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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

This week has flown by, with all three classes doing some superb learning. We have a big focus this year on presentation and handwriting and each week a child from each class will be presented with a special certificate in Celebration Assembly for work that is neat and well presented. The children have risen to the challenge and we are very proud of how well they are working on this.

Our Assembly series this term is based around the Book of Proverbs - don't worry! It has a fabulous St John's twist as each week the Mr Men present a different aspect from the Book. So far we have heard from Little Miss Wise and Mr Slow. As you can imagine the children love this! Our Value this term is "thankfulness" with two assemblies already being led on this by Rev Clare and Richard Rowe. We always strive to ensure that our collective worship times are meaningful, memorable, reflective, fun and permeate through the whole week's curriculum. We also have our children's worship teams together now so that they have a big say in all that goes on in worship times.

Thank you for supporting "Jeans for Genes" Day today. It was a great success and we will let you know how much we raised. As always, take a look at the Gallery page on the website for some wonderful photos!

We are holding our Open Day next Tuesday, 26 September for prospective parents, with representatives from Waverley Abbey and Woolmer Hill coming along too, so new parents have an opportunity to see a possible journey for their child through to secondary school.

Kate Redman from Waverley Abbey will also be visiting St John's on Friday, 20 October to talk to ALL parents, after drop-off at 8.45am. You are all very welcome - irrespective of what year your child is currently in - to come along and find out more about Waverley Abbey.

The learning environment and school look fabulous at the moment but we would love to hear from any willing gardeners who could perhaps spend a couple of hours just keeping on top of things.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ginnie

Dates Box:

Tues, 26 Sept		Open Day for prospective parents
Wed, 4 Oct	2.15pm	Yr R Literacy Meeting - school hall
Thurs, 5 Oct		Harvest Festival - further details to follow
Fri, 6 Oct	evening	PTA Quiz & Curry Night
Tues, 10 Oct	3.30pm-6.00pm	Parents' Evening - further details to follow
Thurs, 12 Oct	4.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' Evening - further details to follow
Fri, 20 Oct	8.45am	Kate Redman, Headteacher, Waverley Abbey
W/c Mon, 23 through to Fri, 27 Oct		Half term
Mon, 30 Oct	8.30am	First day of second half of term

News items for this week:

Please see the following note which we have been asked to forward to everyone:

On behalf of the Governors I would like to wish a warm welcome to all new and returning parents. If you ever wish to speak to a governor you can contact us by email through Karen or speak to us in person - we are always at key events in school and are happy to help.

We currently have a vacancy for the role of Parent Governor and a letter will be coming home this half-term detailing how to apply. A governing body within a school has three core functions:

- 1. To ensure clarity of vision, Christian ethos and strategic direction.*
- 2. To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.*
- 3. To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure money is well spent.*

If you'd like to know more about us, please have a look on the school website. We hold termly Full Governing Body meetings, and this year's meetings are on Tuesday, 14 November 2017, Tuesday, 20 March 2018 and Tuesday, 19 June 2018, all at 6.30pm. Our meetings are open, and if you would like to attend please email Karen and our Clerk will contact you.

Lisa Hart - Chair of Governors

Saturday Soccer - please see the flyer opposite for more details about this club - paper copies are available at the front desk if anyone would like one.

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Bel & The Dragon - we have been asked to let you know about this event, happening on Sunday at Bel & The Dragon. Weather forecast is (hopefully!) good so do drop by if you can!