3rd December 2021

Dear Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas across the school. We have been overwhelmed with the quality and the number of decorations that have come into school and our fantastic admin team have spent this morning decorating the tree. Doesn't it look amazing! I hope you all enjoyed supporting your children with their festive foraging.

Christmas events

I also wanted to remind you of our Christmas events during the last week of term.

Monday 13th December – Years 4, 5 and 6 Lessons and Carol Service rehearsal at St Matthias
Monday 13th December - EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity
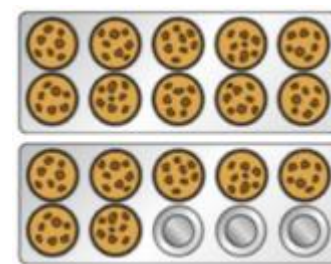Wednesday 15th December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch and pantomime
Thursday 16th December – Years 4,5 and 6 Lessons and Carol Service at St Matthias to be streamed live at 1000am
Thursday 16th December – Years 2 and 3 Nativity

As mentioned previously, we are not able to have parents attend any of our events this year, but we will be streaming the church service and producing a slide show of the Nativity performances.

Reading and maths development days

This week, I have had the pleasure of working alongside Miss Watson, our Trust English Lead and Mrs Palmer our Trust Maths Lead. We dropped into maths and English lessons, and it was such a treat to see all the children learning and being so engrossed in their work. We watched children in Year 1 counting beyond 10 while children in Year 5 were very busy exploring how to make equal groups from a given number. In addition, it was fantastic to see such a variety of English texts being used in reading and the children were so excited to tell us what they were about.

Chair of Trustees visit

I have had the privilege this afternoon of showing the Chair of Trustees, Mr Richard Vaughan, around our school. It is always a pleasure to show a visitor around who is not familiar with Warberry and to show off the wonderful family feel we have here. The children, as always, were

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amazing. There were lots of children with smiling faces, rehearsing for their various performances and it was a delight to go into Nursery and see the amazing Nativity scene that the staff have worked so hard to create for our very youngest children.

Rosehill Path Community Group

You may remember we informed you previously of the plans for local residents to raise money towards improving the path which runs from the top of Rosehill Road to Higher Warberry Road. During the summer the group set up the Rosehill Path Community Group which is affiliated to the Wellswood Ward partnership and a member of Groundwork Torbay.
Last month they had a coffee morning which raised an initial £810 towards the £6,500 needed to tarmac the path and provide a gate.
The group have now set up a crowdfunding page at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/walkers-of-warberry-woods, known as WOW for short.
If they get enough interest the council will provide some match funding. They would be very grateful for any donations and if you would like any further details, we will be happy to pass on the emails of the contact we have, Mr David Scott.

Covid Measures

Thank you all for supporting the children by continuing to wear your masks when dropping off and collecting the children. As mentioned in the letter from our Trust Lead Miss Cleverly, we have reinforced our current measures in school and would encourage you to wear masks, maintain social distancing and follow our one-way system around the school. Our school staff continue to ensure that rooms are ventilated with doors and windows open, surfaces are cleaned regularly and children are using hand sanitisers frequently. All our staff are continuing to complete Lateral Flow Tests twice a week at least.

Thank you all for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs K Southard
Head of Academy