

## Dear Parents,

It has been a wet and windy week this week with cancelled matches and children inside at break time. We are looking forward to the first signs of spring!

We are having a 'handwriting drive' this half term and on Wednesday in our assembly, Mr Scott who coaches cricket throughout the school, spoke to the children about his studies in calligraphy. He is working towards a Master's Degree in calligraphy and his work is quite inspirational. The children have been asked to try and write the phrase 'the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog' (because it uses all the letters of the alphabet) in their best handwriting and the best one will be given a piece of calligraphy Mr Scott prepared for our assembly. Perhaps this could be a quiet weekend activity if the weather continues in the same vein!

I have been very pleased with the children who are really trying hard to be courteous and considerate at all times in school. There was a marked improvement last term. Well done to them.

Best wishes



## Congratulations to:

**Charlotte Haigh** (piano - grade 1) and **Madeleine Leeper** (singing – grade 2) who both passed their Associated Board music exams at the end of a busy Michaelmas term.

Congratulations also to **Oliver Jagger** (violin – grade 2), **Bertrand Nuttall** (recorder – grade 1) and **Luke Chadwick** (violin – grade 1) who all passed with Merit. **Tim Moses** ('cello – grade 5) and **Abigail Denny** (singing – grade 1) both achieved a Distinction in their exams. These are excellent results and a lot of hard work must have gone in to achieve such a high standard. Well done!

## Chess

**Marcus Campopiano** took part in a chess match for the Sussex Under 14 team on Sunday and he won both his matches and the team won 23 out of their 24 matches. Well done Marcus!

## Science Success

**Deanna Greenhalgh**, **James Rothwell** and **Edward King-Tours** all gained the Creativity in Science & Technology Bronze award (level aimed at 12 – 14 years) for their investigative work on Bath

bombs. They carried out a range of experiments to investigate the reactions involved in making bath bombs fizz. The national award scheme is run by the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Very well done to you all!

## South Africa Quiz Night

There are still tickets available for the Quiz Night next Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January. They are available from Mr Rob O'Grady. The cost is £10 per adult and £ 6.00 per child. Either make up tables of 10 between yourselves or we can put smaller groups together. Let us know what you are doing so we can produce a table plan. There will be some fundraising with any contributions to the auction most welcome. Please join us for an entertaining family evening.

## Bronze Certificates

Well done to the following **Y3** children who have already gained their bronze certificate. **Hannah Biddle**, **Theo White**, **Toby Lewis** and **Tom Woodlock**.

## Rugby v Dorset House

### **2<sup>nd</sup> XII**

The second twelve played some fine passing rugby in difficult conditions against a

physically larger Dorset House side. The team played with commitment and moved the ball quickly out wide to score 6 unanswered tries. The tries were scored by 6 different players highlighting how well the side played as a team. Try scores **Ken Tsang, Bailey Pilbeam, Will Frost, Will Upton, Max Sabokbar,** and **Marcus Campopiano.** **Ken Tsang** also converted 2 of the tries. Man of the Match was **Stefan Leth** for his tackling and strong running with the ball.

### **Colts "A"**

Hurst forwards started the game well by winning a good clean ball but unfortunately this was not reflected in the backs. All too often the backs were standing still when receiving the ball or it was dropped and a little bit of frustration began to creep in. It was not until the first try was scored, which was after about 10 minutes by **Eliot Rogers**, that backs and forwards start to play as a unit and from that moment on they never looked back. After constant pressure and before the half time whistle **Devan Clarke-Sheward** went over for a well worked try. In the second half Dorset House gave a very brave performance to keep the score down as Hurst forwards applied a lot of pressure and maintained possession. The forwards gave the backs plenty of ball to run with but it was all

down to **Oliver Brown** who crossed the Dorset try line twice to score two excellent tries. All Hurst tries were converted by **Rob Cope.** Dorset House did score a break away try but credit to both sides for playing some very entertaining rugby watched by a very supportive audience.

Well Done Colts! The final score was Hurst 28 – Dorset House 7

### **Confirming Matches**

To help inform parents (for both Wednesday and Saturday) whether matches are on we are going to leave an answer phone message on the following number (01273 831157).

### **Drop Off & Pick Up**

Please do not drop children off outside the front door in the mornings. There is a great deal of congestion outside the school and this would be eased if everyone parked and brought their children into school. Please also drive very slowly when in and around the school. We have 210 children and their safety is paramount. Thank you

### **Informal Concerts**

Our termly informal concerts are coming up in a few weeks time so it is time to start to choose a piece to play. If you would like to take part in one of the concerts,

please collect a letter from the Music School foyer and return the slip to Miss Bray as soon as possible.

### **Solo Music Competition**

Last year's competition was a great success and I am hoping lots of Prep School pupils will participate again this year. The closing date for applications is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please see Miss Bray or Mr Matthews for an application form if you are keen to perform.

You will find all the information you need *i.e.* dates and categories on the application forms. If you have any queries please see Miss Bray.

### **Y6: Parents' Meeting**

Please remember that there is a meeting about the trip to France. It will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. in the dining room. Thank you!

### **R.N.L.I. "Soles for Souls" Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2007**

We have decided to support this worthwhile charity next Friday. A speaker from the R.N.L.I. will be coming on Wednesday to tell us about their work. Friday will be a normal day but children may wear their trainers that day in exchange for one pound, or more if they are feeling generous!