



Newsletter – Friday 16 December 2022

Headteacher's message

Our school has certainly had a lovely, Christmassy feel over the past few weeks. From our Year R Nativity, Year 1 concert, KS2 Concert, Christmas Fair and class parties, there has certainly been a lot going on for the children. I have had the privilege of taking our school Christmas choir on several visits to local community centres and care homes over the past few days too and have been very proud of how well the children have represented our school.

Our children had a lovely, Christmassy surprise today. As an end of term treat, our PTFA arranged a surprise visit from two reindeer from the [Reindeer Centre](#). Each class had time to visit the reindeer to say hello and learn a little about them. Thank you to Scott and the team for organising this lovely experience for our children.



Please check your child's book bag today as they should have brought home their Autumn Report. If after reading this you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher after Christmas. Our next parents' evening appointments are booked for week five next term.

On behalf of all of the staff team at Warden House, I wish you a very happy Christmas break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Best wishes
Mr. Hackett

Term 2 Golden Certificate winners

Well done to the pupils below who have been awarded Golden Certificates for their efforts across terms 1 and 2. These awards are very special achievements at Warden House. Children's names are added to our school Golden Book, a golden leaf with their name on added to our golden tree and are invited to a very special Headteacher's tea party.

Hedgehogs	Ladybirds	Bears	Otters
Ariya T Oliver R	Archie H Summer F	Noah H-T Poppy C	Stanley A Lauren T
Frogs	Tigers	Starfish	Bees
Jessica R Davio V	Millie L Kobi W	Evie-Marie S Charlie S	Marilyn M Austin H
Zebras	Sharks	Pandas	Giraffes
Harrison A Frances G	Ollie J-C Esme F	Theo V Jessie M	Logan C Kaydence L
Hippos	Elephants	Falcons	
Amelia L Dylan H	Olivia P Thai R	Ruby A Brooklyn W	

Year 1 Christmas Concert

Our Year 1 pupils enjoyed performing a very special concert to their families on Monday afternoon. They shared songs, poems, readings, reflections and prayers as they learnt all about the true meaning of Christmas.



Thanks to all who came along – and to all of our Year 1 staff for putting the concert together.

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KS2 Christmas concert

On Thursday this week, some of our KS2 musicians performed in a special Christmas concert. Children shared a range of instrumental and vocal performances in a really enjoyable celebration of their musical skills.



Thank you to our music leader Miss Garnett for organising this special musical celebration for our children.

Christmas choir visits

Our school "Christmas Choir" did themselves proud this week as they took part in three separate performances in our local community. Firstly, they attended the Betteshanger Sports and Social Club Christmas Breakfast to sing to those in attendance. After lunch, they visited Wellington Court Residential Care Home to sing to the residents after their Christmas lunch.



On Wednesday afternoon, the children visited St. Winifred's care home. Here is a photo of Michael (one of our Year 6 pupils) engaged in deep conversation with a resident from St. Winifred's. It

was fantastic to be able to do these visits again after a disrupted couple of years.



The children were absolutely amazing ambassadors for the school and sang and behaved brilliantly.

Congratulations to Miss Allsopp

We would like to offer our congratulations to teacher Miss Allsopp on the safe arrival of her baby son Teddy at the end of last month. She has already been into school with him to introduce us!

Jungle Club

Our Jungle Club is open next week providing child care for any of our school community that need it. Please contact leader Ms. Harvey in the usual way to book a place or to find out more.

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Year R Nativity

Our Year R Hedgehogs and Ladybirds classes put on a really lovely performance of their “*Big, Little Nativity*” show last week.

Thank you to all of our staff for their hard work in putting the show together and to our parents and carers for helping with costumes and the learning of lines. The children all did so well and put on a very Christmassy show!



New admissions for September 2023

Do you or someone you know have a child due to start school in September 2023? Tours are still available early next term until the application deadline on 16 January. Please contact the office to book a tour – and [click here](#) to complete your child's application form.



Staffing Update

Year 2 Frogs Class

Over the last term, our Year 2 Frogs Class have been taught by teacher Miss. Hart. This has allowed Mrs. Norton to undertake duties covering for the absence of Mr. Atkinson who has been unable to be in school. Our Frogs Class will continue working with Miss Hart for the first two weeks of next term when, after that, we expect that Mrs. Norton will be able to return to her role as class teacher.



Meerkat Maths Update

Next term, Our Meerkat Maths teacher Mrs. Marsh will be moving to work with the children in our Butterflies class for a six week period. During that time, the Year 5 & 6 children who have been working with her will return to their normal classes for their maths lessons.

Support for families

United Families are a fantastic local charity available to support families with a wide range of issues. Please visit [their website](#) to find out more.



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Meerkat Mathematicians

The mathematicians from Meerkat maths have been doing some amazing Christmas themed work. They have been using translation, following directions to move shapes across to make a Christmas tree and snowman.



They have also checked their knowledge of odd numbers to complete a Christmas cracker.

Year 5 have completed some very complex co-ordinates to make some fantastic pictures -robins, angels, reindeer, snowmen and the big man himself! Year 6 have been working on co-ordinates in all four quadrants to make a very impressive Olaf. Well done Meerkat mathematicians!

PTFA Update

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising such a successful Christmas fair last week- and thank you to everyone who came along to support us. It was a lovely, Christmassy (if rather chilly!) evening – and lots of fun seemed to be had by all.



A colossal £2224.21 was raised. What an absolutely fantastic outcome!

Deal Community Carol Concert

A group of our Year 4 pupils will be singing by the bandstand on Walmer Green at 5pm next Saturday evening as part of the Deal Community Carol Concert.



This lovely event takes place before the Deal Christmas Carnival that starts from Walmer Green at approximately 6pm. Why not come down and join in the fun? [Click here](#) for further details.

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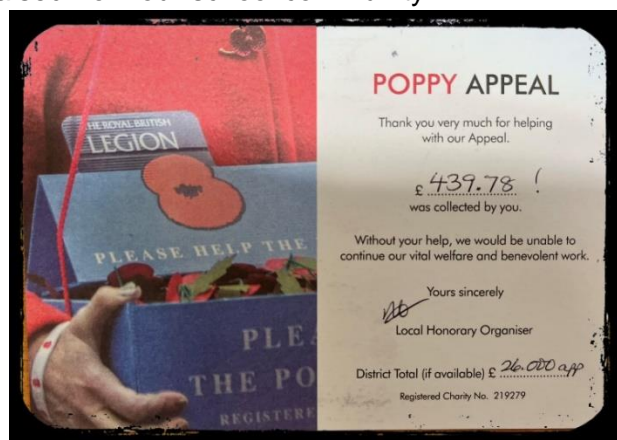
Bigfoot Pantomime 2023

Following the postponement of our in-school pantomime last week due to staff illness, we would like to remind children and families that the rescheduled performances will take place on Friday 6 January. Bigfoot were really sorry that this could not be rearranged before the Christmas break and hope that the children enjoyed the video pantomime that they sent through instead.



Royal British Legion fundraising

Thank you to all who supported the Royal British Legion through purchasing poppies and other merchandise last month. A fantastic £439.78 was raised from our school community.



Strep 'A' health worries

As you may be aware, sadly a small number of children have died of invasive Group A Streptococcus (iGAS) recently. We have been contacted by Director of Public Health at Kent County Council to provide some background information to share with you about this recent outbreak to provide guidance and reassurance.

Group A streptococci is a type of bacterium that can cause scarlet fever and although this is rare – it can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). This can cause other respiratory and skin infections too such as strep throat and impetigo.

Scarlet fever itself is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Further information on Scarlet fever from the NHS is available [here](#).



If your child has scarlet fever, they need to be kept at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others. Please use the online NHS symptom checker to advise parents about the symptoms of scarlet fever.

Please take the time to read the information leaflet sent out last week about this condition. Should you at anytime have any concerns for your child's health, please seek medical advice in the usual way.



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Key Dates for Terms 3 2023	
Term 2 ends	Friday 16 December at 2pm
Term 3 begins	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Swimming Sessions for Pupils in Year 5 Pandas Class	Every Monday starting on 9 January 2023
Swimming Sessions for Pupils in Year 5 Giraffes Class	Every Tuesday starting on 10 January 2023
Clubs restart	From Monday 9 January 2023
Rescheduled Bigfoot Pantomime -	Friday 6 January 2023
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 31 January 2023 and Wednesday 1 February 2023

