

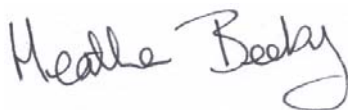
Dear Parents,

The children have been working hard to raise money today for the Leonard Cheshire Home in Mumbai, the Gilbert's charity this year. At lunchtime children organised fundraising stalls and it all looked very exciting. We will publish the exact amount of money raised in our next Newsletter but already we know it is in excess of £800 (64,156 rupees!) which is fantastic.

The solo music competitions and the informal concerts over the last two weeks have been truly outstanding and it is a great pleasure to see so many children making music in the School.

The hockey and netball results have also been excellent and it was good to see such spirited performances from the girls on Wednesday. Our boys' hockey teams have had an exceptional half term.

I hope you all have a very happy holiday.  
Best wishes



### Congratulations to:-

The following children who took part in the Solo Music Competition:

**Molly Singer-Kingsmith** winner of the Beginner Piano class.

**Rory Green** winner of the Intermediate Piano class.

**Serena Cobb** winner of the Beginner Brass class.

**Douglas Brion** winner of the Intermediate Woodwind class.

**Alice Manly** winner of the Beginner Woodwind class.

**Kit Holliday** winner of the Intermediate Brass class.

**Scott Brooker** winner of the Beginner Voice class.

**Nicole Tuffin** winner of the Beginner Voice class.

**Maddie Leeper** and **Zack Pinent** were joint winners of the Intermediate Voice class.

**James Ebdon** winner of the Intermediate Percussion class.

**Callon Peate** winner of the Beginner Strings class.

**Joss Harris** winner of the Beginner Guitar class.

### Trinity Guildhall Music Exams

**Douglas Brion** passed his Grade 2 Jazz Clarinet exam with Distinction and **Jacques Swan**, his Grade 1 Clarinet, with Merit. Very well done to you both.

**Georgia Harvey** recently entered riding events at the British Show Pony Society Area 14 Show and was awarded the following:- She won the Mixed Height Novice Show Hunter Pony Class and the Open 133cm Open Show Hunter Pony

Class. She was also made a Reserve Champion in the Open Show Hunter Pony Championship and a Restricted Reserve for being a member of Area 14. Well done Georgia.

**Tim Moses** has been selected for the Under 13 Sussex County Cricket Squad. Tim has worked really hard to achieve this. Very good news Tim!

**Jake Liebers, Rory Oliver** and **Toby Barker** took part in the 'H' Cup Tournament. They represented the U9's from Haywards Heath RFC. They not only won their age group, but were unbeaten in all 4 matches and did not concede any points against them.

All the boys received a winner's medal – very well done to you all!

**Matthew Jenkins** also played for the Haywards Heath U10's on Sunday in the "H" Cup. They only lost one match and conceded only 2 tries in their first match. After that they went on to win all their games, and no one else scored against them. This meant they were the runners up for their age group. Well done!

### House Points

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

DAY	EVENT	PICKUP
Monday 25th February	Half Term Ends! 13+ Hurst Awards (All Rounder) to Senior School 16:30 Confirmation Class in Boarders' Common Room	16.15-16.30 for Y3 &Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Tuesday 26th February	13+ Art Scholarships to Senior School Year 6 Mid Year Assessment Results sent to Parents 19:00 Solo Music Competition Winners' Concert	16.15-16.30 for Y3 &Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Wednesday 27th February	13+ DT & IT Scholarships to Senior School 14:00 Boys' Hockey v. Cottesmore 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (H 15:00), 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI (A), Colts XI (H, 14:00)  Rugby v. Cottesmore U.9 VII (H)  Girls' Hockey v. Cranleigh U.II/U.10A & B VIIs (A)  Netball v. Tavistock & Summerhill 4 <sup>th</sup> VII (A) Netball v. Handcross Park U.9 VII (A)	16.00 after games 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	13+ Downs Scholarships (Sports) to Senior School 18:15 Games' Committee Meeting 18:30 Year 6 Parents' Meeting	16.30 Y3-8 17:20 after activities 18:00 after prep
Friday 29th February	13+ Drama Scholarships to the Senior School 16:20 Chapel Eucharist Preacher: The Rev'd John Thackray, Chaplain of Kings School, Rochester	17:15 after Chapel 18:00 after activities
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	10:00 College Council Meeting 14:30 Boys Hockey v. Cranleigh 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (A), 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI (H), 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI (A), 4 <sup>th</sup> XI (H), Colts A XI (H), Colts B IX (A) 20:30 JuSPA Evening Entertainment in the Senior School Dining Room – International soul singer, Ruby Turner	

**Maths Challenge:** One for the holidays. Joe broke camp early to go fishing. He motored steadily up stream in his canoe to his favourite fishing pool. A mile up stream his hat flipped overboard, but Joe did not notice for another 5 minutes. As soon as he realised what had happened, Joe turned round and gave chase. By fortunate coincidence, he came across his hat, still floating merrily downstream, just as it was passing his campground. Assuming Joe motored at full throttle for the whole journey, how fast was the river flowing

**Last week's answer:** He cannot ride fast enough to make up the timer. Winner Benjy Mason

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## MATCH REPORTS:

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Boys' Games**

#### **Hockey 1<sup>st</sup> XI v St. Bede's: 4-1 Win**

This was a most encouraging performance by the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. We played fast moving open hockey and showed that we could move the ball on quickly from zone to zone on the pitch and thus were able to open up chances for the forwards to attack the goal. Our ability to do the basic skills well... the stopping and hitting put us in a position to dominate. The defence was always sound with **Tim Hyman** once again being safe in the tackle and being able to distribute the ball well. **Will Frost's** long reach had him clearing up in the middle, while **Marcus Campopiano** cut much out at the back. **Greg Wisdom** combined well with the attack and many excellent one-two moves were seen from him and the cousins. **Charlie Piper's** punishing cross field passes from the right increased the pressure. **Eddie Blake** and **George Stone**, the cousins, made room for themselves in the circle and scored 2 goals each.

#### **Hockey 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v St. Bede's: 0-0 Draw**

Not the best performance of the season especially in the 1<sup>st</sup> half where the Hurst boys seemed rather listless. On the day we played the better hockey but did not move the ball wide enough often enough to create clear cut chances. When we did have a chance in front of goal we panicked and fluffed the shot. In defence we were sound and the goalkeeper was rarely troubled. Man of the Match was **Tom Page**.

#### **Hockey 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v St. Bede's: 3-0 Win**

This was the first game of our season and the team were keen to show their mettle from the first whistle. With a dry pitch and a beautiful sunny afternoon, the prospect for a good match was mouth watering and the spectators were not disappointed.

**Ollie Brown** and **Haitham Al Omari** were called upon to play a sweeper's role at the back quite often which they did with skill and dexterity. **Kieran Morris** worked with **James Ebdon** who battled away in the centre of the pitch with **Ollie Bunn** providing the physical presence required to grind down the opposition. **Laurie Thorn-Dalton** was very lively on the left wing and quick at crossing the ball into the goal mouth, and **Nick Bacon** proved his worth on the right wing as a battler with a sound sense of time and space.

**Ollie** burst through the defence time and time again, and he linked effectively with **Chris Wyles** up front. This ensured a solid opening half in which the three goals were scored. Hurst gained several short penalties and both **Ollie Bunn** and **Chris Wyles** capitalised on these opportunities – **Ollie Bunn** scavenging brilliantly around the D waiting for a miss hit.

St. Bede's were calm and showed good organisation to swing the ball wide and make use of the full sized pitch but were thwarted often by the tenacity of **James Ebdon** and **Ollie Brown** at the back. We continued to maintain the majority of possession in St Bede's half and were unlucky not to score more goals with some near misses. A really good victory on which to build the rest of the season.

Man of the Match: **Ollie Brown**

#### **Colts A v St. Bede's: 7 – 0 Win**

Unfortunately St Bede's arrived late and could only bring 6 players, which meant that we had to play a shortened match. We started slowly like we did in our last match against Ardingly and were only 1-0 up at half-time. Indeed, we could have gone in level at half-time if it hadn't been for **George Garton** and **Morgan Griffin** in defence and a fine save, the only one he had to make, from **James Henriët**. We took the game by the scruff of the neck in the second half and began passing and using the space much better. As a result the goals flowed and we got the result that our play deserved. Next time boys, remember to start doing it from the off (the "bully off")!

### Colts B Hockey v St Bede's: 6 – 0 Win

In an impressive display of talent, teamwork and unrelenting forward pressure, Hurst Colt B's dominated in their match against St Bede's. It all took place in the St Bede's half with Hurst putting together a string of opportunities constructed by a dynamic and dazzling forward line made up of **Edward Firth (2)**, **Ali Crunden** and **Andrew Kirwan (1)**. **Jack Troak (2)** was always there on the left-hand side looking for space and pouncing on strike opportunities to take 2 of his own. **Jonny Newland (1)** deflected an effective cross to wow spectators and draw applause. The team was supported brilliantly by a strong substitution bench of **Michael Firth** and **Harry Goldman** who both made substantial contributions. **Matthew Jenkins** was solid in defence, clearing effectively and making several attacking runs also. St Bede's simply had no opportunity to strike, with our proud goal keeper fending off their single attempt to score.

The team development so far has been amazing to see and their unselfish play and reading of the game will no doubt see more goals and victories this season. The future of Hockey at Hurst College is a promising one with the depth and skill displayed by this team paralleling that of our own A team. CDB.

### Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### Boys Hockey v. Great Walstead 1st XI: 4 – 2 Win

Playing on a frost affected artificial surface is never easy but Hurst tried hard to play good passing hockey. In the first half Hurst created a few scoring chances but lack of control on the difficult surface made it difficult to convert them. By half time Hurst had scored 2 with the cousin pairing of **George Stone** and **Eddie Blake** both creating chances for each other. Great Walstead scored one in reply. In the second half Hurst again scored 2 goals, a roof of the net 1<sup>st</sup> time shot from **Tom Fairfax** and a well taken goal after a good move down the right by **Charlie Piper**. In the end a deserved victory.

#### Boys Hockey v. Great Walstead 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: 5 – 0 Win

This was a game of one half.....Hurst camped in Great Walstead's half for the whole game! **Freddie Newmarch** was woken briefly towards the end of the game! Hurst needed to move the ball on more quickly and that would have created a greater number of opportunities for the forwards. As it was **Arthur Crouch** and **Joe Vallone** scored 2 goals each and **Connor Valentine** put a fine shot passed the goalkeeper. Firm control at the back kept the ball up the field.

#### Boys Hockey v. Great Walstead 3<sup>rd</sup> XI: 10 – 0 Win

Our first opportunity to play on the astro surface was always going to be a lively affair with the team out to prove their mettle against untried opposition. We were at all times in the game, lively, aggressive, mobile and ambitious, which was only matched by our repeated onslaught of the Great Walstead goal, and complete domination of territory throughout the game. With three of our high profile players out (including our main goalkeeper), the team was re-jigged, and we had practiced trying to play at pace and use our wings and outer midfield players more creatively.

This policy had immediate effect with **Ollie Bunn** feeding **Scott Brooker** in a constant barrage of attacks at goal and **Nick Bacon** on the right linking well with **Ollie Bunn** and **James Ebdon** in the centre midfield role, and **Bailey Pilbeam**, playing in this first match on the right wing. In quick succession, Hurst was three goals to the good, with two from the scavenging of **Scott Brooker** and a further one from **Bailey Pilbeam**.

**Haitham Al Omari** and **Ollie Brown** were industrious at the back providing searing long balls through the centre, and **Rory Green** and **Nick Bacon** battled away to put through our attack. It was five nil by half time and Great Walstead were struggling to find an effective response, though they put together some useful phases of play which were broken down by our midfield offensive.

In the second half, **Scott Brooker** added a hat trick with **Laurie Thorn-Dalton** a fine goal for his hard work on the left wing, and **Ollie Bunn** a further strike to bring his tally to three.

**Alex Hawkins** was not troubled in goal and the team can be justly proud of the rapid progress they have made in the last two weeks.

Man of the Match: for his tenacious strike capacity was **Scott Brooker**.

### **Boys Hockey v. Great Walstead Colts A: 11-0 Win**

This time the team started passing from the start of the first half, rather than waiting to do this until after half-time as they had in the first two matches. As a result the boys played pleasing hockey, even on a surface which made the ball difficult to control. Another all-round team performance, well done lads! Areas for you to work on next match: try to get your feet around the ball so that you cut out the need for using the reverse stick so much and avoid hitting the ball across our goal at 16 "yard" hits.

### **Hurst Colts B Win against Great Walstead: 8 – 0 Win**

After an initial phase of adjusting to the unfamiliar surface, the Colts B team found their stride and began taking goals in their reputable style. Big hits from **Morgan Griffin** and **Ali Crunden** opened up the field and put Great Walstead on the back foot from the start. Hurst is becoming great at applying defensive pressure from within their opponents half and turning turnovers into attacking opportunities. The hacking in the D became a frustrating part of scoring but would have otherwise made the score line untamed. Hurst B is ready for a new level of challenge and needs to be stretched, but recent games have led to a building of confidence and an opportunity for all to be involved in this great game. **Michael Firth** did a fantastic job of a small amount of defence needed, as he controlled the ball and clear effectively. **Jack Troak's** new pink stick served him well and allowed the little man to find big power in some midfield strikes and aggressive tackling. Congratulations to the boys. CDB

### **Netball Triangular with Ardingly & Great Walstead**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VII Great Walstead vs. Hurstpierpoint College: 10 – 5 Win**

This week we had a new combination out and we came out ready for victory. We stormed ahead to 6-1 in the first quarter but disaster was to come. In the second quarter we received two casualties including **Christie Brown** who had to be subbed due to a neck injury. As a result of this, we had to move the team members around but we took it in our stride and defended and attacked well. Just as we settled again **Emma Dugard** fell and hurt herself but thankfully was okay. In the third quarter we were back to the original side and felt much more in our comfort zone. As a consequence of this we passed the ball down the pitch quickly and made exceptional interceptions. However, Great Walstead fought back with quick play, but we kept in control and kept our lead.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VII Hurst v. Ardingly: 6 – 4 Loss**

Ardingly brought out a strong, athletic side. They started powerfully playing a different game to Great Walstead and pulled ahead 3-0 in the first few minutes. However we settled in and played our game and by half time we were only one goal down. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the match was very level and competitive with high-quality teamwork on both sides.

Generally, there was outstanding defending in the goal third forcing the opposition to the 3 second limit. There was great attacking play, finding space and sharp, accurate passing. Finally, the Girls of the Game were the **whole team**.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> VII U 13 v. Great Walstead and Ardingly: 10 – 0 Loss**

The match against Great Walstead started off well, and the girls all played with tenacity and great passing. We scored the first goal, and from then on the girls had a much more positive outlook towards the game. The final score ended up being 5 - 2 to Hurst. Ardingly, however, proved stronger than us after having a game off, and their height and energy were a bit too much for us. The girls tried valiantly, but the final score against them eventually ended up as 10 - 0 to them. Girl of the Game was **Emma Webb**.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> VII v. Ardingly: 9 - 1 Win**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> VII played Ardingly on Wednesday afternoon and had a fantastic game. We have worked long and hard at dodging, cutting back and passing. We have practised centre passes and back line passes too. The girls were able to put all of this into practice yesterday against a taller team who were also playing fine-flowing netball. We managed, by the third quarter to disrupt their rhythm and we were far superior

in our court play. Our back line passes worked, **Ellie Stevens** and **Zoë Griffiths** marked their players out of the circle, the centre passes worked and **Gemma Graham** had a brilliant game as Centre, moving and controlling the attack. **Alice Manly** had a fantastic game at Wing Defence, making dozens of interceptions and really working hard at 'big marking'. At Wing Attack, both **Evelyn Candler** and **Alice Blundell** played good netball, feeding the circle and fighting back in defence. The shooters, **Olivia Way** and **Lizzie Beeby** worked tirelessly to get the ball in to the net. It didn't happen immediately, but they kept going and eventually the confidence came. **Olivia Way** scored 6 goals and **Lizzie Beeby** 3.

We were deserved winners yesterday and we worked brilliantly as a team. The girls were proud of themselves and I was proud of them. They have made a great leap forward in the last 2 weeks and it really showed. It would be unfair to single any one person out of the game, they **all** did brilliantly! DKS

#### **4<sup>th</sup> VII v. Ardingly: 6 - 6 Draw**

A very equally matched game! Many of the Hurst girls really worked their socks off. **Molly Singer Kingsmith** was constantly on her toes making fantastic interceptions and feeding the ball brilliantly into the circle. **Eliza Drummond** found a new position at GD, where she really shone, leaving **Olivia McShane** at WD working hard at defending those high balls into the circle. **Lizzie Freeman** made Ardingly's WD struggle! **Kirsty Mayes** and **Elsa Noad** worked the ball well around the circle making sure they got the best opportunity at goal. **Tara Nuttall** helped out by scoring some superb goals too! **Rebecca Thackray** worked super hard in the centre third intercepting and attacking with **Freya Codling**, **Serena Cobb** and **Charlotte Haigh** working hard to defend Ardingly's shots. Girl of the Game has to go to **Molly Singer-Kingsmith** for having the rosier cheeks when the game ended really showing how much effort she put in. She just didn't give up! Truly brilliant to watch!

#### **U.II/U.I0 'A' VII Triangular with Great Walstead and Ardingly**

Glancing through the calendar it was noticed that the remaining netball matches were going to be divided into age groups and not A and B squads so it was decided to give some of the girls who had been in the "B" squad an opportunity to step-up and experience a game at a slightly higher level and to also reward **Ailsa Green** for her excellent play and amount of goals she has scored.

It was a good decision as the girls thoroughly enjoyed the matches and the rare opportunity to play with one another. They were also delighted to have narrowed the goal difference to 2 against Great Walstead after last week's heavy loss. The occasion also gave us the opportunity to try 3 shooters in both squads and **Lottie O'Donoghue** and **Olivia Barker** were more relaxed at the GS position and were both consistent with their shots. **Ailsa Green's** movement on the court was excellent but the pressure in the D meant that she was not quite as accurate with her shots. **Bella Arghiros** played well at WA linking with **Georgia James** who played C. **Becky Grubb** played an excellent WD whilst **Emilia Fairfax** and **Elizabeth Walker** took on the GD and GK roles, both intercepting the ball from time to time. **Emily Hollings** played a defending role, not to her standard she thought but in fact she displayed some excellent defensive moves that we had been practicing in the lessons. Thank you **Maddie Leeper** for time-keeping.

With the sun shining, the glorious setting of the new netball court and the enjoyment had by all the teams it was a great afternoon!! **Results were: Great Walstead Won 5-3, Ardingly A Won 6-1 and Ardingly B Won 2-0 against us.**

#### **U.II B V Great Walstead and Ardingly 7-1 Win, 10 -0 Win and 4-0 Win**

The U.II B played quadrangular against Ardingly and Great Walstead. Our girls played a flawless game during our first match against Great Walstead. The girls' movement on the court was perfectly timed, with accurate passing and numerous interceptions. **Ella Bacon** dodged brilliantly and with the help of **Phoebe Oliver**, drove the ball towards our attacking end to allow **Martha Powell** and **Bronte Marks** to shoot. The shooters displayed great teamwork together in the circle and didn't miss a goal all game, to make the score a 7-1 lead. A well deserved win!

During the second game, the girls played out of their usual positions, so much concentration was required. **Sarah Forster** and **Elizabeth Hague** were nimble on their feet and quickly passed the ball

around the centre court. Whilst **Georgia Thompson** came into her own, defending for the first time and expertly moving in front of her playing to intercept the ball. Another superb 10-0 win. Finally we played the second Ardingly team and with **Maddie Leaper** stepping into defence. We continued to be a force to be reckoned with resulting in a 4-0 win to Hurst.  
Girl of the Game: **Georgia Thompson**

### U9 Netball Festival against Great Walstead and Ardingly 'B's: 1 – 0 Win

A lovely day for a netball festival, the sun was shining and there were lots of girls from 3 different schools all ready to have a great time playing the sport they love!

Our first game was against Ardingly B, and a great shot from **Shona Manson** gave us a 1-0 lead which we managed to keep until the final whistle! It was tough because the Ardingly side made several attempts to get the ball to their shooters but **Elysia Filmer-Cox** and **Francesca Bunce** were too dominant in the circle and **Lucy Manly** and **Eloise Wilson** too tough to beat outside the circle!

### Final Score 1 – 0 Win v. Ardingly 'B's

The next game, after no rest or water, against Ardingly A! This game was fast and furious with Ardingly scoring 4 goals in the first half. Not to be defeated easily, Hurst came out determined to score in the second half and surprised Ardingly with their quick moves and accurate passing and some great court play got to the ball to **Eloise Wilson** who calmly scored. Again, tight defending from all players meant that in the second half the opposition were unable to score! **Pip Mooney** used her speed and determination to make some great interceptions in the mid court.

### Final Score 4-1 Loss v. Ardingly 'A's

The third game, again without rest (!) was against Great Walstead B. We took the lead in the first match after a lovely interception from **Hannah Biddle** which she then managed to feed **Eloise Wilson** in the circle, where, again, **Eloise** calmly shot and scored! In the second half the Great Walstead team made some nice interceptions and after several attempts at goal, scored. Hurst were now determined to win this game and worked well as a team to get the ball down court, unfortunately the final whistle blew just as **Shona Manson** was about to shoot!

### Final Score 1-1 Draw v. Great Walstead 'B's

The fourth and last game of the festival was against Great Walstead A. We had a well earned rest and water break before this game and had a team talk. Our game plan for this game was to pass the ball flat, to avoid the taller players from the opposition making easy interceptions. This was achieved and we certainly gave the opposition a challenge! **Elsa Powell** made some lovely mid-court passes, keeping the ball in our possession and linking well with **Lucy Manly**, **Hannah Biddle** and **Eloise Wilson**. **Mimi Barker** made some good moves in the circle to get free from her tall defender!

### Final Score 3-1 Loss v. Great Walstead 'A's

All the girls played their very best and produced some lovely netball. Well done everyone!

### U8 Netball Festival against Great Walstead and Ardingly

The sun was shining brightly as some very excited U8 girls left Hurst to play a mini-tournament at Great Walstead. This was a fantastic afternoon that gave all the girls an opportunity to play at least one complete match as well as benefiting from the experience of playing in a tournament.

Our first game, against Great Walstead 'A' team was nail-bitingly close as both teams moved the ball well down the court and into the circle. **Imogen Jagger** played well at GK, her height giving her the added advantage over a smaller opponent. **Grace Taylor-West** was defending as fiercely as ever, making some lovely interceptions and reading the game well. A 2-2 draw was a very fair reflection on the fantastic play by both teams. U8 'A's v. Great Walstead: 2 – 2 Draw