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Newsletter – Monday 27 March 2023

Headteacher's message

Here we are once again at the end of another busy term at Warden House. The period since Christmas seems to have absolutely flown by and the children have been working incredibly hard in their classes. We are sorry to have had ongoing issues with bugs and illnesses this half term that have seemed to have affected so many of us!

I would like to offer our congratulations to our Trust CEO Kerry Jordan-Daus who has recently completed her doctorate. As a result, Kerry is now Dr. Kerry Jordan Daus. Her doctoral thesis consisted of a study of women, education, leadership and fairness.

Closely linked to the theme of Kerry's thesis - and following on from International Women's Day earlier this month - I have been privileged to read some superb biographical writing produced by our Year 4 pupils inspired by the life of Malala Yousafzai. Malala was the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate - awarded due to her work promoting women's rights in Pakistan. The children have enjoyed learning about her remarkable life so far and have been inspired by her hard work and commitment.



Please look out for your child's Term 4 report coming home on their last day in school. Wishing you all a fantastic Easter break!

Best wishes
Mr. Hackett

Holiday vouchers for pupils eligible for free school meals

Please visit the link below for more information about holidays, clubs and vouchers for pupils in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. If your child is entitled to this, you should have received an email or text with your voucher.



Should you have any questions, please contact the school office. [Click here](#) for further details.

Term dates for next year

Our term dates for next year have now been agreed and are published on our school website.



Please [click here](#) to view these and add them to your diaries.



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Staffing updates

We are sad to announce that Early Years TA Mrs. Carpenter will be moving on from Warden House at the end of this term to start a new role providing behaviour support at Sandwich Technology School. We would like to thank Mrs. Carpenter for all of her hard work and dedication during many years at Warden House and wish her all the very best the future.

After Easter, there will be a few staffing moves across the school. Year 4 TA Mrs. Franks will be moving to work in our Year R Ladybirds class; Year 5 TA Mrs. Barrows will be moving to our Year 4 Zebras class; and Year 6 TA Mrs Creed will be joining our Year 5 Giraffes class.



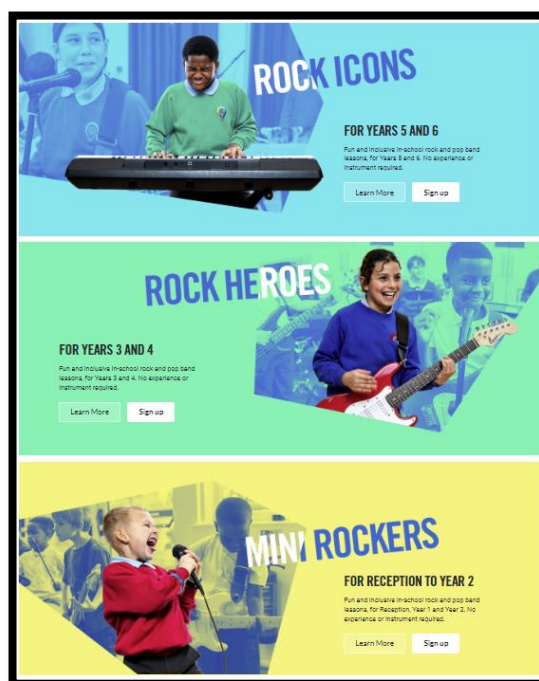
We would like to welcome new social work student Bawo Agbani to our staff team on placement as she completes her MA. Bawo will be with us until the end of the school year and has already been getting to know some of our children and families.

We are also pleased to welcome Christ Church University student teacher Lauren Simson who will be working with Mrs. Camilleri and our Year 6 Falcons class over the next two terms.

We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs. Hockley back after her maternity leave. Mrs. Hockley will be teaching in several classes after Easter and providing cover for some of our senior teachers.

Rock Steady music sessions

As you will have seen from the email sent home at the end of last term, we have begun working with music tuition company [Rock Steady Music School](#) who will be coming into school after the Easter holidays to begin their band lessons with groups of children.



At the time of writing, nearly all available spaces are booked – which is fantastic! We are really excited to offer this provision for our pupils and looking forward seeing them progress as they form their new bands!

Jungle Club during the Easter break

We still have spaces available in our Jungle Club during the Easter break. Due to the ongoing water system replacement works, Jungle Club is likely to be based in The Deck (opposite Mrs. Gann's



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Elephants Classroom). Further details will be sent to those who have signed up.

We know they are going to have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about their adventures.



Should you need affordable child care for the Easter holiday, please contact our Jungle Club leader Ms. Harvey, or visit the [Jungle Club page](#) on our website for further details. A range of fun and enjoyable activities are planned for the different days of the holiday.



Check out the link [here](#) for further information about the PGL centre we are visiting.

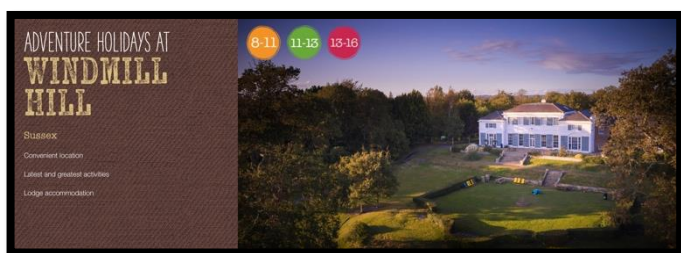
Year 6 Trip to Windmill Hill PGL Centre

Our Year 6 pupils are heading off this week on their three day residential trip to Windmill Hill PGL centre in East Sussex.

PTFA updates

Pre-loved uniform sale

Our PTFA have organised a preloved uniform to take place by the school office after school each day this week. Come along and grab a bargain!



Whilst there, the children will take part in a range of exciting activities, including, rafting, zip lining, abseiling, giant swing and much, much more.

Look out for further updates on our school Facebook page and on next month's newsletter.





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Easter egg hunt

We are really looking forward to our annual Easter Egg hunt taking place this Friday at 2pm, straight after school.



Mother's Day Gift Shop

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day gift shop last week. The children really seemed to enjoy and appreciate this initiative – and we hope that our mums and the special women in our children's lives appreciated the gifts that the children bought! A fantastic £350 was raised for school funds.

Red Nose Day 2023

Thank you to everyone who supported our Crazy Hair Day on Red Nose Day earlier in the term. The children seemed to have a great time and looked fantastic. A super £272 was raised through the Just Giving page set up.



Clubs next term

We are in the process of restructuring our after school clubs. This will mean that there will be a slight delay in communicating our club provision for Terms 5 and 6. We will share this information with you as soon as possible, however there might be a slight delay in getting started.

School choir – Young Voices song

Following on from their superb experience at Young Voices 2023, our school choir have been thrilled to be part of a "proper" music video! Young Voices have produced an amazing charity version of 'Proud' by Heather Small (M People) that was filmed during the Young Voices concerts this year. Check out 3 minutes 30 seconds for a glimpse of the Warden House choir in action!

The song is performed by Heather Small and features The Young Voices Choir from all of the concerts that took place with the video and the audio recordings including all the 27 performances at YV 2023 edited together!





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All proceeds go to Place2be to support children's mental health.

Please consider downloading the single from iTunes and Amazon as well as enjoying [this video](#) so they can raise these vital funds. Visit the [Young Voices](#) website for further details.

Summer Uniform

After the Easter holidays, children may begin wearing their summer uniform should they wish. Further details about our uniform is contained on our website and can be viewed by [clicking here](#).



As the weather gets warmer, please don't forget to send your child into school with a sun cap and sun screen (preferably applied at home). Also, please do not forget to always send your child in with a water bottle – taken home and washed and refilled at the end of each day. Thank you.

NELFT Parent Workshop

The NHS NELFT team have announced their final workshop for the term to take place on 30 March.

The session is entitled: "Understanding ADHD in Children" and takes place online between 5:30pm and 7:30pm. See the flyer below for further details.

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school and year 7

Understanding ADHD in Children

Thursday 30th March 5.30-7.30pm

Do you have **questions about ADHD**? Maybe your child has received a **diagnosis**. Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child**?

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding symptoms of ADHD**. We also discuss **helpful strategies that you can use at home** to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below**:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools

We look forward to meeting you.

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[Click here](#) to access the TEAMS meeting at the given time.



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Key Dates for Terms 4 and beyond 2023	
Start of Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023
Swimming Sessions for Pupils in Year 3 Starfish Class	Every Monday starting on 20 February 2023
Swimming Sessions for Pupils in Year 3 Bees Class	Every Tuesday starting on 21 February 2023
NELFT NHS Workshop ONLINE <i>Understanding ADHD in Children</i>	Wednesday March 30 2023 5:30pm-7:30pm
Year 6 PGL Trip to Windmill Hill, East Sussex	29 March 2023 – 31 March 2023
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 31 March 2023 straight after school at 2pm.
End of Term 4	Friday 31 March at 2pm
Start of Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023
School Closed – Local Elections	Thursday 4 May 2023 All day
Bank Holiday for King's Coronation	Monday 8 May 2023
Year 6 SATS Assessments <i>All children must be in school unless unwell.</i>	Tuesday 9 May 2023 – Friday 12 May 2023
Spectacular Sport-athlon! (Whole School - Day of Sports)	Friday 26 May 2023
End of Term 5	Friday 26 May 2023

