



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents,



I am delighted to be able to show you two rather grainy and amateurish photographs, taken by me as I walked around the School and the Meadow this week. This photograph is of the playground at lunch break on Wednesday morning. You will notice that there are no cars to be seen. Thanks to all the efforts of our staff, we have now arranged it so that no-one needs to make use of the playground to park. This has enabled our pupils to have the entire playground in which to enjoy their breaks.

Without cars the space is significant – we are enjoying seeing how the pupils are making use of the new space. It seems that a Cricket crease has been created in the place along the wall where the cars used to be. Let's hope that this will improve the standard of our Cricket. The boys are delighted by the change.



This photograph is of a scene of destruction – not necessarily one which you might be expecting on the front of this publication. But it is a scene of destruction which promises a great deal. It is a picture of the place where the old pavilion used to be. Of course the reason it has been removed is because the construction of our new pavilion is about to begin. I have made many claims about this before, but now we have incontrovertible evidence that things are moving forward. This is outstanding news for the School. The new pavilion will transform the way in which we are able to use our playing fields – we will be able to host tournaments and charity events; we will be able to entertain visiting teams properly; we will have decent shelter for our pupils when the weather is inclement; we will be able to entertain properly over on the fields and we will be able to teach in the pavilion's main room, allowing us to make full use of the Woodland School. We will be in touch with you in more detail next week about this exciting news.

Talking of exciting news, we are hosting a double reeds event in the School and in the Cathedral on Monday. I am not sure what your expectations about a double reeds event are, but it is a fairly remarkable occasion. Double reed instruments, including the oboe and the bassoon, are very difficult to play and are, as a consequence, rarely played - especially by young people. In our school we have a large number of oboists and bassoonists – so much so, in fact, that we are hosting this event, to which pupils from two famous music schools, namely Wells Cathedral School and the Purcell School of Music are coming. Also participating is the principal oboist of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra so it will be a memorable occasion. I hope that a number of you might come to the concert at 3.30 pm on Monday in the Cathedral.

Last term I spoke to the pupils about the Picture Gallery at Christ Church. I mentioned, during the course of the talk, that three of the frames in the gallery were empty because the paintings which should have been contained within them had been stolen. On Monday, I learned that one of the paintings had been found in Romania and that the dealer who had reported the painting had been in possession of the other two. Next to each of the empty frames were the words: "This empty frame remains hanging in the Picture Gallery as a placeholder for the stolen painting and as a symbol of hope for its return".

I told the pupils that they should live their lives hopefully, looking positively to the future, particularly about what they were able to achieve. Looking forward hopefully would, in the end, bring them far greater success and would ensure that their lives were positive. I also suggested that the boys go to see the returned painting, a painting which had, in the words of the picture gallery's Curator, Jacqueline Thalmann, been "dragged over Christ Church Meadow and then taken all the way across Europe." What a moment of celebration that it is now back home in the place where it has been for more than 250 years.

Happy Trinity Term!

Mr Murray
Headmaster

Trinity 2024 - Monday 29th April - Sunday 5th May

MONDAY 29	
11.00 - 4.00	Double Reeds Event (WWH and Cathedral)
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Forms 1 & 2)
4.10 - 5.00	After School Football Club (Forms 3 - 8)
4.10 - 5.00	After School Ancient Greek Club (Forms 7 & 8)
TUESDAY 30	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
4.00 - 4.45	After School Mandarin Club (Forms 3 & 4)
4.10 - 5.00	After School Summer Sports Club (Forms 1 - 3)
9.00 - 10.45	Form 4 Visit: Alice Theme Tour (Christ Church)
10.30 - 2.00	Pre-Prep Visit: Botanic Gardens
2.30 - 4.00	U8 & U9 Cricket Fixture v MCS (Home)
WEDNESDAY 1	<i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>
	Forms 3 & 4 Swimming
9.30 - 11.45	Primary Schools Outreach (WWH)
12.00 - 6.00	Forms 7 & 8 Visit: The Woman in Black
2.30 - 4.30	U10 & U11 Cricket Fixture v MCS (Home)
3.30 - 4.15	After School Mandarin Club (Reception - Form 2)
3.55 - 4.45	After School Chess Club (Forms 3 & 4)
4.00	Pre-loved School Uniform Sale
4.10 - 5.00	After School Mandarin Club (Forms 5 & 6)
4.10 - 5.00	After School Mandarin Club (Forms 7 & 8)
THURSDAY 2	
4.10 - 5.00	After School Rugby Club (Forms 3 - 8)
FRIDAY 3	
8.45	Cathedral Assembly, speaker tbc
AM	History Workshop (Forms 5 & 6)
PM	History Workshop (Forms 3 & 4)
4.10 - 5.00	After School Cricket Club (Forms 3 - 8)
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SATURDAY 4	
SUNDAY 5	<i>The Fifth Sunday after Easter</i> <i>University Third Week</i>

Second Hand Uniform

Please would you bring any uniform donations to the School Office on Monday or Tuesday, ready for another sale on Wednesday 1st May at 4.00 pm (for those who couldn't make the morning sale last time).

All articles welcome, especially shorts/short-sleeved shirts and whites. Many thanks! The PA

Form 1 News



In between the Spring showers before Easter, Form 1 were busily building ocean creatures. We learnt all about the problem of plastic waste in the world's oceans and how we can become eco-warriors, reduce waste, and use our voices and our hands to make a difference. Pupils created fabulous turtles following a discussion on how turtles can get tangled in plastic and consume plastic bags, making them very poorly. We also designed our own sea creatures and scrap-modelled them from recyclable materials and plastic waste.

Imaginations ran wild, with pupils building and decorating a plethora of creatures ranging from sea urchins, to electric eels, to jellyfish, giant crabs, and even whales.

In Science, we rounded off a fabulous term of experiments and explorations with a pupil-led investigation into the best and quickest way to melt ice. Pupils had 15 minutes to rescue captured play-people frozen in slabs of ice, and to release a bounty of frozen pirate doubloons. After lots of experimentation and excitement, we concluded that using warm salty water was the most effective method. I am pleased to say that all icy hostages were rescued unharmed, and the gold doubloons returned to the overflowing class treasure chest. TR



Music News



Huge congratulations must go to Alex in Form 4 for winning a place at the Junior Guildhall, a prestigious Saturday school run by the Guildhall School of Music in London. This recognises Alexander as one of the best pianists of his age in the country, and he was awarded a coveted piano place against over 400 other applicants. This is wonderful news and should be a terrific musical experience for him - very well done!

On Monday 29th April we will be hosting a group of leading oboists and bassoonists - including players from the Purcell School, Wells Cathedral School and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra - to celebrate double reed instruments.

Any CCCS pupil who plays the oboe or bassoon will take part in a series of workshops, culminating in a short performance in the Cathedral at 3.30 pm. This should last just over half an hour and will be open to parents of participants. Please do remind your son to bring his instrument to school on Monday if he is an oboist or bassoonist! SB

Boarding House News



We are delighted to welcome John (left) to the school this term. John will be joining the Cathedral Choir in Form 5. JR

Many congratulations to Jonathon (right) on an outstanding performance in his Marlborough College Academic Scholarship tests. Jonathon achieved A's in almost every subject marking him out as "an outstanding, exceptionally gifted candidate." Jonathon is looking forward very much to attending Marlborough in September. JR



Dorchester Festival
presents

Maki Sekiya & Ilya Chetverikov

Two concerts
Two pianos

8pm Sounds from a Celestial Sphere

6pm Carnival of The Animals



Wednesday 8th May
Dorchester Abbey

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Stay & Play

Wednesday 8th May 9.30 - 11.00 am

Thursday 23rd May 9.30 - 11.00 am

Tuesday 4th June 9.30 - 11.00 am

For children aged 1 - 4 years

Pre-Prep Open Morning

Tuesday 4th May 9.30 am - 11.30 am

For children aged 3 - 7 years

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