

Spring Returns



Friendship hugs!

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to 2019. I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful break with your families and that all your New Year resolutions are still intact.

Regular readers of Hermes will know that I write my editorial late each Thursday evening. This week's Hermes is written with a different partner in crime. David Dimbleby and his guests normally accompany me in my thoughts of the week, though Fiona Bruce has taken over this position of great responsibility in the life of British politics. I thought she did a really great job for a first try.

Jo and I managed an increasingly rare "all together" Christmas this year. All the thorpelets found their way home and then we all descended "en masse" on my parents in Anglesey. As life speeds by all too quickly these moments seem to become more important.

On our INSET day on Tuesday we enjoyed a range of training events including looking at the next phase of inspection, improving

pupil attainment by providing an effective feedback from marking and keeping our first aid certificates up to date. We even found time for a game of volleyball, championed by Mme Shilliday and Mr Willemse.



It was great to welcome all the children back to school on Wednesday, with a very special round of applause and "buongiorno" reserved for Gemma FW returning from having spent a term at school in Italy.

We also said a very brave hello to Heidi who returned from her holidays with a full cast on her left arm following a tumble that resulted in a broken bone. She was remarkably chipper about her



painful news and was determined to write with said arm. Great resilience, I say!

In the office, a very special landmark birthday was celebrated by Mrs Akerman today. I can't tell you how many candles there were on her cake, though by the time we had finished lighting the last few, the first ones had almost burnt out!

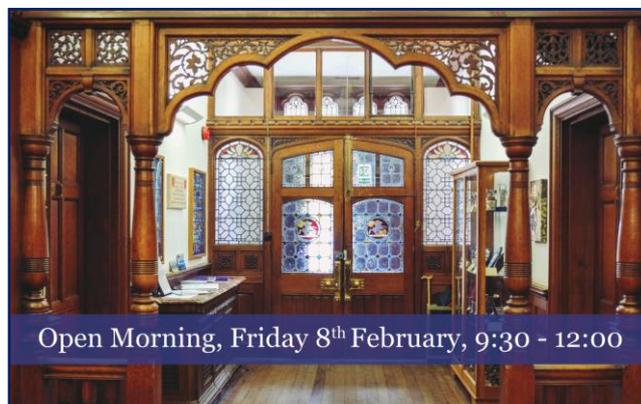


We have a new Head Girl and Boy and Sports Captains this term. They are Poppy and Tom for Head Boy and Girl and Lawrence and Tallulah for Sports Captains.

On the subject of sport, Mrs Wilson and Mr Willemse met all the senior girls and boys this week to remind them about our agreed codes of conduct in the changing room regarding hiding and borrowing of kit. We have taken the unusual step of keeping an internal door in the boys changing room locked so access can only be gained to kit bags during PE and Games lessons. We hope this will avoid some of the frustration and wasted hours experienced last term.

Mr Adams has finished the clubs letter for the spring term. It should be with you at the beginning of next week. Please encourage your children to sign up to at least one club. Clubs will all begin on Monday 21st January and run until the penultimate week of the term.

Can I also take the opportunity to bring to your attention our Open Day on Friday 8th February starting at 9.30am and finishing at 12 noon. Please extend an invite to friends and family who might be interested in finding out more about us. Of course, you are very welcome to come for a nosey yourselves too.



On the subject of invites, remember that we very much welcome you all to every Friday celebratory assembly at 8.30am in the Hall. If you let us know in advance that you will be joining us, we'll also put on a tasty breakfast for you.

Wishing you a busy weekend ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thorpe".

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Our Falconry Visit

Children from Fledglings up to Form 8 enjoyed a Falconry Display & Talk in the School Hall this afternoon.



Nursery

Sholto independently mark making some numbers and is very proud of his picture. All of the Nursery children have had a go at mark making the numbers this week.



Rafe and Benjamin has worked together as a team to pull each other along on a sledge.



We would like to Welcome our new starters into Nursery: Lucy, Emilia and Zachary.

We would also like to welcome back Lilia from a long term Holiday.



Please could you ensure that all children have a coat, hat, gloves, scarf, Wellies, 'all in one weather gear' in Nursery at all times.

Reception - Form 2

The children had their first Yoga lesson of the term this week.



Music News

A new addition to the Music Department - a P Bone (a plastic trombone).



Mrs Stell will be every Wednesday from next week, 16th January.

Mrs Hawes will be teaching Wednesday and Thursday next week.

The updated Music Timetable for Week 2 is on the Portal. Please note any changes.

AB Results Autumn - 2018

William	Prep Test	Piano
Amelia	Prep Test	Flute
Kitty	Prep Test	Violin
Thomas	Grade 1	Piano
Holly	Grade 1	Singing
Katy	Grade 1	Violin
Merit		
Ben	Grade 2	Piano
Georgina	Grade 3	Guitar
Merit		
Nathan	Grade 5	Piano

Well done, everyone!

Sports News

Matches for the boys start next week. Girls have netball practise, with their matches starting the following week.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Spring Term

Head Boy	Tom
Head Girl	Poppy
Sports Captains	Lawrence & Tallulah

Prefects:

ICT	Lawrence & Olivia
Art	Jessie
M&D	Clara & Lily
Outdoor Ed	Atlanta & Frida
STEM	Verity & Poppy
Languages	Lea & Amalia
Humanities	Olivia
Eco	Jessie & Verity
Publicity	Clara



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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	14th	Forms 5 & 6 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 11.00 am
		Forms 7 & 8 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 2.30 pm
	15th	
	16th	Form 1 Forest School 8.30 - 10.15 am
		Form 3 Forest School 10.45 - 12.25 pm
		Form 5 - 8 Girls Netball practice - Redlands
		U10 Boys Hockey v Castle Court (H) 2.30 pm
		U11 Boys Hockey v Castle Court (A) 2.30 pm
		U13/12 Boys Hockey v Castle Court (A) 2.30 pm
	17th	Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
		Youth Speaks - United Church 6.30 pm
	18th	Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		Governors Strategy Away Day
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am
		Reception Forest School 10.00 - 12.15 pm
	Forms 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon	
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL		Music Timetable- Week 2
		Menu - Week 2
		Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets
Fledglings		No letters
Nursery		No letters
Reception		Welcome back letter
Form 1		No letters
Form 2		No letters
Form 3		No letters
Form 4		No letters
Form 5		No letters
Form 6		No letters
Form 7		No letters
Form 8		No letters

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