

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of this week we had many children absent from school through illness and I hope that you all recover in time to enjoy half term.

I was particularly glad to hear some of the music in the music competitions and informal concerts this week. We have some very talented children and there were some moving and powerful performances. Thank you to everyone who participated.

I was also pleased that so many of our younger children stayed for the charity boarding night last Friday. Last week our inspectors were particularly impressed with our small family boarding house and when the opportunity arises for your children to come to a charity boarding night it is well worth taking. The children thoroughly enjoy themselves and it is a good chance for them to have a sleepover with many of their friends and get a good night's sleep!

I wish you all a restful weekend and a very happy half term break.

Best wishes



Congratulations to:

Ollie Bunn (7R), Matthew Flett (7B) and Ben Flett (7G) were part of the Haywards Heath RFC Under 12's A squad that played in the 'H Cup' on 11th February. They won against Heathfield, Horsham and Hove, so were overall winners. **Morgan Griffin** captained the Hove U10 Rugby Team to victory in the annual H Trophy Tournament. Hove were unbeaten with convincing wins in each match.

Matthew Jenkins also played in the "H" Cup Tournament but for

Haywards Heath (U9) against teams from Horsham, Heathfield and Hove. They won their age group and contributed valuable points to Haywards Heath who won overall. It is great to see our boys playing club rugby so well. Congratulations to them all.

Great Grades- Lent II

It has been refreshing to see a few different names reaching the dizzy heights of great grades. Although, a handful of children remain unassailable at the top of their forms! The children mentioned have continued to sustain their efforts right up to the very end of this half of term; well done!

3B- Toby Barker (E) & (A), Theo White (A) with Ben Berrill (MI). 3HM- Elysia Filmer-Cox (E), Myles Burrows & Jake Liebers (A) with Alex Latto (MI). 4N- Jack Troak (E), Ella Bacon (E) & Sarah Forster (E) & (MI) with Sam Manly (A) 4D- Becky Grubb (E) & (MI) & Angus Graham & Oliver Jagger (A) 5W- Elizabeth Haigh (E), George Garton (A) Georgia James (A) & Alistair Crunden (MI) 5S- Olivia Barker, Emily Hollings & Andrew Kirwan (E). Douglas Brion (A) with Tommy Powell (MI). 6T- Josh Grubb (E) & (A) with Maxim Reeve (MI). 6M - Gemma Graham (E) & (A) with Emily Brown (MI).

Form Shields are awarded to **3B** and **5S**, congratulations on a great team effort.

Bronze and Silver Certificates

Well done to the following children in **3B** who have continued to work hard right up to the end of term; their reward, a silver certificate!

Ben Berrill, Toby Barker and Tom Law.

Year 8 Revision and Mock Exam Preparation.

All pupils in Year 8 will have received a variety of information, guidance and practice questions from their subject teachers to assist them with their revision over half-term. Please support them over this important time and ensure they break their revision into short blocks of time not exceeding 40 minutes, before a ten minute break followed by a change of subject. All pupils have the revision planner which was issued over the Michaelmas holiday, which should help them to plan revision times but also times for interests, days out and relaxation.

Holiday Reading:

We would like every child in the school to read at least one book over the half term break. In Years 3-6 the children should write a book review in their reading diaries. Year 7 children should write or word process a review and bring this into school for their first English lesson back. Since we have introduced holiday reading we have seen a great increase in the use of our library facilities. It is wonderful to see so many of our pupils genuinely excited about reading!

Trip to the British Museum Year 3 & Year 5:

History was again brought to life with a joint visit to The British Museum by **Year 5** and **Year 3**. After an eventful coach journey, the children enjoyed the full wonder of the exhibits in the Ancient Egyptian & Anglo Saxon rooms. The children's behaviour was exemplary. An awe inspiring and enjoyable day was had by all. Photographs will be on display on the screen in the foyer.

Solo Music Competition:

Congratulations to all performers who took part in the Hurst Solo Music Competition 2007. The following performers won their classes and can be heard again at the Winners' Concert on Tuesday 27th February at 7pm in the Music School:

Henry Seear (Yr 6) *Beginner Piano*
Elena Hargreaves (Yr 8) *Advanced Piano*

Katie Porter (Yr 6) *Beginner Voice*
George Mills (Yr 2), **Douglas Brion** (Yr 5) & **Helena Leeper** (Yr 8) *Beginner Woodwind*

Douglas Brion (Yr 5) *Intermediate Woodwind*

Zack Pinsent (Yr 7) *Beginner Brass*

Jake Liebers – *beginner strings*

Ben Berrill – *beginner guitar*

Tim Moses – *intermediate strings*

Concerts:

There were some super performances across the school in the informal concerts this term. Well done to everyone who bravely played a piece!

Year 8 Art Competition

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded prizes in the Year 8 Art Competition which was judged by Mr Grubb, Head of Art in the Senior School.

1st Place – **Cara McNeil**

2nd Place – **Matthew Stephens**

Joint 3rd Place – **Digby Tattersall** and **Elena Hargreaves**.

The standard of all the work is very high so these children really have done exceptionally well.

Years 3 & 4 Charity Boarding Night:

There were 19 children from Years 3 and 4 who stayed the night at school last Friday for an evening of games and laughter. Everyone had a great time playing ping pong, table football, Twister, and of course a quick 'go' on the Playstation. Everyone even managed to have a reasonable night's sleep after all the activity was over. After a delicious cooked breakfast on Saturday morning, everyone headed home. In

the process of enjoying ourselves, we raised £200 for our charity, 'Friends of Chernobyl's Children'. **£70 raised by Lowe's House for Friends of Chernobyl's Children:**

Congratulations to everyone in Lowes who contributed to the raising of £70. This will also go to our charity, 'Friends of Chernobyl's Children'.

Crazy Creatures Art Competition

Mrs Salt entered some pictures of Crazy Creatures in an art competition last term. The following children's work has been selected to be published in a book due out in May

Ella Bacon 4N
Pip Mooney 3B
Lucy Manly 3HM
Max Taite-Ellis 4N
Eloise Wilson 3B
Alex Latto 3HM
Ben Lawrence 3HM
Madeleine Leeper 5W

Congratulations to all of you. We can't wait to see the book!

School Uniform/Lost Property:

We are having a big drive on School Uniform and Lost Property. Staff have noticed a lot of unnamed and badly marked items of clothing and sports kit. During half-term, please would you make sure that all items of clothing and equipment are clearly marked, i.e. hockey sticks etc. We will be having a kit check immediately after we return from half-term.

We will be providing the boys' and girls' changing rooms with lost property boxes which will be placed in the Foyer on Friday evenings for you to check in an attempt to reduce the amount of lost property in the school.

Thank you for your help and co-operation in this matter.

Sports Results:

1st XI

The team played some very good hockey at times and won 1-0. **Will Frost's** tackling was particularly

good breaking down many of the Great Walstead's attacking runs. Decision making on the ball needs to be quicker in order to win more convincingly.

3rd XI

Given the amount of rain which fell Tuesday night and Wednesday morning the 3rd XI were worried that their away match against Great Walstead would be called off. Happily the sun came out in time for our game and the team put on another dazzling performance to continue their impressive start to the season with another fine away victory, this time at on red gra. In the first half Hurst were well on top and dominated play. **Nick Sage** in goal scarcely had to make a save as **Tim Moses** and **Cameron Manson** kept Gt. Walstead at bay. This allowed the rest of the team to attack, and attack we did with great gusto. The ever energetic midfield dynamos **James Weir**, **Ben Flett**, **Arthur Crouch** coupled with the penetrating passing of **Tim Hyman** supplied **Tom Fairfax** with a hatful of opportunities from which he scored a hat-trick. We slightly ran out of steam the second-half and although we had the majority of the play and most of it in the opposition's half and D, didn't convert any of our numerous opportunities. The opposition broke away and scored a goal, but despite feeling ill our intrepid goalkeeper stayed on to deny the opposition any more goals. A wonderful win. Well done all the lads. Man of the Match: **Tom Fairfax**.

Colts A and B:

The Colts played well yesterday with both teams winning one and drawing the other. **Charlie Piper** scored a hat-trick and **Devan Clarke-Sheward** was solid in goal. Men of the Match were **Rob Cope** and **Alistair Crunden** for the good running with the ball and accurate passing.