



Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

I think there must have been a few tired students today after yesterday's after school theatre trip! I hope that all those who went enjoyed the experience. The students' conduct was excellent and our staff even had members of the public approaching them to pass on compliments about our behaviour. My sincere thanks to Miss Pepper for organising and all of the staff who supported the trip.

Sixth Form Open Evening

A reminder that all Year 11 students and parents are invited to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening at 6.30pm on Thursday 20th October. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the differences between the lower school and the Sixth Form and to understand the subjects we offer (many of which are not offered in KS4).

Uniform Now in Stock

M&S have informed us that all uniform items are now in stock and we have a good stock of ties available in reception for students to purchase (£6). If you have outstanding orders that you would like us to raise with the company on your behalf then please contact me. My thanks for all your perseverance.

Keeping Well This Autumn/Winter Part II

A reminder that students should stay off for 48 hours following an instance of sickness or diarrhoea. We have seen a number of students reporting to the medical room unwell who have shared that they had been sick the day before.

Cake Sale – Thursday 20th October

Students will be running a Scouts cake sale fundraiser in the hall during breaks on Thursday, so please give your child a small amount of cash on the day if you would like them to be able to participate.

Just One Tree Day

Thank you all for your support with today's [Just One Tree](#) fundraiser. The current total we raised is £165 and counting. The money will go directly to supporting reforestation work of the charity.

PTA Happy School Bag Collection

Thank you to everybody who dropped donations off on Saturday. The total weight of the donated items was 418kg and so we raised £167.20. The next collection will be in the Spring Term.



Message from Wokingham Borough Council Regarding Cost of Living

WBC has asked us to pass on the following message to all families:

If you're struggling to pay your bills or feed your family help is available.

The Hardship Alliance, a group of voluntary organisations working in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council, have created the [cost of living help hub](#) for those who need support.

It outlines financial support, how to get help with your bills, health services and more you can use. These include:

- Parents with children who get means-tested free school meals can get £15 per week, per eligible child during all school holidays (this applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter). [Apply through First Days Children's Charity](#) to the Household Support Fund
- Anyone struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other household essentials can also get help. This is for people struggling with rising costs of living as well as people in receipt of benefits. You could get £120 in the form of a food, fuel or cash voucher. [Apply to Citizens Advice or Age UK Berkshire through the Household Support Fund](#)

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Next week is the last of this half-term. For new parents, the final day of half-terms end at the normal time; our half-days are only at the end of full terms (Christmas, Easter and summer).

Best wishes,

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