



Dear Parents & Carers

Firstly, I wanted to share a little of what has been going on since our return from half term. As a school we have had two lovely community acts of Remembrance. Firstly, myself and a number of students from the school took part in the remembrance parade and wreath laying ceremony at Warlingham Green on Remembrance Sunday – some representing the school and a number also representing local scouts, guides and other community groups. **As always, it is wonderful to see such large numbers gathered from our local community to pay our respects to those who gave their lives for our freedoms.**

We followed this on Monday, with the front lawn being lined by students, the last post played and 2 minutes silence as a school act of remembrance. **It was a moving, yet positive coming together as a school community.**

Whilst we have had a good first two weeks back, I did also want to share some reminders as to you can continue to support your child and the School.

As you will be aware, we finished last half term with the sponsored walk and swim to raise money to improve the school for all students. While we have had sponsorship monies returned from many, there are a number that have yet to pass on the sponsorship raised. You can pass this on via Wisepay as previously shared, or we can take cash payments via main reception if Wisepay is not the easiest option and your child's sponsorship has been collected in cash from their sponsors.

Please also support your son or daughter by making sure your child has the correct uniform and equipment to set them up for a successful day of learning and at school. The School shop operates in the morning from the Reflection Room to replace missing equipment and ties and pre-loved uniform can be obtained from students services. As parents & carers a simple thing that will help aid you and the school is to ensure that all uniform and equipment items are named. **Just this week on the gate I have had 3 ties, a pristine calculator and a PE top handed to me having been dropped by students. None of which had names on and so were not easily returned to their owners. Please save yourself the cost of replacing lost items by taking a moment to label them with your child's name.**

Please continue to communicate with the school via your child's planner or email with the first point of contact being their tutor. The more we are aware of any issues the sooner these can be addressed in support of your child.

Another way you can help students in the school is helping with access to technology that supports learning. If you are upgrading your laptop or tablet and it's in reasonable working condition could you donate your old one to the school so that we can give access to them to students to use in class or for exams?

Finally, Stars in our Schools – just a reminder that I and all who work on the teaching staff and in leadership could not do our jobs in support of your child, without the incredible support we receive from our non-teaching support staff who are often the unsung heroes of the school. Please use the link below to help recognise and celebrate

the amazing job our administrative teams, Teaching Assistants, Site team, Bridge team, Maple and Behaviour Support Teams do.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Foster', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mr P Foster

Headteacher