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Dear Parents & Carers

Good evening, just a few quick messages from me this Friday, in addition to this weeks' edition of the Warlingham Week.

First of all, it may have been mentioned by your son or daughter this week that I have been in a boot and on crutches after injuring my ankle. Rest assured that this is getting much better and I hope to be much more mobile next week after having the bank holiday weekend to rest it. The reason I mention this, is that I wanted to share my gratitude for the incredible care and kindness that the vast majority of the students have shown towards me this week. Special mention goes to Alaska, Lucy-Lou, Amy, Anna, Nimishia, Daniella, Emilia, Leo, Daniel, Freddie, Nya, Sarah and Annalise for coming to visit me at lunchtime with lovely get well soon cards that they had made themselves.

While that made my lunchtime on Thursday and Friday, on Wednesday I had the pleasure of a pizza reward lunch with the top 20 students in Year 7 for their outstanding merit point achievements (they ate the Pizza not me, honestly) which was lovely. They are great role models and have already made a wonderful contribution to our school community and it was lovely to spend lunch with them and try and learn all their names – which I think I just about pulled off.

On Monday this week I undertook training with Surrey County Council Road Safety to become a formal School Crossing Patrol Officer, despite supporting the crossing of Tithepit Shaw lane for some time now. While the uniform I have to wear for this will no doubt provide great amusement for the student body, it is worth it to have the formal authority to stop traffic, to support a safe crossing of the road for our school, Hamsey Green and our local community.

Longer term, following initial meetings with the Lidl developers, we may have more safety measures in place more permanently – it is early days but I am optimistic at this stage. I would appreciate it if you took the time to remind your child why we provide the safe crossing point and to make sure that they use it, even if it means a very brief wait, as there are still a number of students who walk further down the road in both directions before crossing at a less safe and unsupervised point. Thank you for your support in keeping all members of our school community safe on the way to and from school.

Finally, on a more sombre note, I met today with the mother and sister of our former student Jader Rojas-Douglas who tragically lost his life before Christmas, about how we will make sure his memory lives on at Warlingham. In our discussion, they let me know that they are also fundraising for a memorial bench in memory of Jader in Whyteleafe Park where he spent much of his childhood.

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I said I would share this with our school community – it is a raffle with lots of prizes to be won that have been donated.

[Enter Raffle to Win Prizes in memory of Jader hosted by Polly Morgans](#)

That's it for me this week, except to wish you a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Kind regards

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

Mr P Foster

Headteacher