

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Weekly Newsletter

I would like to welcome you back and wish everyone a Happy New Year! The children have obviously had great fun and have quickly settled back to work. This term we welcome Mrs Kate Mountjoy-Hargreaves (Mrs Hargreaves), our new Head of Music teacher and our new piano teacher, Mrs Emma De Giovanni.



Our Under 8 and Under 9 netball teams went along to Beechwood Sacred Heart School on Thursday for a friendly match.

During the Year 3 game, Erin and Emily worked incredibly hard to get the ball into the circle, but Beechwood's defence put up a strong fight. Goal Keeper John did an excellent job of intercepting the opposition's passes and was very deserving of his Player of the Match title. It was a 3-0 defeat on this occasion.

On the other court, the Under 9 team displayed excellent team work and determination throughout the match. Play was fast and their passes were strong. Shooters Tilly and Luca were an unstoppable duo, clocking up seven goals between them. Well done to Player of the Match, Tilly, and to the whole team for their 7-3 win

Many congratulations to Amrit in Year 5 who has become to first pupil to receive the Diamond Award in the Maths 100 club. Well done!



As you know, our international charity this year is Yomelelani Pre-School in Cape Town. The children watched a video about the school yesterday and appreciated how little they have. If you want to see it, we watched the March update which is to be found at <https://www.yomelelani.co.za>

I am delighted that Mr Keepin, father of Teddy in Year 5, will be going out there at the end of January and has kindly offered to take a suitcase of gifts to the school. The school has about 200 children registered this year, from most being aged three to six. We are allowed to send stickle bricks, puzzles for all ages, lego bricks (normal size), dominoes and story books for 6 year olds as the children are taught English. If you wish your child to buy a gift that we can send out to Yomelelani, there will be a box/large bag for donations in the conservatory from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January until 30<sup>th</sup> January (not wrapped up please). Any financial donations can be given to the office but I am keen for the children to do something practical themselves if possible.

The weather forecasters do talk of possible snow towards the end of January. Should it snow to such an extent that the school would shut, which is very unlikely but possible, the decision will be put on the school website, a message will be sent via ParentMail and a notification will also be posted on our Facebook page. Please check for this as a headline in the section named 'Parents' then 'Diary Dates'. **If there is no message, then the school is open.** On the subject of cold weather please do remember that your child always needs their coat with them.

The next meeting is on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** at 9.00am in the music room and I hope those able to attend can help plan for the future and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea. All are very welcome.

This term the Learning Muscle is Tolerance, with a particular focus on our tolerance and understanding of others.

Last time I mentioned the frustration felt by parents and teachers when items of clothing go missing it was noticeable that the quantity of lost property decreased. Please would you continue to check regularly that your child has their own named clothing, and if you find unnamed clothes send these to the school office.

As you are aware we have issued an updated terms and conditions together with other new paperwork which was sent out just before Christmas. Please note the deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

Items on Parentmail that may require action:

- **Y6 Bikeability** invoices have been applied to ParentMail accounts will as per usual, need to be cleared prior to the club occurring. The deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**.
- **Y5 trip to Chocolate Museum** invoices have been applied to ParentMail accounts. The deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**.

Clubs start next week with the exception of Gymnastics which will start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as due to unforeseen circumstances the teacher is unable to attend – the cost will be credited from the next clubs invoice.

Finally for the first time Holiday Club will run in February half term and the booking system for this will go live next week.

Best wishes

**Alison Cordingley**  
**Headmistress**

## Diary Dates for the future

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| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January             | U8/9 Netball v Beechwood (away)   | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January           | U11/10 Mixed Touch Rugby v Beechwood (Away)   | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January            | Y5 Class assembly (parents invited)   | 9.00am – 9.30am  |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January             | Little Fosse & Kindergarten Parents Evening   | 3.45pm – 6.00pm  |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January           | U11/10 Rugby v Hilden Oaks (venue TBC)  | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January            | Y4 Class assembly (parents invited)   | 9.00am – 9.30am  |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January            | U9/8 Rugby v Hilden Oaks (venue TBC)  | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January           | U11/10s mixed touch rugby v Hilden Grange (home)  | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February           | Inter-House Netball for Years 3-6   | 2.30pm – 3.45pm  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February            | Y1/2 Assembly (parents invited)   | 9.00am – 9.30am  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February            | U9/8 rugby v Mead (TBA)   | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February          | U11/10 Netball v Hilden Grange (away)   | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February           | U9/8 Tag Rugby v Beechwood (home)   | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February           | U9/8 Netball v Sevenoaks Prep (away)  | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February             | School Council Takeover day   |                  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February | Half term (Holiday Club available)  |                  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February            | Reception to Farmers Market for Pancake races   | 9.30am – 10.30am |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February          | U10/11 Netball v Beechwood (home)   | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February           | U9/8 Netball v The Mead (away)  | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February             | Fosse Association Quiz  | 7pm onwards      |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March                | Individual Music Concert  | 4.00pm – 5.00pm  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March               | World Book Day  |                  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March               | Poetry Recital  | 9.00am – 10.15am |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March               | Starry Night stories<br>Reception to Y4 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm<br>Y5 to Y6 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm |                  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March               | U9/8 Netball v Russell House (away)   | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March               | U9/8 rugby v Mead (home)  | 2.30pm – 5.00pm  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                 | World Book Day Dress up (book characters)   |                  |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March               | Open Day  | 10.00 – 12.30pm  |
| Wednesday 11th March                         | U11/10 Netball v Russell House (home)   | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday 12th March                          | Inter-house Cross Country for Sports Relief   | 2.00pm – 3.30pm  |
| Friday 13th March                            | Y5 to Brixton Chocolate museum  | 9.00am – 4.00pm  |
| Wednesday 18th March                         | U11/10 Mixed Hockey v Beechwood (away)  | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March              | Inter-house Touch Rugby (Y3-6)  | 2.30pm – 3.45pm  |
| Friday 20th March                            | Mother's Day Ritzy Tea  | 2.30pm – 3.30pm  |
| Tuesday 24th March                           | Spring Concert  | 6.30pm – 7.30pm  |
| Wednesday 25th March                         | Parents Evening   | 4.00pm – 8.00pm  |
| Thursday 26th March                          | Easter Service/Activities at Church - Y3-6  | 9.30am – 11.00am |

See more comprehensive diary dates on the school website [here](#)