organising this lovely community event. Your support really has made a difference.



We are now looking forward to our Christmas Fair next Friday 9 December straight after school. Thank you for all of the donations sent in today for the Raffle and Tombola.



Please check out our latest PTFA Newsletter by [clicking here.](#)

### Tours for new parents

We are still running tours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for parents looking for schools for children due to start in September 2023.



Please share this information with anyone that you know who is looking for a school for their child and ask them to contact the school office to book a tour.

### Online Safety Newsletters

Don't forget that we send out regular online safety newsletters each month. Please do take a moment to have a read. There can be so many new and complex apps, websites and games that children



We're working towards Artsmark  
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can sometimes use that it can be hard for us as parents to keep up with the changes.

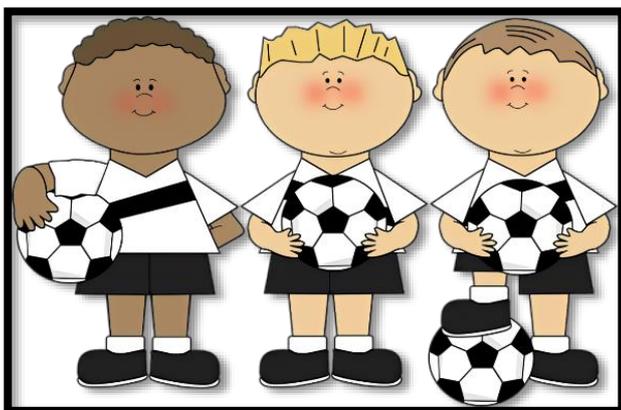


It is really difficult to fully understand the sometimes significant risks that certain games and apps can present. [Click here](#) to access our online safety newsletters via our school website.

### Football Result

Our boys' football team have excelled once again this year, getting to the final of the district McCarthy Cup. After three cancellations, the final against River Primary School took place on Monday.

In a very close match, the children ended up losing 1:0. Mr. Hollands (our new football coach) and Mr. Sargent were incredibly proud of the team and their sporting attitude throughout. Congratulations to River on their victory.



We look forward to hearing about our football team's exploits next term as they take part in the Graham Stabbs Cup that takes place after the Christmas break.

### Please respect our staff

One of our key values at Warden House is being effective "partners". Should you ever have a reason to be unhappy with any aspect of school life, please arrange a time to speak to the right member of staff in confidence.

Please always treat our staff with respect – including those working in the school office. We cannot tolerate anger and aggression towards our staff – we are here to help. Thank you for your support with this matter.





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Key Dates for Terms 2 2022	
<b>Term 2 Starts</b>	<b>Monday 31 October 2022</b>
<b>Bold As! Day with Phil White (Year 5)</b>	Monday 5 December 2022
<b>Bigfoot Pantomime to All Children</b>	Tuesday 6 December 2022
<b>Year R Nativity to Parents</b>	Thursday 8 December 2022 at 10:00am
<b>Year R Nativity to Parents</b>	Friday 9 December 2022 at 10:00am
<b>PTFA Christmas Fair</b>	Friday 9 December 2022 - 3:15pm - 4:30pm
<b>Year 1 Christmas Concert</b>	Monday 12 December 2022 at 2:15pm
<b>Year R Christmas Party</b>	Friday 9 December
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Christmas Parties</b>	Wednesday 14 December
<b>Year 3 Christmas Party</b>	Thursday 15 December
<b>Year 4 Christmas Party</b>	Thursday 15 December
<b>Year 5 Christmas Party</b>	Wednesday 14 December
<b>Year 6 Christmas Party</b>	Friday 16 December
<b>Christmas Choir Club visit to Betteshanger Sports and Social Club Christmas Breakfast</b>	Tuesday 13 December 2022
<b>Christmas Choir Club visit to Wellington Court Care Home</b>	Tuesday 13 December 2022
<b>Christmas Lunch</b> <i>(Children may wear Christmas jumpers along with their school uniform)</i>	Wednesday 14 December 2022
<b>Christmas Choir Club visit to St. Winifred's Care Home</b>	Wednesday 14 December 2022
<b>KS2 Christmas Concert</b>	Thursday 15 December 2022
<b>Term 2 Ends</b>	<b>Friday 16 December at 2:00pm</b>
<b>Term 3 Begins</b>	Tuesday 3 January 2023
<b>Swimming Sessions for Pupils in Year 5 Giraffes Class</b>	Tuesdays' starting 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Swimming Sessions for Pupils in Year 5 Pandas Class</b>	Mondays' Starting 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023