

Newsletter

What a busy November we have all had! The children of Waverley continue to inspire me everyday, and it is a privilege to be part of their learning journey. Our core values are happiness, curiosity, scholarship, empathy and tenacity. We have had several visits this half term and everyone has commented on how well children demonstrate these. This is amazing to hear and shows clear improvements across school. We have had some exciting changes in school, including a brand new Library which the children are thoroughly enjoying!

Important dates coming up:

Wednesday 8th December– Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 8th December– My Child At School launches

Monday 14th December– Song’s around the Christmas Tree

Tuesday 14th December– Christmas Party Day– Nursery and Reception (am), Year 1 and Year 2 (pm)

Wednesday 15th December– Christmas Party Day– Year 3 and 4

Thursday 16th December– Christmas Party Day– Year 5 and 6

Friday 17th December– Polar Express Day & End of Term

Wednesday 5th January– Children return to school

Tuesday 11th January– Swimming lessons will commence for all Year 5 Children from Tuesday 11th January

Christmas Festivities



Christmas is a truly magical time of the year, and although things are still a little different this year, we intended to keep the Christmas magic alive, here at Waverley.

Christmas Cards

Children can bring Christmas cards into school each day from 1st December. The children will be asked to place them in their class post card box. The last day for Christmas cards will be Tuesday 14th December.

Christmas Performances

Following Covid guidance, unfortunately we are unable to invite parents into school for Christmas performances. We know parents will be as disappointed as we are by this, but rest assured the children are enjoying taking part in school. We will be sharing virtual concerts with parents in the last week and hope the children enjoy watching these with you at home.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will continue to go ahead this year. Children will of course, be able to come to school in their party clothes, on their party day. Party food will be provided in addition to usual lunch options.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Both Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Wednesday 8th December. All children are welcome to enjoy Christmas dinner. For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 this will be covered by the Universal Infant Free School Meal funding. For older children, this will cost the usual £2.30. Payments from 8th December are to be made through My Child At School (see below).

Christmas Jumper Day is a nation wide event, raising money for Save the Children. Donations of your choice are welcome.

Polar Express Day

On Friday 17th December we will be having a Polar Express Day. Children can come to school in their pajamas, and enjoy hot chocolate & marshmallows whilst watching Polar Express. We would ask for a donation of £1 per child for this.

Attendance

0 days missed - Best chance of success	←	100%	→	Outstanding
4 school days missed	←	98%	→	Very Good
7 school days missed	←	96%	→	Good
10 school days missed	←	95%	→	Almost There
11 school days missed	←	94%	→	Improvement Needed
20 school days missed	←	90%	→	Concerned
29 school days missed	←	85%	→	Very Concerned

Our year to date attendance is 91.9%. Our school target is 96%. For pupils whose attendance is at 96% this half term they will be invited to a 'Party with the Principal'. We are working towards our target of 96% and ask that you continue to support us. Please continue to inform us, if your child is unable to attend school. Failure to do so, will result in us contacting you either via telephone or a home visit. Before school, ensure your child is well enough to attend school. If in doubt, please call the office before bringing your child to school. If your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of Covid 19, please inform school immediately, do not bring

your child to school, call 111 or visit www.nhs.co.uk.

My Child At School

Waverley Academy will be using My Child At School (MCAS) for all communication and payments. This will start on 8th December 2021. Please continue to use MyEd and Parentpay until the 8th of December. After this point, they will no longer be in use. You will receive an email with instructions on how to set up your account. For more guidance please see the following link on our website: <https://www.astreawaverley.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/MCAS-Parent-Guide.pdf>.

In order for you to receive communications, eg trip notifications/vouchers/absence messaging etc, you will need to set your account up by 7th December.

FSM Over the Christmas Period

Doncaster Council will be providing Free School Meal vouchers for the Christmas holidays. If your child is eligible you will receive these on Monday 20th December. To apply for Free School Meals please visit <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/free-school-meals>

Staff Changes

Acorns Class- Nursery We are delighted to welcome Mr Easton to Waverley as our new Nursery Teacher.

Ash Class- Year 1 Miss Wright is recovering from her planned operation and will be returning to school soon. Thank you for all of your well wishes.

Willow Class- Year 2 Mrs Kelly will be leaving us after Christmas. She will be greatly missed, and we all wish her well for the future. Miss Greenwood is excited to be Class Teacher for Willow Class from January.

Support Staff - We were sorry to see Miss Connor leave, following her graduation and new career path. Miss Macleod will now be a full time HLTA at Waverley.

J R Sport Stars

J R Sports Stars is an organisation started by Jason Robinson OBE, which delivers Sporting Achievement Programmes in Primary Schools. We are thrilled to announce they will be running a free 12 week programme at Waverley from January. This will take place in school hours. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Nursery & Reception

Please note the closing date for Reception applications is 15th January 2022. If your child will turn 5 in the Academic year 2022/2023, please apply through <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/school-admissions>.

Spaces are available in our Nursery setting for the term after your child turns 3.