

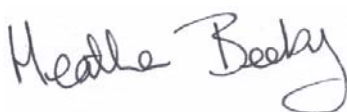
Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to all of you!

We have had a tremendous start to the term with energy and enthusiasm from everyone.

There is such a lot to look forward to and I hope the children enjoy the opportunities ahead of them. In assembly on Monday I asked them to work hard and play hard, and with true Hurst spirit we will achieve a great deal in this short but highly focused term.

Have a very good weekend.



Sickness

May I remind you that if your child catches the sickness bug, please do not send them to school until you are sure they have fully recovered, which is usually at least 24 hours after the last bout of sickness? Thank you.

CELEBRATION

The following children have taken The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music exams and have passed as follows:-

Grade 1 Singing with Merit

Henry Crouch, Elizabeth Freeman and Robert Holdsworth

Grade 1 Singing – Pass

Emilia Fairfax and Sarah Forster

Grade 3 Singing – Pass

Madeleine Leeper and Rosie Zeidler

Grade 3 Violin – Pass

Oliver Jagger

Grade 2 Piano – Pass

Charlotte Haigh and Kirsty Mayes

Very well done!

Over New Year **Gemma** and **Angus Graham** attended the ESF French Ski School and were awarded the Three and Two Star awards respectively.

Also achieving the Three Star award for skiing was **Theo White**.

Well done to you all!

We are very pleased to announce that **Tim Moses** has been selected for the 'Half-County' cricket squad. After 6 more sessions of assessment they pick the full county squad from these 25 boys, who are drawn from all four areas. Good Luck Tim!

Solo Music Competition

The Solo Music Competition is fast approaching and is open to all pupils whether they have lessons in or out of school. You can pick up entry forms from the Music School Foyer or from one of the Music Staff. The competition dates are as follows and all are at 6.30pm in the Music School:

Thursday 7th Feb – Piano, Keyboard and Saxophone

Monday 11th Feb – Voice

Tuesday 12th Feb –

Woodwind and Brass

Wednesday 13th Feb –

Strings, Percussion and

Guitar

All winners go on to play in the Winners' Concert at 7pm on Tuesday 26th February.

I hope as many people as possible will take part. There are three categories: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced so everyone has a chance of winning!

Neil Matthews

Saturday Matches

Please note that all Saturday's home rugby matches are cancelled due to waterlogged pitches.

Charities

We are very pleased to let you know that with the monies collected from our Carol Service, we were able to give both the Pearl of Africa Choir and the Friends of the Children of Chernobyl the sum of £291.50 each. Thank you very much for your wonderful generosity which is very much appreciated.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

DAY	EVENT	PICKUP
Monday 14 th January	Full programme of activities this week.	16.15-16.30 for Y3 &Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Tuesday 15 th January	18:30 Meeting for Year 6 parents about French trip. To be held in Mr Morère's classroom	16.15-16.30 for Y3 &Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Wednesday 16 th January	9.15 Creative Education Drama presentation to Year 2 11 a.m. Creative Education Drama presentation to Years 5 and 6 14.30 Rugby v. Ardingly 1 st XV (H), 2 nd XV (A), 3 rd XII (A), 4 th XII (A), Colts A XII (H), Colts B XII (H), Colts C & D XIs Triangular (A), U9A & B XIs (A), U8A IX (tag) (H) 14.30 Netball v Ardingly 1 st VII Triangular with St Aubyn's (A), 2 nd VII (A), 3 rd VII (A), 4 th VII (A) 14.30 Girls' Hockey v. Ardingly U11 A & B Vllls (H), U9 & U8 Indoor Skills	16.00 after games 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Thursday 17 th January	17:00 Swimming v. Copthorne and Windlesham House U13 – U10 (H)	16.30 Y3-8 17:20 after activities 18:00 after prep
Friday 18 th January	16:20 Chapel Eucharist Preacher: The Rev'd David Wallis (OJ), Vicar of Ditchling	17:15 after Chapel 18:00 after activities

Get fit for IT! Make IT your New Year's resolution!

Make improving your children's and your typing speed and accuracy a New Year's resolution by following the course at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>



Resolution Reasons:

1.	You should definitely be able to learn to type faster than you can write with a pen so that means that you will get your homework done in less time. Which means you will have more free time to do what you want.
2.	Doing work on a computer can help you with your spelling and grammar.
3.	If you need to do another draft of your work after your teacher has corrected it, it is much easier to do if you have word processed it and saved it.
4.	If you can touch type, you'll learn other computer applications in 40% less time.
5.	Touch typing skills look great on your Curriculum Vitae so when you are applying for a job you will have an advantage.

MATCH REPORTS:

Wednesday 9th January 2008

Hockey

Girls' Hockey 1st XI v. Cranleigh 2nd XI XI: 1-1 Draw

We travelled to Cranleigh with a degree of expectation on Wednesday as we were going to be playing their 2nd XI. The match started well and we really moved the ball around and worked as a unit. It was not long before we were in their circle and beginning to put their defence under pressure. **Zoë** made a terrific run into the circle and shot at goal. Unfortunately one of our own players was in the path of the ball and stopped it going into the net!! Not to be out done, five minutes later, **Zoë** wormed her way into the circle and shot. The goal was very welcome! At half time we were 1-0 up! That was a first! We knew that if we ran at them they would back off and in the second half we were extremely unlucky not to have scored at least 3 more goals. About 12 minutes from the end, Cranleigh equalised and we could not put the ball into their net again.

The standard of Hockey in the second half was much better. We kept the shape more and we worked well as a unit. The forwards still have to work harder and come back to help out the defence - there is too big a gap in the midfield. It would be unfair this week to single anybody out as the team played brilliantly and deserved to win. It is finally coming together!

Girl of the Match was **Zoë Griffiths**.

2nd Viii Hockey V Stoke Brunswick; 1-0 Win

From the outset, the team were ready to put on a good display of skills, powerful hitting being the main focus. **Gemma Graham** along with **Claudia Oliver** were strong in defence. **Amy Johnson** and **Christie Brown** played their part in feeding excellent diagonal passes to the wings. **Olivia Way** (Girl of the Game) and **Megan Green**, who scored the decisive goal, anticipated the passes and had numerous shots at goal. **Abby Carter** played the best hockey match so far with committed movement and strong hitting. Well done girls.

Netball

U10 VII v. Stoke Brunswick: 13 – 7 Win

The Under 10 netball team played extremely well. **Elizabeth Haigh** tried really hard to intercept the ball and played amazingly as a goal keeper. Whilst at the other end of the court, **Daisy Drummond** showed great enthusiasm enabling us to pass the ball quickly down to our shooters. **Georgia Thomson** and **Ailsa Green** as the two shooters worked together brilliantly and by the end of the first quarter the score was 6-1 to us. The whole team worked incredibly hard and brought the final score to 13-7 to HURST!!! Girl of the Game was **Daisy Drummond**.

Written by Becky Grubb (Captain)

Netball

U11 U10 U9 U8 at Ardingly

All the girls who weren't in a match went to Ardingly for a HUGE coaching session. There were about 50 girls involved which was fantastic! Although we were their guests, we had offered to run the session and Miss Iveme masterminded a skills circuit that kept everyone busy and concentrating on skills ranging from footwork to shooting. There were 9 staff to help and the girls worked as a mixture which meant that it was a great social event too! Just the sort of thing that girlies love!

The girls thoroughly enjoyed their session and I would like to say thank you to the staff who masterminded it and coped with the vast numbers! I felt guilty having organised it that I then disappeared to Cranleigh! Well done to the girls too, for making it such a success.

Rugby

Match Report Hurst 1st XV v. Pennthorpe: 34 – 0 Win

First game after the Christmas break is always going to be a true test of character and a question as to which team gets into their stride quickest. Hurst have a reputation of being slow starters but that was not the case against Pennthorpe. Hurst took the game to the opposition, who were big and well organised, and from the start used the ball wisely. **Connor Valentine** and **Ollie Bunn** varied their options, by either passing the ball out or attacking close to the rucks and mauls, and after a period of good pressure **Matt Flett** scored the first of his 2 tries. Hurst second try came from a great break by **Tim Moses**, who fell just short of the line, only to have **Joe Vallone** in support to finish it off. **Toby Smith** added the extra 2 points. Another fine try by **Matt Flett** who received quick ball and was able to score under the posts and once again it was converted by **Toby Smith**.

The second half saw **Eddie Blake**, score his first try of the season, when he received the ball on the wing and crashed over the line after the ball had gone through 6 pairs of hands. Hurst continued to defend very well against a side who were not going to give up but half way through the second half **Ollie Bunn** burst through 2 or 3 tackles to score a well deserved try. The game was finished off by a quickly taken tap penalty by **Connor Valentine** and was then kicked up field chased by **Ben Flett**, who still had a lot of work to do, but out ran his opponent and scored under the posts. Fine performances from **Ben Flett**, **Kieran Morris** and Man of Match - **Eddie Blake**, who finished off a great move to score his first try of the season and defended well.

Hurst 2nd v Pennthorpe 2nd: 45-0 Win

Hurst played some champagne rugby running in 7 tries and converting 5 against a Pennthorpe side playing their 1st game of the season. Hurst played good simple rugby passing the ball well and getting men to the breakdown early. Tries were scored by **Will Frost**, **Tim Hyman 2**, **Harrison Marks**, **Will Upton** and **Dan Stokes 2** these were converted by **Will Frost 3**, **Tim Hyman** and **Arthur Crouch**. **Man of the Match** for his very solid tackling in defence and decisive running with the ball was **Brandon Troak**.

3rd VII v. Tavistock & Summerhill 1st VII: 60–55 Loss

With the 3rds rugby pitch not being able to cope with the recent rain and being waterlogged, the 3rds played their match on one of the under 9 football pitches. This led to a high-scoring, entertaining, open, end-to-end game. In an effort to try to give as many pupils a game, Hurst fielded one team for the first half and another team for the second. All of the boys tried hard, a fact that was reflected in the number of different try scorers: **Alex Hawkins**, **James Garrett**, **Jack Rothwell**, **Michael Jefferies**, **Maxim Reeve**, **Rory Green**, **Rob Keen** and **Scott Brooker**. Those who didn't score also played their part, with powerful pack play and rampaging running from **Freddie Duffell** and good support play, handling and unselfish passing from **Josh Grubb**, **Kit Holliday** and **Nick Bacon**. All the boys can feel proud of their performance against a 1st team. Hopefully they all enjoyed playing and not just watching Mr. Wroth getting smashed straight in the face by the ball!

Colts A's v Pennthorpe: 0-0 Draw

The Colts had the luxury of playing on a beautiful well drained pitch with plenty of grass so there was no excuse for some good open rugby which the team tried hard to produce. In the first half both sides tackled well and made it very difficult for either side to make useful ground. **Matt Jenkins** had one long and strong run but we sadly weren't able to capitalise on this. **Rob Cope** came on for the second half and carried the ball some distance on several occasions but we all too often lost the ball at the breakdown. **William Wycherley** made some distance but it was a shame that he couldn't link up with Rob a little more. The game ended as a stalemate though on the balance of play we had more opportunities. This was a good spirited performance and highlighted certain aspects of the game that we need to work on.

Colts B's v Pennthorpe: 10–20 Loss

Their first game since the Christmas break, my first game with them! What a delightful bunch of young men. They battled hard in a game that saw them 2 tries down until **Bertie Nuttall** broke through and scored a real forwards try to put us back in it. Unfortunately, Hurst losing their concentration led to 2 quick ties from Pennthorpe effectively finishing the game. However, we didn't give up and **Jasper Ward** scored a great try from the base of the scrum. **Graham Webb** tackled like a demon throughout the match.

Colts C's v Tavistock and Summerhill: 30–10 Loss

With three of our ball crushers ill today, I was concerned about the strength in depth. All credit to the C's, given that personnel had to change around at the last minute – all were prepared to have a go for the sake of the team.

The first half looked ominous, because our opposition were three tries up by half time and we had offered meagre resistance. Time and again, our scrum was on the back foot and we were missing tackles against a physically bigger side.

The team talk at half time had its effect however, and Hurst scored through a determined dash from the half way line by new import **Rex Cleaver** after nine minutes. He showed great tenacity and physical strength by breaking their lines on several occasions. This individual flair soon gained momentum and shortly after, **Wade Stephens** and **Sam Manly** were pounding the opposition's backs with a barrage of runs. Our forwards responded in kind and started to shunt and drive to telling effect with **William Hunt** and **Tommy Powell** especially playing a major role as a Captain should in this resurgence of self belief. Three minutes later our team effort was rewarded with five points from another **Wade Stephens** special piece of brilliance from thirty or so metres out. At this point with seven minutes remaining, the game was finely balanced at twenty – ten. **David Bagnall** was tackling with aggression and precision, **Alex Norden** was looking lively and **Noah Mason** has the makings of a scrum half, and the backs were starting to pass the ball more fluidly when our concentration lapsed and we let through two soft tries.

In the final analysis, we were beaten by a better side who started very strongly, but we showed real character and determination and I was proud of the way we collectively fought back in the second half. There are lessons to be learnt but the most important thing is that heads did not drop – we live to fight another day. Floreat Hurst!

U9 'A' IX: 15 – 5 Win

The U9 A's first fixture of the term was a home game against Tavistock and Summerhill. They produced an assured performance against an under strength opposition, who unfortunately only had a team of seven instead of the expected nine. This somewhat threw the coaches' plans into disarray as it meant that instead of starting with two subs the number was now doubled! The game got off to a flying start with all the boys getting stuck in, and making some excellent tackles. What was particularly pleasing was the boys handling and willingness to offload accurately in the tackle, this enabled us to gain some good attacking platforms and led to the first two tries on the game. These were both finished off admirably by **Toby Barker** who displayed strong and direct running. **Jake Liebers** and **Miles Hurley** were proving to be tough and uncompromising in the loose and at the tackle/ruck area. At half time the team were 10-0 up and looking comfortable despite constant substitutions being made to ensure that everyone was getting a fair amount of game time. The second half was a much tighter affair with Tavistock and Summerhill beginning to find their feet. But our lead was stretched further when **Joshua Carleton-Smith** raced down the left wing leaving defenders in his wake to score. Tavistock eventually scored what was to be a consolation try, but could not compete with our ferocious defending and competitiveness. Well done to all those who played, fantastic tackling and spirit, keep it up!

Match Report U9 'B' IX

The U9 B's had a tough first fixture of the term, playing against the Tavistock 'A' team, who had played the U9 A's. The boys were always going to be up against it, and from the outset were pinned back in their own half. The Tavistock A team proved to be far too strong and ran a handful of unanswered tries,

but at no point did the boy's heads drop. On the contrary, as the match wore on they started to play much better, and nearly scored a fantastic solo effort from **Theo Harris**. **Henry Maurice** and **Ben Berrill** began to put in a few tackles and generally try to make life difficult for the opposition. However, despite their valiant efforts the team was on the wrong end of the score line at the final whistle. I am sure that with better basics in tackling and handling the team will go from strength to strength; and be more than a match for other B sides on the circuit. Well done chaps!

U 8 Triangular against Tavistock & Summerhill

Hurst A vs. Tavistock 3 – 0 Win

Hurst B vs. Tavistock 0 – 0 Draw

Hurst B vs. Hurst A 0 – 2 A's Win

Men of the Tournament were **Joshua Bacon**, **Rory Oliver** and **Barty Filmer-Cox**

Match Report U8 'A' IX V Tavistock and Summerhill:

We had a great match against Tavistock and luckily we won! Most of the team weren't lazy and standing around so we did lots of running! **Rory Oliver**, who scored two tries, and **Christian Weatherstone** played really well. **Josh Bacon** helped us loads by scoring a try at the end. Thanks Josh! We can't wait for our next match because we love all the mud especially when Miss Newnham falls over in it!

Written by Bartie Filmer-Cox and George Mills.

Match Report U8 'B' IX V Tavistock and Summerhill:

We think **James Mackay** played well because he kept running after the ball and got stuck in. We enjoyed playing against Tavistock because it wasn't one sided. **Josh Bacon** was good at winning the ball and tagging lots of players. We are looking forward to our next match but some of us don't like getting so muddy. Yuk! **Written by Joe Coghlin**