

Dear Parents,

We have flown to the end of another week and it is wonderful to see the evenings and mornings getting lighter.

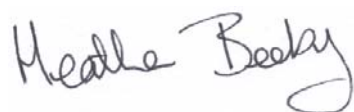
The informal concerts for Years 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 have been glorious with some very special performances. It is good to see so many children participating in the musical life of the School. I am looking forward to hearing Years 7 and 8 on Monday.

Next week the children will be very busy, Year 6 pupils have their mid-year exams so they will have to work hard over the weekend. Year 4 will be visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace on Monday and Years 3 and 5 visiting the British Museum on Tuesday. We have a Year 7 Parents' Evening on Tuesday and a whole series of solo music competitions in the evenings to look forward to.

On Friday we have Gilberts Charity Day for the Cheshire Home in Mumbai and the children may wear their own clothes to school.

I hope you have a happy weekend and the weather is as beautiful as it has been today.

Best wishes



Congratulations to:-

Tim Moses, who has been awarded a music scholarship to the Senior School. We will miss his glorious 'cello music when he leaves us!

Matt Flett is moving to Scotland at the end of this academic year and has been awarded a sports scholarship to Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh.

Ben Flett is also moving to Edinburgh and he has been awarded an All-Rounder Scholarship to Merchiston Castle School.

We are thrilled for all three boys and very proud of their achievements.

Grade Review

Commendations

Congratulations to the following children for achieving an excellent grade review:

(Y3) Maisey Ella

Redmond, Joe Coghlin & Lucy Manly.

(Y4) Toby Lewis, Alex

Latto & Jake Leibers.

(Y5) Angus Graham,

Sarah Forster, Ella Bacon,

Ailsa Green & Alexander Norden.

(Y6) Olivia Barker & Amy Inglis.

(Y7) Rory Green, Joshua

Grubb, George Batchelor

& Gemma Graham.

Gum Shields

All children playing / training in Hockey and contact Rugby must be wearing a Gum

Shield / Mouth Guard. They will not be allowed to take part if they do not have one. They are designed to take the impact and disperse it to the back of the jaw and in many cases prevent the front top teeth from being knocked out, but without one, all the force is absorbed by the impact area.

All mouth guards offer some form of protection but the dentist fitted or OPRA mouth guards are recommended and provide better protection.

Ocean Commotion

Years 3 and 4 have started rehearsing for this term's production, which will be staged in The Music School on Tuesday 11th March at 5pm. Every child is taking part so please put the date in your diaries!

JuSPA Disco

29th February

If your children would like to attend either of the discos, please return your reply slips to the School Office by Thursday, 14th February. Thank You.

Ruby Turner

1st March at 8.30 p.m.

We are very pleased that the sale of tickets for this event has been so popular. However, there are still some tickets left, so please think seriously if you would like to come before they are all sold out!!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

DAY	EVENT	PICKUP
Monday 11th February	Year 6 Mid Year Assessments this week 09:00 – 16:00 Year 4 History Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace 16:45 Year 7 & 8 Informal Concert in Music School 18:30 Solo Music Competition - Voice	16.15-16.30 for Y3 &Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Tuesday 12th February	08:30 – 17:30 Year 3 & 5 Art/History trip to British Museum 18:00 Year 7 Parents Meeting 18:30 Solo Music Competition – Woodwind and Brass	16.15-16.30 for Y3 &Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Wednesday 13th February	14:00 Boys Hockey v. Great Walstead 1 st XI (A), 2 nd XI (H), 3 rd XI (H), Colts A & B Vlls (A) Netball Triangular with Ardingly & Great Walstead at Hurst 1 st VII, 2 nd VII, U.11/U.10 A VII, U.11/U.10 B VII Netball v. Ardingly 3 rd VII (H), 4 th VII (H), U.9 & U.8 Great Walstead Netball Festival 18:30 Solo Music Competition – Strings, Percussion and Guitar	16.00 after games 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Thursday 14 th February	17:00 Swimming v. Handcross Park U.13 - U.9 (H) 18:30 Finance Committee Meeting	16.30 Y3-8 17:20 after activities 18:00 after prep
Friday 15th February	Gilbert's Charity Day for the Cheshire Home in Mumbai 15:15 Pre-Prep Half-Term begins 16:20 Chapel Eucharist Preacher: The Provost, The Rt Rev'd Lindsay Urwin, OGS Bishop of Horsham 17:15 Half Term begins after Chapel	17:15 after Chapel 18:00 after activities

Maths Challenge: In a time trial a cyclist wanted to average 40 km per hour between two towns A and C which are 10 km apart. A village B is sited exactly halfway between A and C and is reached after a long climb up from A. When the cyclist had climbed up to B he calculated that his average speed so far was only 20 km per hour. How fast must he ride on the descent from B to C if he is to attain the overall average speed of 40 km per hour?

Last week's answer: One train was travelling twice as fast as the other. Winner Alex Austin

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MATCH REPORTS:

Girls Games

Last week the following match reports were missed out of the Newsletter. Our sincere apologies to the girls involved:

Hurst U11A v Handcross Park A (1-0 win) and Handcross B (4-1 win)

Last Wednesday the U11A girls' hockey squad went to Handcross Park to play indoor V11 a side hockey. The girls played one match against Handcross A team and won 1-0 and then won a second match v the B team, 4-1. **Bronte Marks** and **Phoebe Oliver** were the forwards and scorers of the goals, whilst **Olivia Barker**, **Becky Grubb**, **Lottie O'Donoghue**, and **Emily Brown** played the midfield and defensive roles very effectively. **Daisy Drummond** was our choice of goalkeeper for the day and she made one or two excellent saves.

Hurst U8 v Cumnor House U8: 3 - 0 Win

What a fantastic game of netball! The U8 girls played superbly throughout the match, snatching the ball at every opportunity and making some excellent passes. Captain **Olivia Muston** (GK) led well from the front, but had a quiet game due to most of the play being in our attacking third. The rest of our defence, **Grace Taylor-West**, **Cara Kernon** and **Imogen Jagger** make some excellent interceptions, securing the ball for Hurst. Some fantastic interplay between our centre court players **Sasha Atkinson** and **Lucy Ward** fed the ball into the hands of our star shooters, **Maisy Banks** and **Jess Wycherley**. **Maisey Ella Redman** came on in the second quarter and had some great shots at goal and was unlucky not to score.

Team Award for outstanding play and excellent sportsmanship.

This Week's Reports

1st V11 Indoor Hockey v. Copthorne: 10 – 1 Loss

The girls had a challenging game of Hockey against Copthorne on Wednesday which was very much a game of two halves. Copthorne are used to playing Indoor Hockey where as we have not been able to get into the Sports Hall for much of this term. On Astro it would have been a very different story. Copthorne had a very able player who was able to dribble effectively around us and who scored several goals before we worked out how to stop her. In the second half, the score was 3-1. We were more organised and defended more effectively. Now that we have the sports hall back, we will endeavour to practice in there more. The team played well together and there is still more work to be done.

2nd V11 Indoor Hockey v. Copthorne: 2 – 1 Loss

The 2nd V11 played a hard game against Copthorne and were unlucky to lose. One slack piece of defending cost us a goal and we were unable to claw it back. Some good defensive work from **Gemma Graham** meant that we were able to keep the pressure on. **Rosie Zeidler** did well to score our goal. We need more time in the Sports Hall to practise our skills and will endeavour to do so in the next 2 weeks.

U9 Netball v Cumnor House: 1- 0 Loss

The Hurst U9 girls had a great match on Wednesday; they showed good attacking skills and made some lovely interceptions. The Cumnor House team were strong and quick, and took us by surprise in the first quarter, where they scored an early goal. We were ready for them in the second quarter and played more as a team and worked very hard to stop Cumnor from scoring any more goals! The girls achieved this because the whole team worked hard to intercept the ball and put pressure on the

Cumnor girls by tight marking. Despite some good attempts, we were unable to score and Cumnor took the game 1- 0. Well done girls for not giving up and for your determination not to let Cumnor score again. Girl of the Game was **Eloise Wilson** because of her accurate passing.

U11/I0A v Great Walstead U11: 5-17 Loss

Dare I use the excuse of lack of game play because of weather conditions etc, as we were certainly not displaying the skills we are capable of using. Shot for shot we matched the attempts in our attacking circle as Great Walstead, but all 4 of our shooters were well off target. Well done girls for making some good interceptions and fighting until the final whistle. Unfortunately no natural 'Girl of the Game' was visible this time round.

U10 v Great Walstead: 25 – 1 Win

Girls of the Game were the **Whole Team**

U8 v Great Walstead: 5 - 3 Loss

This game was very intense and exciting right from the start, with our GD **Grace Taylor-West** intercepting the ball at Great Walstead's first centre pass! Some excellent passes brought the ball down court and ended up in our circle in **Maisy Bank's** hands! She took a deep breath and scored the first goal of the game! In the second quarter Great Walstead equalised with a great shot from far out, then on a roll, they scored again. At half time Great Walstead were winning 2-1. We gave Great Walstead a hard time in the 3rd quarter, making great interceptions and producing some quality attacking play, and at the end of that quarter after 2 great goals from **Jess Wycherley**, we led 3-2. In the final quarter Great Walstead had 3 fantastic shots and we were not able to catch up before the final whistle.

Well done to all the girls for putting on such a great show of netball!

Girl of the Game: **Grace Taylor-West**.

U9 v Great Walstead: 9 - 0 Loss

The Hurst U9 team is looking stronger and stronger, despite the results of recent games. This match was a great stepping stone for us, as the Great Walstead team were skilled and experienced. What our girls lack in experience they make up for in skill, enthusiasm and determination. I think it is fair to say that we gave the opposition a good match, and were unlucky not to score, but the Great Walstead defence were tall and very effective. Out on court, play was close, with both teams making many interceptions. Well done girls for not giving up and for smiling all the way through!

Girl of the Game for her dynamic defending was **Francesca Bunce**.

Boys Games

Saturday 2nd February, 2008

Boys Hockey 1st XI v Windlesham House: 2 – 2 Draw

The first game of the season saw Hurst playing Windlesham and despite precious little practice, the team gave a good account of themselves against a team that has been playing for the whole term. The grass pitch played quite well although the mid week vandalism did not help give a billiard table surface! Hurst were a little tentative to start with although **Will Frost**, the captain, controlled the defence and his firm striking of the ball had players backing away from him. Windlesham scored first. This perhaps put a little more bite into the Hurst game and the equaliser came from a fine move down the right that was finished off in style by **Ed Blake**. There was a lot of fluent play in the second half with fine intelligent defence by **Will Frost**, **Tim Hyman** and **Marcus Campopiano**. Windlesham scrambled a second goal but Hurst's pressure told and **George Stone** levelled the scores.

Devan Clark-Sheward made very useful saves in goal and **Greg Wisdom** moved well with the ball in the midfield. **Tom Fairfax** came close to snitching a final goal in the closing moments of an exciting game.

Boys 2nd XI v Windlesham House: 7 – 0 Win

The boys travelled to Windlesham for the first game of the season. With reports of bad weather around the country we arrived in sunshine to find a well drained pitch. The boys started hard from the first whistle and were soon pressing the Windlesham defence. Having played a lot of hockey on astro it took a time for the team to adapt to the more difficult grass pitch conditions. Once the boys started to hit the ball harder they became more penetrating. The 1st goal was probably the pick of the lot with a fine committed finish from **Matt Flett**. **Connor Valentine** and **Toby Smith** took control of the centre of the pitch and **Ben Flett** was as committed as ever. The goal scores were **Matt Flett 2, Toby Smith 2, Dan Stokes, Arthur Crouch** and **Joe Vallone**. In all, a fine team performance with **Matt Flett** just taking Man of the Match.

Wednesday 30th January, 2008

Boys 2nd XI V Ardingly: 2 – 0 Win

The second XI continued their good start to the season with a good win away at Ardingly. In a very closely fought match Hurst played some good Hockey against a powerful side. Hurst were strong in the tackle and struck the ball well. The defences and midfields were very evenly matched but Hurst were the stronger in the final third of the pitch and this is what decided the game for us. **Arthur Crouch** scored a fine goal early in the game with **Matt Flett** adding another before half time. The Man of the Match was **Ben Flett** for his all round game and work rate.

Colts B v. Ardingly: 3 – 0 Win

A lovely afternoon of blue skies and mild temperatures saw perfect conditions for a match-up for the Colts B's on the Astro against Ardingly. Both teams played good flowing hockey, allowing talent to be shown and all to be involved. The Hurst B's took an easy victory in the end with a 3 – 0 score line. **Andrew Kirwan** (1) and **Edward Firth** (2) took domination in the forward line with effective support from **Jonny Newland**. **Matthew Jenkins** made smooth contributions from the right wing and **Jack** was dazzling with tip tap skills on the left. Our defence played their part disallowing any conceded score; **William Farthing** was firm in goal. It was a pleasure to umpire such a game and Ardingly were gracious and sporting in defeat. Man of the Match was **Andrew Kirwan**. Thanks to all the boys for such a terrific display of talent, fun and sportsmanship. CDB

Boys Hockey 1st XI v Ardingly 1st XI: 0 – 1 Loss

Something of a game of two halves with Hurst dominating the open play in the first session but failing to capitalise in front of goal. **Will Frost** was a controlling influence in the middle of the pitch. He showed imaginative powers of distribution, which open up opportunities for the attack. **Brandon Troak** and **Tim Hyman** on the flanks in the rear knew when to pounce and redirect the ball to the mid field. **Tom Fairfax** played well down the left, while **George Stone** and **Eddie Blake** looked threatening when they got the ball. A converted short corner put Ardingly ahead just before the break rather against the run of play. Hurst lost the control in the second half but although Ardingly had many attacking moves the defence kept them clear. **Devan Clark-Sheward** in goal made a number of impressive saves but Hurst did not create enough good ball for the attack to use.

Colts A VII v Ardingly: 8 – 0 Won

The Colts A played their first match and showed that they had the skills to dominate. The first half brought 2 goals, although the ball seldom entered the Hurst half. The players showed all the skills but tended to hold on to the ball for too long and so lose the opportunity to pass and make space for themselves. They opened up the play far more in the second half and demonstrated what could be done. Unselfish play by **Rob Cope**, **Alex** and **Ben Cooke**, **John Dean Mooney** and **Will Wycherley** brought some fine goals. An excellent performance all round!

U8 'A' & 'B' Triangular v Ardingly

A v Ardingly: 9 – 6 Loss

Some good play from the boys; **George Mills** and **Louis Muston** made some excellent runs with **Harry Shields** making some brilliant tags stopping Ardingly from pushing forward. **Christian Weatherstone** made some lovely passes out to **Josh Bacon** who did some great dodging on the wing. It is important to remember that there is no 'I' in team! We must work hard to improve our team cooperation! Man of the Match: **Harry Shields**

B v U8 A: A's 5 – 2 Won

Next the A's played the 'B's. The B's put up a strong fight and scored two lovely tries. **Charlie Muston** got stuck in and **Adam Radford** did well to tag so many players! **Jasper Anscombe** worked well alongside **Luke Biddle** making an excellent pass to ensure **Luke's** try. The B's really tried to work well as a team which was lovely to see. Man of the Match: **Luke Biddle**

Mixed Team v Ardingly: 4 – 5 Loss

U9 'A' Rugby v. Ardingly: 15 – 5 Won

Hurst started positively by trying to pass the ball out wide and let the centres and wingers do the work but Ardingly defended well. Hurst's determination did eventually pay off when **William Garrett** got a good clean ball from his forwards and passed it quickly to **Toby Barker** who in turn passed to **Josh Carlton-Smith**. It was then up to **Josh C-S** to run from the half way line to score a great opening try. Hurst and Ardingly continued to try and play open attacking rugby but both sides put in some good tackles or the final pass went to ground which prevented either side from scoring. Just before half time **Tom Law** was on the receiving end of some quick ball from his forwards and he went over for Hurst's second try to make the score 10 - 0 at half time.

Ardingly got themselves back into the game, and often looked threatening when they were in possession of the ball, by scoring first in the second half. Hurst fought their way back with **Jake Leibers** and **Miles Hurley** winning ruck ball and all their efforts soon paid off when **Josh Carlton-Smith** scored the final try.

Hurst need to learn to use all the space provided and concentrate on their positional play.

Man of Match - **Josh Carlton-Smith**- gave a solid performance in the centre both in attack and defence.

U 9 'B' Rugby v. Ardingly 'A': 5 – 50 Loss

It was then Hurst's B team's turn to try and emulate what the A team had just done but it was not to be. Ardingly proved too strong by scoring 5 tries in the first half. Hurst never gave up and it was pleasing to watch **Felix Marshall** score a great try against strong determined opposition.

Unfortunately the second half was much the same and Ardingly ran in another 5 tries but all the Hurst B team can be proud of themselves because they never gave up.

Man of Match - **Theo Harris** - never gave up and always made good ground when he got the ball