

# Waverley School

## Spring Newsletter

January 2017

### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to school. I hope you have all had a wonderful festive season. The children enjoyed all of the festive activities which we had at school. There were parties, visits from Father Christmas, trips to the cinema, trips to see Father Christmas, and of course Pat and the ladies in the kitchen gave us all a wonderful Christmas dinner.



I hope you have all received the parent survey and managed to return it to school. If you have misplaced your copy and require an additional copy let the office know and we can send another home.

It is lovely to see more parents visiting the school and this academic year many of you were able to watch your child perform in their Christmas production. The Pre-School, performed the "Nativity" which was delightful. The cutest Nativity I have ever seen. Primary One, performed "the Giraffe that couldn't dance", which was enchanting. The dancers, were amazing and their costumes second to none. Primary Two, performed "When Santa came to Waverley" and were able to demonstrate their new found skills which amazed everyone. The snowball fight was lots of fun. Secondary Three, performed an adaption of "the Snowman", it was wonderful to see this ambitious performance come together in a heart warming show. Secondary Four, blew us away with their dancing skills. There were some mischievous elves and dance stars who might make it to the



big screen. If you didn't manage to see your child in their show make sure you come next year.



Last term we were visited by Kyle Walker, the England football player. He created quite a stir with students and staff alike. Tottenham Hotspur are supporting Noah's Ark Hospice which some of our students attend. Kyle wanted to wish the children a Happy Christmas and join in our Christmas fun. He played a game of bottom football with us.

In November we were also visited by the Head of Unison, David Presentation. David, was so impressed with our staff that he commissioned an article about Waverley School .

See the website under latest news for the article which includes some wonderful photos.



Your teacher will be in touch this term to invite you to a session. These sessions are designed to help you familiarise yourself with your child's targets and we will help you think of ways of implementing some of the strategies at home.

As you may have heard through the media, the school are currently facing financial uncertainties along with most areas of the Local Authority. We will endeavour to support the students despite shrinking budgets and rising costs and will inform you of any significant cuts which may need to be made.

We have had a lot of sickness over the last term. If your child is ill, please keep them at home until you are sure they are fully recovered. If your child is still requiring capol, they should remain at home. This will help us stop the spread of bugs.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education please make an appointment with your child's teacher or if you would like to discuss assessment please make an appointment with Sandra our Deputy Head, teaching and learning make an appointment with Sue our Assistant Head, if you'd like to discuss any aspect of Early Years make an

appointment with Charlotte our Assistant Head or you can make an appointment to talk to me about anything! *Gail*

**School uniforms** : If you have any old Waverley uniforms which your child has outgrown, please send them in and we will be able to use them as spares.

### **Assessment and Pupil Progress at Waverley**

Our pupils are assessed on a regular basis against the P Scales. Currently, our pupils' attainment is as follows:

Making above expected progress - 40%

Making expected progress - 50%

Making below expected progress - 10%

**This means that 90% of our pupils are making at least expected progress, which is outstanding.** Staff are working together with senior leaders and other professionals to ensure interventions are in place to support those pupils who are not making enough progress.

If you would like more information regarding assessment and pupil progress, please contact me. *Sandra Chaaya*

### **Learning Matters**

As you are aware all our pupils have learning difficulties. These are very individualised and each pupil will learn at their own pace and be motivated by different approaches. One of the difficulties all our pupils have is with 'Generalisation'. This is the process whereby a person who learns something in one situation can apply that learning to another situation. An example is that when you learn to drive, you can drive any car, even though you may turn on the wipers rather than the indicators, you may have trouble with reverse .. but not for long. You are able to transfer your learning from one situation to another even if there are some hiccups.

When our pupils move class or have new staff we are more aware of those 'generalisation' difficulties. So a pupil who could hang up their coat independently last year may need to be taught those skills again in the new class -they might need to be shown their peg - the peg might be harder to use, because this skill has been mastered in one place the learning will not take long. Sometimes our pupils demonstrate a skill with just one person, so they will help put on their shoes with a regular familiar member of staff but not with a different person.

We know from Annual Review and EHC reviews and parents evening discussions that our pupils may well do things at school that they do not do at home and vice versa. A classic example of this is with independence and eating. It is a priority for us to enable the pupil to be as independent as possible with eating and drinking and pupils usually develop their



skills slowly but significantly over time. We often hear that this learning is not transferred to home. A pupil may resist this at home, preferring to be fed as they have always been. There are many reasons for this; at home your child is used to being fed from infancy, as with all babies, but may not have that drive to become independent and take the spoon away from you, this is probably an enjoyable experience with guaranteed attention from Mum or Dad, it is practical in a busy house, and it is hard work and messy in the early stages. However the difference it can make to the dignity of our pupils and the enjoyment of their meal is huge.

By working together we can help our pupils to be their best at home and at school. To help them generalise their skills we need to give support, lots of opportunity, lots of practice, lots of praise. Start off with small steps and build up gradually -but keep those expectations high.

An example would be; when you drive another car you might initially turn on the wipers when you mean to turn on the indicators.

If you are interested to discuss issues arising from this please speak to your teacher or email me. [s.hogan@waverley-sch.co.uk](mailto:s.hogan@waverley-sch.co.uk)

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## **Messages from the office**

### **Dinner money**

Managing the school dinner money is very time consuming so we would appreciate your support in collecting school dinner money.

### **Cost**

£2.30 per day    £11.50 per week

If you could please pay a **term in advance** for school dinners it would be very helpful.

Dinner money from:- 9th Jan 2017 - 10th Feb 2017 = £57.50

Dinner money from:- 20th Feb 2017 - 31st Mar 2017 = £69.00

If this is not possible to pay **in advance** can you pay weekly.

### **How to pay**

You can pay for dinner money online by parent pay or paypoint. If you need the office to order a paypoint card or a reminder for you parent pay password please text the office.

### **Reminder**

£10 debt to £25 • A reminder phone call/ text will be issued to all parents reminding them to top up account.

### **Free School Meals**

If you believe that you may qualify for entitlement to Free School Meals, please contact the office for more details.

### **School uniform**

Please see attached order form.

## **Workshops for Parents and carers**

We are running 3 workshops for parents this term. Thank you to those who have sent in replies to say you will attend. I look forward to working with you - Sue

Thursday 09/02/17 Objects of reference 10.30-12:00

Thursday 02/03/17 'More independence in feeding and drinking' 10.30-12.00

Thursday 23/03/17 iPads for leisure and learning 1..30-12.00

## **School Governance**

Our Governors continue to support the school in a variety of ways. We will be holding this term's meeting over the next three weeks. If you would like to discuss anything with our governors, please ask the office to put you in touch with a parent governor.

## **Staffing**

We'd like to welcome Sarah Hurrell to Waverley. Sarah is the new teacher in Hawthorn class.

## **Safeguarding**

Waverley is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including the Child Protection policy which can be viewed in the policies section of our website.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Child Protection Liaison Officers (CPLO) are Gail Weir (Headteacher), Sandra Chayya (Deputy Head), Sue Hogan (Assistant Head), Charlotte Millward (Assistant Head - Pre-School Head of Centre)

## Parent Support

Tina, is available for parent support on Monday and Tuesdays (Monday at Bell Lane and Tuesday at Waverley)

## Therapy updates

Lauren our Occupational Therapist and Tina drove with parents and children to Surrey to receive their new bugzies. Two children have been given these motorised chairs on loan from Merc. It enables the children to travel around school without an adult pushing them. Look out when you are walking around school you might see some of the children whizzing by.



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## WASP

Waverley Association for Special People are always eager to hear your fundraising ideas. If you would like to make a donation you can do it through <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/waverley>

A big thank you on your behalf, to WASP who provided your child with gifts from Father Christmas

Angel Estate Letting contributed £750 towards of Christmas trips including our cinema trip.

Mr Scherer a friend of Mia's family ran the Berlin Marathon and raised £700 for Waverley. We'd like to thank him for all the effort and arduous training. We'll be holding our annual marathon at school this term. Look out for the date as we'd love to have some spectators this year.

If you are raising money for the school or if you have any fundraising ideas and would like us to advertise them here or on our website, let the office know.



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## Dates to remember

**23rd January & 30th Jan** Makaton training : if you are interested please contact Lorraine Bennett

**27thJan , 24th Feb, 31st March** Podd practice for parents and carers. If your child uses a podd book and you would like to practice your skills come along to this informal practice session

**2nd March** World Book day, more details to follow

**13th March** Coffee morning, come and meet lots of parents who also have children with special needs.

**17th March** Waverley Marathon. Come and support our child as they complete a joint marathon to raise money for the school and our chosen charity, Motor Neurone Disease Association

**24th March** Red Nose Day , more details to follow

<b>Spring Term 2017</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</b>
Half Term	Monday 13 February 2017 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Term Time	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017

<b>Summer Term 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017</b>
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
Half Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017
Term Time	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017

<b>Inset days remaining</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
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## Website

Please keep an eye on our website for updates. There are lots of photographs of the children which I am sure you will cherish. Please take a few moments to read these policies as they hold lots of information about the school.

[Read more on our website](#)