

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Week ending Friday, 11 March 2005

From Mr Wavell

Mr Bruce's visit. Tuesday 15 March

A reminder that all Pre-Prep parents are invited to meet Mr and Mrs Bruce at 3.00 pm in the Walton Centre Hall and Main School parents have a similar opportunity at 6.00 pm. Please be aware that there will be limited parking spaces. *If possible, please leave your car elsewhere.*

Reception Teacher

I am sorry to have to tell you that Mrs Eatwell has decided not to return following her maternity leave; her husband's job has moved to Bristol, so it would be impractical for her to continue. We send her our best wishes and thanks for all she did during her time with us.

Happily, Mrs Patrick, who has been covering Mrs Eatwell's maternity leave since September, has accepted the permanent position and will, therefore, continue to teach Reception in the future. She has quickly become an integral figure in school life and we are all delighted that she will remain with us.

Absence from school, leaving school, off games etc.

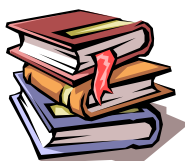
It is vital that parents send a written letter to absent their son from games or to seek permission to take him off site or early for an appointment. Verbal messages are not able to be dealt with by class teachers.

Gumshields and pads

It is imperative that all boys have gumshields and their pads. They must be worn for matches and for practices.

SECURITY

We always expect boys to be courteous to any “visitors” they come across on the School site but frequently remind them that they should not admit anyone they do not know; any bona fide visitor will totally understand that security is our first priority. Parents, please also adopt this view and if asked to let anyone into the site or buildings, make sure you take them either to the office during the week, or to the duty staff at weekends. (Last weekend a member of staff was surprised to find a completely unknown family wandering around school – as it happened they were “genuine” but had apparently been admitted unaccompanied.)



Poetry Competition

We had an excellent poetry competition on Saturday 5 March with some splendid performances. It is a tribute to the work that the boys have put in and to staff who prepared them. The great variety of poems which were enjoyed was, as always, a pleasure.

Congratulations

Belated congratulations to Old Boy and former CCCS 1st XV captain Morgan Thompson who captained Pangbourne College 1st XV from the unaccustomed position of outside half. Pangbourne had an outstanding season, even being voted Team of the Month by Rugby World Magazine. PW

Sainsbury's “Active Kids” Tokens

By collecting the tokens, we hope to be able to acquire plenty of free games equipment, so please save all of yours and ask family and friends to do the same; the more we collect between now and June, the more equipment we shall be able to obtain. We understand that additional tokens are given when fresh fruit and vegetables are purchased; an admirable incentive, given our membership of HOSAS (Healthy Oxfordshire Schools Award Scheme). There will shortly be collection points around school, but for now, please send tokens to the office. Thank you.

Headlice

A case of headlice has been reported in both the pre-prep and the main school. Parents may wish to be vigilant in checking their children's hair.

Tesco's Vouchers for Computers in Schools

Just a reminder to keep collecting those vouchers. There are carrier bags for collection in all the classrooms and the form with the largest total will win a prize. By collecting the tokens, we hope to be able to gain more mathematics software, so please save all of yours and ask family and friends to do the same; the more we collect the more software. Thank you. MC

Pre-Prep Matters from Mrs Allen

Pre-Prep Robin Hood Performance Friday 18 March

Please remember that all the children in Reception, Form 1 and Form 2, plus some Nursery children will be going to the performance in the Wesley Memorial Chapel at 2.30 pm. It is estimated that the performance will be over no later than 3.30. If you are not coming to the performance, please collect your child from the chapel. If for any reason this is inconvenient, please let staff know in advance and he/she will be brought back to school. Going from the school, the chapel is on the left at the George Street end of New Inn Hall Street.

Open Classrooms

Next week is your chance to see the displays and work of recent weeks.

Monday 14th March **Form 2** 3.00 to 4.00 pm

Wednesday 16th March **Reception** 3.00 to 4.00 pm

Thursday 17th March **Form 1** 3.00 to 4.00 pm

Painting

Parents may wish to note that there are places available on the **Painting Day** on **Friday 25 March**. There are also places left on the 1st week Easter Art School.

Mr Cotterill may organise a 2nd week of Art Activities from **Monday 4 April to Friday 8 April**. Would parents please indicate on the enclosed form if they are interested. DC

BEETLE DRIVE/QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to all the families that participated in the Beetle Drive and/or Quiz night. It was a great success, not least because an unexpected profit of £267.50 was made! It was good to see so many children from across the age range of the school having fun together, and parents too. We hope to see such a good turnout at future events.

CCCSPA BALL AT BLENHEIM PALACE

Ticket sales are going very well for the ball. A number of people have expressed interest but have not yet sent in their forms. We do need to know numbers because the start of Trinity Term is so close to 6th May. If you have not sent in your forms, or have lost them, or need longer to drain payment out of your friends, then please contact our outstanding treasurer: Jill Bond on 01865 790828 or Email: tamar_bond@hotmail.com

If any parents are in a small musical group and are interested in providing the musical backdrop to the reception, please contact Lisa Mynheer on 01865 351340 (evenings) or Email: l.mynheer@diagnox.co.uk

Second squad CCCS vs. Beachborough

We sent 14 boys to Beachborough and put them into two teams, which were pretty much the same. Beachborough started the match and both teams tried to set up a good chance for their attackers. Beachborough had played their hockey on astro turf before and they were obviously more experienced. Beachborough managed to get a few good passes to their best player and found himself one to one with Adam Smith (the goalkeeper). However he only managed to score once. Adam made some good saves but unfortunately a few minutes before the end of the first half Beachborough managed to score again. CCCS however showed their bounce back ability and Ben Street and George Kambouroglou managed to get the ball to James Baker who slotted home from close range. Second half the CCCS boys inspired by their earlier goal controlled most of the second half. A long-range free ball from CCCS hit the post and James Baker thought he scored, as did the CCCS team. CCCS were now very tired as they had not played on astro turf before and were not used to playing such a fast game. Beachborough took advantage of this and managed to score a last minute goal. The end result was 3-1 to Beachborough. GK and JB

Team: Adam Smith (goalie) Henry Bickers, George Kambouroglou, Ben Street (captain), Mark Knops, Jay Jung and James Baker.

1st 7

It was a more daunting task for the 1st team, who were playing the runners up in the county tournament. Their skills level was good, but their positional play led to Okeore being left totally exposed in the goal. The boys did not let their heads drop and on the occasions that the boys linked together they put the opposition under pressure. A good move between Alex and Ben led to a goal being scored.

The final score of 10:1 does not reflect the closeness of the game, and all the 14 boys involved should be proud of their efforts.

Team: Okeore Ibru, Alex Smith, Ben Etherton, Ed Hocken, Sam James, Yosuke Kawanishi, Reuben Mynheer JG