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Waverley School and Nursery *'Communication'* **Week ending 4th November 2011**

It is good to be back after a well-earned break for both children and staff. I am really pleased how well the children have settled in to their new classes and routines. Even the smallest of our members are becoming very comfortable around the school, and will often stop for a chat with passing staff whilst out in the corridor. Increasing independence is our goal for the coming year more details follow later in this "Comms".

The children have been having an exciting time in the playground this week as our new playground games equipment has arrived, as requested by the children through their School Council. I have seen a variety of crazily bouncing balls, multi-coloured hoops and odd rainbow tailed missiles being used in some very creative ways. It is always a joy to see the children at play and to watch the interaction between the year groups; our playground is certainly a happy busy place to be. Thank you to all parents who contributed to our supermarket voucher collection, and to Mr Stockton for all of his organisation (and counting!).

Our congratulations go to Maddie and Owen who join our Golden Wall for their efforts in Ice Skating and Football and to Sophie who was successful in a Show Jumping Competition. Special mention must go also to Bella who has just completed a very prestigious Golfing Masterclass in Portugal. Well done to you all.

Lastly, might I say how splendid the children look in their winter uniform, thank you for your cooperation with the changeover.
(*Tammy Howard, Head Designate*)

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 7th

- Gate Security System goes live

Friday 11th

- Crystal Art visit (see separate section below for detail)

Gate Entry System

Our gate entry system will be in operation from Monday 7th November.

The gate will be unlocked between 8:30am when school opens until 8:45 when registration ends.

Parents will need to use their key fob to gain entry to the breakfast club prior to 8.30am and to gain entry at all other times.

Welcome Procedure

In line with our new gate entry system we have had to review our visitor and parent welcome procedure. As a result we would like to implement a slight change at morning drop-off. With the exception of the Pre-Prep and Reception children, we would like our children in Years 1 to 6 to leave their parents in the main Reception area and walk to class independently.

If you need to leave a message for your child's form teacher you may complete a message slip which will be delivered to the teacher by a member of staff before 8:50am.

There will obviously be occasions when you need to speak to your child's teacher in person or enter the school for another reason e.g. WFA Meeting, in that event you will be asked to sign in using the 'Visitors Book' and given a badge to wear.

All Staff are as always available at the end of the school day, or if you wish you can make an appointment after 3:30pm.

When coming into school for another reason e.g. to attend an assembly or concert, you will be asked to sign an 'Event Sign-In Sheet' and ad-hoc visits dropping off musical instruments, sports kit etc. you will be greeted by a member of staff who will then take the item to your child's class.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

After-School Activity Collection

With the exception of Sports Team Practice on a Wednesday all children attending After-School Clubs must be collected from the After-School Club via the external Community Hall Door.

Staff Appointment – Year 5 Teacher

Interviews for a General Key Stage Two Teacher were held before half term and we were very pleased with the quality of the applicants. All of the candidates were very complimentary about the school and the children that they taught.

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Catherine Morris who is a very experienced and capable teacher who joins us from another Prep school in the area. Mrs Morris will take over the position of Year Five form teacher as well as working alongside Mrs Murphy and Mrs Howard to

deliver the Year Five curriculum. She will also be spending some of her time doing specialist subject teaching with other year groups within the school.

Mrs Morris will be visiting the school to spend time with the children and staff prior to starting at the beginning of the Spring term following the Christmas holiday.

Spotlight on.....Science



We've had an interesting week in Upper Key Stage Two. We started the week solving a "jelly problem" for Wendy (although we did have to cheat a little and use sugar!) and moved on to separating by evaporation. Year Six were thrilled to be finally using the burners to evaporate the water from a variety of solutions. Great excitement abounded as the solutions fizzed, popped and bubbled!

Things were a little cooler, but just as exciting as year 5 solved a murder to round off our Keeping Healthy topic. Using their knowledge of pulse rates and the factors that affect how fast our heart is beating, our budding detectives searched the clues and drew some graphs to "finger the culprit".

New Lunch Menu

Our new menu has been finalised and can be viewed on the website. It will be in operation from Monday 7th starting from Week 3.

The children's views have been very important in creating the menu and last year's Year 5 undertook a comprehensive survey of all the children's preferences and choices. This was taken into consideration alongside feedback from the School Council and we hope the children will be happy with the result!

Waverley Foundation Stage

Nursery

This week has been very busy; we have re-arranged both rooms and put up a new display in the Bouncing Bears room.

Cuddly Cubs went for a walk and Bouncing Bears went to the park and we also made some beautiful firework pictures as part of our sticking activity

During half-term we spent some time in the main hall and tried out the apparatus which the children really enjoyed.

We have a new routine in Nursery; please ask for a copy if you haven't already got one.

Our new menus begin next week; you can see what's on offer on our noticeboard.

Miss Kiley & Miss Saunders attended a Makaton course, one of many courses Miss Hopkins has booked for the Nursery and Pre-Prep staff over the next 6 weeks.

Pre-Prep

Pre-Prep have been very creative using a variety of medium, such as chalk, crayons and paint to represent pumpkins and making firework pictures with splatter painting.

Crazy Crocs have been working on their fine motor control skills using a variety tools such as pencils, crayons chinks and paintbrushes.

Reception

This week in our Foundation Stage Assembly, Pre-Prep 2 and Reception thought about birthdays, and why they are celebrated.

We counted candles on a birthday cake and sang Happy Birthday and talked about their birthday months.

Waverley Friends Association

WFA Starry Night Ball

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets, we are looking forward to what promises to be glittering evening, and a memorable social event.

Bag2School

We had an ever growing pile of bags containing your unwanted clothes, linen & shoes this week, almost preventing Mr Woolnough from leaving his office but not quite!! Thanks to your generosity we collected 200kg more than our previous collection; a fantastic 628kg which raises £314.

Halloween Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our 'Spooky' cake sale on Tuesday, and to all those who purchased them. Thanks to your support we raised £60 for 'dreamflight'.

Congratulations!

Very well done to Helen Jenkins (Helen's son Zak is in Reception) for completing the BUPA Great South Run in aid of playthings for Waverley! Helen managed to run all the way despite drizzle and strong winds along the seafront. She completed the 10 mile course in 1 hr 45 mins. Well done Helen and thank you so much for raising money for Waverley.

It's not too late to donate at: www.justgiving.com/sweatforswings

WFA Email Address

We have our own email address as below; please feel free to email me with any ideas or thoughts you may have for fundraising activities for this academic year's chosen charity 'dreamflight' or if you can help out with events we are running throughout the year.

Kind regards

Caroline Lavelle

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Children's Artwork



Over half term the main corridors became a gallery for displaying the children's artwork, which we are sure you will agree looks very impressive and shows the creative talents of our pupils off beautifully.

Our thanks go to the WFA for purchasing the frames and to Mrs Qureshi for mounting the children's artwork in them.

Winter Coats

There are still a number of children wearing their blazer to school. The children go outside to play in all weathers and it is therefore essential that they have their green waterproof coat with them until the Easter / Spring holiday when we return to wearing our Summer uniform.

Thank you to.....

Mrs Lavelle, Mrs Little and Mrs Mitchell who assisted Mrs Hawkins with some school marketing at a recent NCT event held in the school hall.

Crystal Art Visit

Next Friday we have a company visiting Waverley who produces a 3D head and shoulders engraving of your child in crystal.

All are on a sale or return basis and Miss Hopkins will send home full details next week.