

Dear Parents,

This week I have been delighted with the performances of the children in the informal concerts. The quality of musicianship and the range of instruments learnt are quite remarkable. Very well done to all who took part.

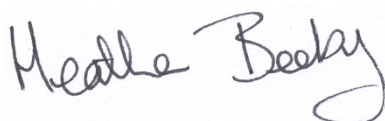
Today the children have enjoyed raising money for Children in Need as part of Scott's Charity Day. The Foyer was buzzing at lunchtime as children found various ingenious and exciting ways of fundraising! One pupil wore his pyjamas and dressing gown to school for sponsorship and he looked rather warmer than some of the rest of us on this crisp autumnal day!

On a beautiful Wednesday afternoon this week, I enjoyed watching the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Colts A team playing beautiful rugby and behaving impeccably during the game and afterwards. I am looking forward to seeing some more netball, football and hockey before the end of term.

Feather Boy is rapidly approaching and the children involved are all working very hard. I look forward to the performance the week after next.

I hope you enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes



### **Congratulations to:-**

**Morgan Griffin**, who plays for Hove Rugby Club, and captained his team to victory, winning the Under 11's Festival Silver Group and the Under 11's Festival Silver Group Winners 2007 Cup at Pulborough Rugby Club.

**Douglas Brion**, who took part in the Mid-Sussex Music Festival this weekend playing his clarinet. He and his friend from Ardingly College came first in the Woodwind Elementary Duets Class, and **Douglas** came second with Distinction in the Woodwind Solo Grade 1 and 2 Class.

**Alex Cooke**, who won the Sussex Under 10 Winter Tennis Championships at Withdean Stadium during half term.

**Georgia Harvey**, who received a silver trophy for coming First in the 'South Eastern Counties B.S.P.S. Area 14 Open Show Pony Points Award'. Last weekend **Georgia** took part in events at Brendon Riding School in Pyecombe. She rode her pony Chidock Rock Star in the '4 Year Old and Under Class' and came First. She also won the 'Hansom & Gelding Class' on the same pony.

### **Gold Certificates**

Gold Certificates have been awarded to **Amy Inglis** (Gilberts) and **Elizabeth Haigh** (Howards) for

achieving 100 House points this term.

### **Dance**

**Maisey Ella Redman**, Year 3 and **Toby Lewis** and **Matteo Mantegazza** in Year 4 have been praised by Mr Spencer for their effort and attainment in dance.

### **'Feather Boy – The Musical'- 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November**

The tickets for the school play are ready for collection by parents from the School Office.

### **School Photos**

You will have received photos of your children today and we hope that you are pleased with them. If at all possible, we would appreciate you placing your order online. If this is not convenient, do please bring your order in to school.

### **Choosing Books for Children**

[www.encompassculture.com](http://www.encompassculture.com) is a fantastic website. It has full details of over 10,000 books for children of all ages separated into different genre. If you are thinking about some Christmas presents, or even just want to buy some books for your child, it is worth a visit.

### **Book Orders**

Book orders for the £2 book are due in by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November please.

### **Houses**

This term we are working hard to raise the profile of our house system and to encourage healthy competition between the houses we will be publishing the places of the houses every week in our house point competition. At the end of term the winning house is presented with a cup in assembly. This week the results are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Gilbert's**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place – Howard's**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place – Lowe's**  
**4<sup>th</sup> place – Scott's**

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

DAY	EVENT	PICKUP
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November		16.15-16.30 for Y3 &Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after activities 18.00 after prep
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>N.B. Golf 16:30-17:45 because of the Parents' Meeting</b> 18.30 Year 8 Parents' Meeting	16.15-16.30 for Y3 &Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after activities 18.00 after prep
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Rugby v Cumnor House & Great Walstead (Triangular) 1 <sup>st</sup> XV (H), 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV (A... Great Walstead) Colts A XII, Colts B XII (A... Cumnor House) Netball v Brambletye U11 A VII (A), U11 B VII (A) Netball v Handcross Park U9/U8 VII A & B VII's (A) 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Lacrosse Coaching at Brambletye U9 House Football	16.00 if not in match 17.20 after activities  For pick up times after matches, please see games notice board in foyer
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November		16.30 Y3-8 17.20 after activities 18.00 after prep
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Play Rehearsal All Day  16.20 Eucharist	17.15 after Chapel 18.00 after activities

## MATCH REPORTS:

### Hockey

#### 1<sup>st</sup> XI V Ardingly: 4 – 0 Loss

Our first Hockey match was definitely a game of two halves! In the first 20 minutes we fought like tigers to keep Ardingly out of our defending half. They were strong and relentless but we defended like terriers. Towards the end of the first half we conceded a goal which was the result of a good set piece from Ardingly. In the second half, we came out fighting. We passed the ball well and at one point we nearly scored! **Emma Webb** played brilliantly in goal and saved our skin on many occasions. Unfortunately, Ardingly played the ball out of defence quickly and had a well practised routine which resulted in 3 quick goals for them. We ran out of steam at this point and rolled over like pussy cats! We did not disgrace ourselves at all. We learnt a lot and showed a lot of guts and determination. Well done to everyone!

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> XII V Ardingly: 3-0 Loss

Our very first fixture of the term saw our energy levels high and expectations to match. The start of the game was fast and furious with excellent defensive play from **Gemma Graham** and **Claudia Oliver**. **Abi Biggs** and **Abby Carter** were both on form in the centre, feeding through **Amy Johnson** and **Olivia Way** on the wing. **Christie Brown** and **Jordan Jones** played at their very best throughout the first extended half. Unfortunately our play was not rewarded by any goals, although **Abi Biggs** was unfortunate. Ardingly made three decisive attacking runs which all resulted in goals. **Girl of the Game** was **Gemma Graham** in defence. Quite excellent! Well done girls. VB

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> VII V Ardingly: 1- 0 Loss

The first match of the term for us, and the girls all played their hearts out! **Helena Freaan** and **Ellie Stevens** were dominant in defence and despite Ardingly's best efforts and some very skilful play, they were unable to get past our defence. In attack, **Georgia Harvey** and **Olivia McShane** led the way, making some great passes to **Alice Blundell** and **Lizzie Beeby**. We had lots of chances to score as **Alice** and **Lizzie** had great positioning, however Ardingly ran their socks off and managed to get back to defend and get the ball out. The score at half time was a very impressive 0-0! In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half **Emma Dugard** came on at right wing for **Lizzie**, and made some lovely attempts at goal. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half we became more confident with the ball and were able to dribble with it before passing but were still unable to get the ball in! Ardingly used the space well in attack and managed to squeeze a goal in at last. Both teams played well and a good game was had by all. **Girl of the Game** was **Ellie Stevens** for not giving up and for very determined defence.

#### UII/UI10 VII 'A' v Ardingly: 7-0 Loss

Our girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play a game of hockey against Ardingly and although they were the stronger team it was pleasing to see that we came back fighting each time a goal was scored. **Olivia Barker** was like a lioness prowling in the defensive 'D', tackling with confidence and breaking down attacking moves. **Martha Powell** played her first game as goalkeeper and will certainly have learnt from the experience. Our two U10 girls, **Becky Grubb** and **Daisy Drummond** worked their socks off. **Phoebe Oliver** and **Bronte Marks** each had an unsuccessful attempt at goal, whilst **Georgia James** worked the opposite end of the pitch in defence. **Girl of the Game** was **Olivia Barker** for her solid defensive role.

#### UII/UI10 VII 'B' v Ardingly: 5-0 Loss

This first match of the season was eagerly anticipated and the girls had been given instructions to be aggressive and ball hungry! We got off to a good start with some fantastic defensive play across the back line. **Emilia Fairfax** had an excellent game and was consistently disrupting some obviously well

developed set play by Ardingly. **Maddie Leeper**, playing her first game in goal, had a tough time, but played enthusiastically and gave good direction to the rest of the team. Some great passes between **Lottie O'Donoghue** and **Emily Hollings** gave our play a smooth quality. This enabled **Elizabeth Walker** to make some good runs up the wing and pass the ball into the scoring zone. Waiting, like a panther ready to pounce, was **Ailsa Green**, who was unlucky not to score on more than one occasion. **Elizabeth Haigh** was strong in defence and made some excellent tackles, saving us from more goals. **Sarah Forster** played with determination in the centre, and made some great passes out to both wings, as well as defending at the top of the circle. Ardingly were a strong team with set drills that were difficult to disrupt, sometimes leaving us standing. A fantastic effort was made by all girls, but **Girl of the Game** has to go to **Emilia Fairfax** for her constant aggressive and determined play.

### **STOP PRESS!!**

Last Saturday the Under 14 girls Netball team played in the Nationals down at Roedean. Five of the squad of ten were ex-Prep School girls. They won the competition and now go forward to the Nationals to represent Sussex in the finals. We are very proud of them! Great work **Deanna Greenhalgh, Suzanne and Katherine Woodlock, Eleanor Hargreaves and Savannah Seymour**. We wish you luck in the finals! DKS

### **RUGBY**

#### **Hurst 1st XV v St Christopher's: 31 – 10 Win**

When I first saw the fixture list for this season this was the one that brought a smile to my face. In the first few minutes it was all St Christopher's play, putting pressure on Hurst and winning plenty of ball, but all credit to Hurst they tackled bravely and prevented their opponents from scoring. Almost against the run of play **Oliver Bunn** picked the ball up and did one of his trade mark runs straight down the pitch to score the first try which was converted by **Tim Moses**. This gave Hurst some confidence and they then started to win some ruck ball with the backs able to make good ground with the ball in hand; it was not long before **Matt Flett** went over for a second well worked try. For the remainder of the first half Hurst played some great rugby and this enabled **Oliver Bunn** to go over for his second try which was converted by **Tim Moses** making it 19 - 0 at half term. The next score was always going to be crucial as St Christopher's, given the chance, had the ability to get back into the game but Hurst continued to use the ball wisely and put pressure on the opposition when they had the ball. **Matt Flett** finished off a great move that was started by **Connor Valentine** from the base of the scrum to score his second try and **Tim Moses** added the conversion. Hurst's last score was by **Connor Valentine** making a great break from the base of the scrum and dividing the defence as he ran for the try line to make it 31 - 0. St Christopher's came back with two late unconverted tries but by that time Hurst had secured the game.

**Men of Match** were **Connor Valentine** and **Toby Smith** and they get the vote for their overall game and some excellent decision making which assured a very well deserved victory!

#### **Colts A Rugby v St Christopher's: 12 – 7 Win**

A very impressive start to the season for the Colts A team, with a heroic victory against St Christopher's. The game started off impressively with a well offloaded ball to **Alistair Crunden** who drove through the St Christopher's defence from their 22m line to crash over the try line. **Rob Cope** easily converted the try to give Hurst a 7-0 lead. Hurst consistently pressured the St Christopher's defence, with **George Garton** troubling the opposition's scrum half and fly half and not allowing them clean ball. Time after time, Hurst forwards won their own lineout ball and the oppositions, with **Morgan Griffin** leaping to win clean ball. Shortly before the end of the half, St Christopher's created an overlap on the left hand side which their winger finished well and they converted it, bringing the score to 7-7. In the second half, Hurst were like greyhounds out of the blocks; they were tackling hard and consistently turning over opposition ball. **Rob Cope** and **Alistair Crunden** were attacking with true venom, and the forwards were hunting together like a pack of wolves. **Alex Cooke** and **George**

**Garton** without fail battled through the defence, with **George** successfully fighting his way across the line to score. Without a T to kick off **Rob Cope** failed to convert the kick. The score then remained at 12-7 for the rest of the game, with **Rex Cleaver** coming off of the bench and having a couple of good runs down the wing. With minutes to go, a scrum in the Hurst 22m led to **Rob Cope** dummying to kick and floating a perfectly timed pass to **William Wycherley** who sped down the touchline like a cheetah only to be caught just before the opposition's 22m line. Stand out players of the day were, **Morgan Griffin** who consistently made yards with ball in hand. **Alistair Crunden** tackled well and stole a lot of the opposition's ball. **George Garton** for terrorising his opposing number, and the **Cooke Brothers** who tackled their hearts out all game.

This was an excellent game with great spirit shown from both sides.

Man of the Match: **George Garton**

### **Hurst 2<sup>nd</sup> XV v St. Aubyn's 1<sup>st</sup> XV: 22 – 7 Loss**

To quote the pundits, it was a game of 2 halves but in this case 4 quarters. In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter playing up the slope Hurst defended like Tigers and twice, try saving tackles were made close to the corner flag. After 15 minutes the score was still 0 – 0. In the second quarter using the slope and the wind to their advantage Hurst attacked hard and their efforts were rewarded when a great run by the forwards created a chance for **Chris Wyles** to break free and cross the line. This was converted by **Will Frost** with great accuracy. Half time saw Hurst leading 7 – 0. Unfortunately the lead was short lived and using the slope, St Aubyn's put Hurst under a great deal of pressure and with players dropping like flies through injury, St. Aubyn's ran in 3 unanswered tries. The final quarter was another close run thing with St Aubyn's scoring a try in the final seconds. **Chris Wyles** battled well all match but **Man of the Match** went to **Henry Seear** for his hard tackling and excellent forward play.

### **Colts B Rugby v. St Aubyn's - Loss**

The Colts B Rugby team played a coaches match against a strong and large St Aubyn's A team. The score proved a win to them but the result for our boys was an encouraging 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and a growth in confidence as momentum was allowed to build. Good tackles were taken by **Jonathan Newland** resisting the opposition charge, while the rest of the forward pack made up of **Jordan Mayes, Bertie Nuttall, William Farthing, and Will McGoldrick** made marked improvements in their scrumage to win some late game possession. Some speedy running by **Harry Goldman** opened play for our backline and was supported by nicely by **Graham Webb's** 'zig zag – catch me if you can'. **Man of the Match** was **Bertie Nuttall** for giving 100% of his potential and leading his charges like Laurence Dallaglio.

### **Hurst Colts C's v Cranleigh: 35 -10 Win**

The lion was tamed in what was billed as a beast of a game. This was the first outing for our squad and we were determined to secure a win after a long drive. I have to confess a certain trepidation going into the match given that this elite team has not played a proper competitive game before, but our backs ran gazelle like across the pitch, dominating that area of play and ensuring that we maintained the majority of possession and in Cranleigh's half. **Messrs Powell, Mooney** (who played a captain's role), **Wade Stephens** and **Charlie Hoare** were tenacious as bears in attack giving Cranleigh's forwards very little ball, and creating chances to strike at the break downs. Cranleigh drew first blood in the second minute of the game, but Hurst struck back immediately showing true grit and determination, with two quick tries by **Tommy Powell** and **Hugo Mooney**. By half time we were 15 – 5 up and flying. **Robert Holdsworth** tackled like a grizzly and **William Hunt** and **Sam Thompson** did sterling work up front, providing quality ball for our backs who had gained a lot of confidence by half time.

**David Bagnall** made some decent breaks giving our opposition plenty to think about, and **Wade Stephens** was an aggressive attacking scrum half creating a lot of opportunities for **Sam Manly** as Fly to rip through Cranleigh's defences on several occasions.

In the second half, further tries by **Tom Hollings, Wade Stephens, Hugo Mooney** and **Charlie Hoare** sealed a comfortable win by 35 – 10. This was a well deserved victory with an effective team

performance. This will give our Colts the confidence boost they need to grow and develop as a fine rugby squad. **Man of the Match goes to the whole team.** MPEG/CAR

### Cross Country

This Monday the girls completed the Cross Country course for the first time this season with some impressive performances and an inspiring attitude from all. The Year 5 and 6 completed the short course where **Phoebe Oliver** stood out as an exceptional talent. **Daisy Drummond** and **Ailsa Green** fought it out for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a close tussle of endurance and will. In Year 7 and 8 many of the girls completed the long course. **Rebecca Grubb** and **Claudia Oliver**, clearly superior, took the top two places, while a determined and unwavering pack made ground from behind. **Abigail Biggs** and **Alice Manly** from Year 7 and **Evelyn Chandler** and **Zoe Griffiths** from Year 8 made up the next four places respectively. Overall the runs were a success and all the girls should be commended on their positive attitudes.

Last week the Boys completed the same course and showed their experience and competitiveness in running. Year 6's **Alistair Crunden** and **Alex Cooke** are rivals over the short course and each unrelentingly pushed each other to outstanding times. The rest of the field shows depth to be developed, spelling exciting times ahead for Hurst Junior running. The Year 7 and 8 field has seen the mighty **Scott Brooker** consistently winning with greyhound speed and an obvious endurance bloodline. While **Matt Flett** and **Eddie Blake** go stride for stride and often alternate the title for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> determined only in the final 200m. All boys will be encouraged to improve their personal times and gain fitness over the coming months.

### Cross Country – House Points

		Boys	Girls	Total
1 <sup>st</sup>	Scott's	33	15.5	48.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gilberts	23	21.5	44.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lowes	19.5	21.5	41
4 <sup>th</sup>	Howards	14.5	24.5	39

### Football

#### U8 A's Football v. Handcross Park: 4-1 Loss

The match was set to be a challenge as this team of all stars didn't have a strong defensive line, which sadly meant it was a rather tough game for the so far victorious A's. Handcross took an early lead and by half time were 2-0 up. At half time we had a shuffle round in the team and came out firing all guns. **Josh Bacon** then scored a lucky deflected goal off a Handcross player bringing the score close. For the following minutes we looked to be having a comeback with amazing panther like movements by **Christian Weatherstone** on the wing, taking the ball to Handcross with every chance he had. But sadly it wasn't to be. The three pronged attack unit charged up the field scoring 2 more goals in the minutes that followed, and the game ended 4-1. **Man of the Match** was **George Mills**.

#### U8 B's: 3-1 Win

Being the first match of the day, the boys were pumped up. Early in the first half, **Hamish Waller** scored with hawk precision taking Hurst into the lead. This was short lived as Handcross shot back almost immediately drawing things up. This score took us through into half time. After the oranges it was back on and the half time talk seemed to have encouraged them no end. The game was all in Handcross' half, with their sloth defence allowing **Joe Coghlin** and **Hamish Waller** to both score in the closing minutes, ending the stampeding game 3-1 to us. **Man of the Match** was **Joe Coghlin**.