

Dear Parents,

The children have come back to school in fine form after the half term break and although we are still suffering from coughs and colds we are in good spirits.

The Winners' Concert on Tuesday evening was very good indeed. The performers were quite nervous but it is exciting to see so many of our young musicians playing at such a fine level.

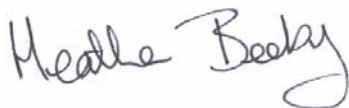
Years 3 and 4 are building up to a great performance next Tuesday with 'Ocean Commotion' and I hope that lots of you will be able to come and support it.

The children are looking forward to the JuSPA Disco tonight and I am very grateful to all the parents who have worked hard to make this evening a success. I would appreciate it very much if you could collect your children in good time at the end of the disco so that the adults can go home and recover! Thank you.

I am excited about the Ruby Turner concert tomorrow evening and am looking forward to seeing many of you there as well. It should be a great evening.

A busy week ahead with Year 8 mock examinations, a Year 7 English/History trip to the Globe Theatre, a Year 3 Parents' Evening, lots of matches, the Travelling Book Fair and an Open Morning on Saturday!

We certainly keep your children busy!
Have a very enjoyable weekend.



Best wishes

Charity Day

Gilbert's House was responsible for organising their Charity Day on Friday, 15th February. To date over £1,150.00 has been raised for the Cheshire Home in Mumbai in India. When converted into Rupees this is a huge sum and will make a great difference to the people there. Many thanks to all who contributed and particularly to the pupils who organised the fund raising activities on the day.

Year 7 Enrichment Tasks

A quick reminder for all those students who took up the challenge of completing an Enrichment task. The deadline for the tasks is fast approaching; **Wednesday 5th March**. Please make sure you are ready to hand in your project on time. An exhibition of the work will be on display in the foyer during **Week 10 'Enrichment Week'**.

In addition, this week will also give the opportunity for all those pupils from **Year 3-Year 6** to cash in their **E**

Credits for a special 'Chocolate Reward' - more details next week.

World Book Day (WBD) **Thursday 6th March**

This is the biggest celebration of books and reading in the UK. To mark the event the Prep School will be holding our annual Book Fair. This will run from Thursday, 6th March to Wednesday 12th March and will be open at lunchtimes and after school. A range of books, posters & stationery items will be on sale. You will shortly receive a letter giving you more details. As the school receives commission for every book sold your support would be greatly appreciated. Every child in the school will also receive a free £1 World Book Day Book Token. This can either be redeemed at the book fair or alternatively can be exchanged for any one of nine specially produced £1 books written by such famous authors as Robert Muchamore, Neil Gaiman and Dav Pilkey. The library will have a limited quantity of these £1 books, but they will also be available from good bookshops.

House Points

4th	Gilbert's
3 rd	Lowe's
2 nd	Scott's
1 st	Howard's

WEEKLY CALENDAR

DAY	EVENT	PICKUP
Monday 3 rd March	Mock Scholarship & Common Entrance Examinations 16:30 Confirmation Class in Boarders' Common Room 18:30 Calendar Meeting	16.15-16.30 for Y3 & Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Tuesday 4 th March	Mock Scholarship & Common Entrance Examinations 18:30 Year 3 Parents' Evening Cancelled Activities: Film Club, Board Games and French Speaking.	16.15-16.30 for Y3 & Y4 16.30 Y5-8 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Wednesday 5 th March	Mock Scholarship & Common Entrance Examinations 14:00 Boys' Hockey v. St Andrews 1 st XI (A 14:00), 2 nd XI (H 14:00), 3 rd (H 14:00), Colts A & B Vlls (H 15:00) Colts C & D Vlls (A 15:00) Rugby v. Copthorne U.8 A & B IXs (tag) (A) Girls' Hockey v. Cottesmore 1st XI (H), Ull VII (H) Netball v. Copthorne 2nd VII (A), 3 rd VII (A) Netball v. Tavistock & Summerhill U.10 VII (H), U9/U8 A & B Vlls (H) Headmaster's Meeting Senior School common Room	16.00 after games 17.20 after private study 18.00 after prep
Thursday 6 th March	Travelling Book Fair arrives 08:30 – 17:30 Year 7 English/History trip to the Globe Theatre	16.30 Y3-8 17:20 after activities 18:00 after prep
Friday 7 th March	10:30 U.13 IAPS Netball Tournament at Roedean Boys' Inter House Cross Country: Senior and Junior 16:20 Chapel Eucharist Preacher: The Chaplain	17:15 after Chapel 18:00 after activities
Saturday 8 th March	10:30 Open Morning 10:00 Boys' Hockey v. Copthorne 1 st XI (H) 14:30 Boys' Hockey v. Stoke Brunswick 2 nd XI (A) 14:30 Rugby v. Stoke Brunswick U.9 IX (H)	

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

Come on! - No answers yet. I will let this ride another week and then eat the skittles myself (not good for the diet)!

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MATCH REPORTS:

SWIMMING GALA V. Handcross Park

The final score was Hurst 42 Handcross 39

On Thursday 14th February we had a swimming gala v Handcross Park. The swim team went into this with a very positive attitude and we had some excellent swims all round.

The following children swam personal bests:

Becky Thackray 50m F/C 41.03 > 38.32 An improvement of 3 seconds.

Phoebe Oliver 50m B/C 53.98 > 49.25 An improvement of 4 seconds.

Theo Harris 25m B/C 26.84 > 24.84 An improvement of 2 seconds.

Claudia Oliver 50m BRS 1-03-46 > 55.18 An improvement of 8 seconds!

Alex Cooke 50m BRS 1-02.56 > 56.28 An improvement of 6 seconds!

As you can see from this, the swimmers were pushed hard by Handcross and had to really pull out all the stops. We have a good depth in our squad so that our relays are always well swum and have that competitive edge. Well done to everyone who swam especially as we were all quite tired before the end of the half term!

Hockey 1st XI v Cottesmore: 2-1 Win

A slightly weakened 1st XI faced Cottesmore and made a slow start with passes that did not quite find their man and players waiting for the ball rather than moving onto it. After we had gone a goal behind, the engine began to rev! A fine piece of midfield play by **Harrison Marks** opened up space for **Charlie Piper** to come in from the right to score a well-struck goal. The defence kept pushing forward and we were unlucky not to score again before the break. We dominated the second half by dint of fine defence and mid field control by **Tim Hyman**, **Will Frost**, **Brandon Troak** and **Will Upton**. **Will Frost** scored the second goal with a fine shot from the edge of the D. We maintained the pressure to the end and thoroughly deserved the win.

Hockey 2nd XI v Cottesmore: 7-0 Win

Hurst played some of their best grass hockey of the season in the first half of this match to take a 5-0 lead by half time. The boys were tenacious in their tackling and quick and decisive up front. The ball was moved wide and struck soundly across the goal with players lining up to score. With Matt and Ben Flett both playing well and winning a lot of ball, Cottesmore had difficulty getting out of their own half and Arthur Crouch was untroubled during his first stint in goal. A more spirited second half performance by Cottesmore saw Hurst score another 2 in the second half. Goal scorers **Ben Flett 2**, **Dan Stokes 2**, **Alex Austin**, **Chris Wyles**, and **Matt Flett**. Man of the Match was **Chris Wyles** for his tireless running in mid-field.

Hockey ColtsA XI v Cottesmore: 11-0 Win

On a fabulous February afternoon the Colts XI put on a performance to warm the expectant spectators on the bank as much as the “summer-like” sunshine. The team’s first-half performance matched the wonderful weather. This was the first time the Colts had played as an XI on a full-sized pitch, rather than as a VII on half-sized pitch. With much more space to play in, it was important that the team tried “to make the ball do the work”; to control the ball and pass it on as soon as possible, then move to get into another position to receive the ball again. The team did this from the “off” in the first half and played particularly handsome hockey; thoroughly deserving their 8-0 half-time lead.

Inevitably the team’s second half performance dipped below their extremely high first-half level. Individuals tended to try to do too much on the ball; to run with the ball and try to take on and beat too many of the opposition themselves, rather than passing to a team mate in a better position. Instead of hugging the touchlines and making the most of the space, by pulling the opposition wide, we tended to all bunch together in the D along with the whole of the opposition team who defended much better

in the second half. Their goalkeeper pulled off several superb saves. I would like to congratulate Cottesmore for fighting until the end and not giving up, despite the score line and the fact that it was only the third time they had played hockey. Well done to both teams. Hurst beware! You will need to play like you did in the first-half against Cottesmore **for the whole game** against Cranleigh!

U9 A's IX Rugby Cottesmore Match Report

The under 9A's had a winning steak to maintain, and were not about to let that slip against this weeks opponents Cottesmore. Cottesmore turned up with only 6 players due to illness, so the three stalwarts of the B's **Toby Lewis, Felix Marshall** and **Theo Harris** stepped in to lend a hand. The conditions were superb and conducive to flowing and dare I say it champagne rugby. Much is expected of this team as they continue to grow from strength to strength each week, and they ever present group of loyal supporters were not to be disappointed. The boys began sluggishly for them, with a few basic handling errors and moments of indiscipline, but midway through the first half they found their rhythm and began to put Cottesmore on the back foot. The patience paid off and **Toby Barker** was able to slice through the cover defence and score; moments later **Tom Law** crashed through tackles on the blindside wing to score in the corner. With possession at a premium the boys made the most of it and ran in two more tries before half time from **Josh Carleton-Smith** and **William Garrett**, who benefited from some excellent handling and rucking from the rest of the team.

The second half started with a bang and the team continued to display their attacking prowess, running in a hat-trick of early tries, **Josh Carleton-Smith** added another and the powerhouse of the team **Jake Liebers** added a well taken brace. The comfortable cushion that these tries gave us enabled the coach to make a few adjustments to the team, despite the reshuffling the team maintained an excellent balance to their play and were further rewarded with three more tries before the end; **Garrett** and **Barker** completed their own braces and **Miles Hurley** powered over at the death to make the final score 50-0. The score line flattered us somewhat as we were playing an under-strength side but none-the-less the boys executed their skills with great aplomb and showed the benefits of working hard in training to produce such displays. A special mention must go to the three boys who stepped up from the U9 B's to help the beleaguered Cottesmore; they played with great tenacity and played fantastically well given the circumstances, well done and thank you again **Toby Lewis, Felix Marshall** and **Theo Harris**. This week there were no individual performances that stood out, as everyone in the team performed so well. The forwards were again magnificent, securing the backs quick ball and producing countless turnovers. The backs are looking really sharp, with slick hands and great vision and awareness; and the team tackling was once again exemplary. Well done boys!

Netball 4th VII v Tavistock and Summerhill: 11-2 Win

We won our match against Tavistock and Summerhill 11: 2. At the end of the first quarter we were ahead by four goals, the ball had been kept out of our defending third. It was in the attacking area and the centre half that the ball mostly remained. It was a tough quarter but we kept our defence strong, there was brilliant defending by **Alice Manly, Jordan Jones** and **Eleanor Stevens** - they kept the ball in the attacking third. **Alice Blundell** and **Gemma Graham** kept up the good work by getting the ball in the circle for the shooters. **Lizzie Beeby** and **Kirsty Mayes** scored some excellent goals. At the end of the second quarter we scored two goals and Tavistock scored one. We had more good defending from **Alice Blundell, Jordan Jones** and **Freya Codling**. The ball still mostly stayed in the two attacking quarters. Good dodges were made by **Gemma Graham** and **Alice Blundell** which helped get the ball into the circle. In the third quarter **Lizzie Beeby** and **Becky Thackray** had some good attempts at goal, so we had a good lead. **Eleanor Stevens** prevented the ball from entering the circle most of the time. In the last quarter we had some great defending from **Becky Thackray, Kirsty Mayes** and **Freya Codling**, but Tavistock were rewarded with a goal. It was a fair game but we kept strong and ended up with a victory.

Girl of the Game was shared between **Lizzie Beeby** and **Alice Blundell**, although the whole team played their best game this season. Written by Kirsty Mayes.

U9 Netball v Handcross Park: 17-2 Loss

The girls gave a very good performance at Handcross Park today. All the work we have been doing in training is starting to come together and they showed a lot of individual improvement. The next step for the U9 netball squad is to work on set plays and on developing a sound understanding of the game. The Handcross Park team were very tall, but also very well rehearsed as a team. It was difficult for the girls to pass the ball because Handcross Park were so tall! However, their score could have been much higher but they also found it difficult to get the ball past our defence! **Elysia Filmer-Cox, Francesca Bunce** and **Mimi Barker** dominated the circle and caused Handcross to make many errors.

Girl of the Game: **Elsa Powell**, as she kept driving to the ball and was a key link between defence and attack. Well played girls!

U11 A Girls Hockey v Cranleigh: 8-0 Loss

A disappointing afternoon for our girls. Although goals were scored against her, **Elizabeth Walker** made some excellent saves in her debut role as goalkeeper. **Lottie O'Donoghue** took an early knock on the knee just as a penalty corner was awarded, so we had to face this with only 6 players and another goal was scored. **Olivia Barker** had a painful injury to her ankle so could not take part in the second half, which meant positional changes for **Becky Grubb, Georgia James, Phoebe Oliver and Emily Hollings. Bronte Marks** was then left as the only forward attacking player. Unfortunately it was one of those games where the girls had left their energy and 'thinking processes' on the coach. Towards the end of the game a hockey ball from another game broke a window in our coach. We hope for better luck next week and rather more energy next week!

U11 B Girls Hockey v Cranleigh: 3-2 Loss

It was a tremendous shame that the end result was a loss, as the game was incredibly close and the whole team showed real determination. We were a force to be reckoned with during the first half, attacking the ball aggressively, whilst putting great pressure on the Cranleigh backs. **Ailsa Green** and **Daisy Drummond** worked well as a team to score two fine goals! Unfortunately we relied on our forwards to drop back a little too often, which meant that we slightly ran out of steam during the second half. Our goalie, **Martha Powell** really deserved to be Girl of the Game. She showed incredible focus by saving at least eight goals in the second half!

'Out of School' Congratulations to:

Marcus Campopiano has been selected to play for the 'Northern Knights Sussex Area U13' team. **Brandon Troak** has been selected into the 'South Area' for cricket and his brother **Jack** has got into the 'Sussex U10' squad.

George Garton and **Rob Cope** have both been selected for the 'U11 County Cricket' squad.

Greg Wisdom has got through to the 'Sussex U14' team.

Very well done to these talented cricketers! We are very proud of you all.

During half term **Cara Kernon** was awarded the Blue Queen level in the Swiss Snow league. **Cara** came 4th out of 24 in a ski race. **Oisín Kernon** won a medal in his ski race at Gstaad and passed his ski test to move to Red Level in the Swiss Snow League. **Dylan Broe** achieved his 2nd Level Bronze Medal in skiing at half term as well.

Christian Weatherstone won a One Star Snowboarder medal.

Well done to all of you!