

Friday 17th January 2020

Weekly Newsletter

I visit local senior schools from time to time so that I have personal experience of the schools that our pupils attend for their senior school years. This week I had the pleasure of visiting the Headmistress at Tonbridge Girls Grammar and having a tour of the school. I was particularly struck by the pastoral system in place and the broad curriculum being taught in this super selective school. As your children reach the age when you need to consider which will be the best senior school for your child, the many staff who have, or have had, children at local senior schools, and I are well placed to offer suggestions as to which schools it would be helpful to look at.



The U11/10 Touch Rugby team had their first fixture of the term on **Wednesday** at Beechwood. A slow start led to us going down a couple of tries in the first quarter, but the team started to grow into the game. Solid defence, coupled with straight running and good support play meant a much more even second and third quarter, and by the fourth quarter Fosse were the stronger team. A loss of 7-4 does not really reflect the game, but the team have learnt what they need to do to move on.

Thursday started with Y5's class assembly which focused on their Christmas holiday homework of book reviews. The theme of the assembly was to encourage reading and they recommended books such as *The night I met Father Christmas*, by Ben Miller and *The Ice Sea Pirates* by Frida Nilsson. The whole school enjoyed their 'Who Wants To Be A Villionaire' where Miss Trunchball was voted the most villainous villain of all the fictitious villains. (Is this how my pupils see me?)

Our wonderful Fosse Association fundraising recently paid for a new mobile interactive whiteboard that can be moved between rooms on the ground floor. Kindergarten have been practising their letter formation this week and found the board very easy to use and rather exciting! Pens or fingers can both be used to write! We have also used it for school assembly and it will be used in the music room too. A great asset. Thank you.



PE Kit

I would like to remind you of the PE requirements for boys and girls. Could you please ensure that their full kit is in school and named.

PE requirements for girls	PE requirements for boys
Navy PE bag	Navy PE bag
Navy swimming bag	Navy swimming bag
Royal blue swimming costume	Royal blue swimming trunks
Swimming hat in House colour	Swimming hat in House colour
Sun-hat	Sun-hat
Navy and gold PE top	Navy and gold PE top
Navy PE shorts (Rec - Y2)	Navy PE shorts (Rec – Y6)
Navy PE skort (Y3 - 6)	School sweatshirt
Navy cycling shorts (Y3 - 6)	School tracksuit trousers
School sweatshirt	School Rugby shirt (Y3 - 6)
School Rugby shirt (Y3 - 6)	School Football socks (Y3 - 6)
School tracksuit trousers	Trainers (preferably white)
School Football socks (Y3 - 6)	Football boots (Y3 - 6)
Trainers (preferably white)	Shin pads (Y3 - 6)
Football boots (Y3 - 6)	White indoor PE shorts (Y2 - 6)
Shin pads (Y3 - 6)	White ankle sports socks (not trainer socks)
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For your information, children in Years 3 to 6 should wear their school rugby shirt for tag rugby this term. Their navy sweatshirt is worn for other games sessions and PE lessons.

There are a number of boys who do not have white PE shorts and girls who do not have navy cycling shorts. Boys wear navy PE shorts outside (for games and athletics) and white shorts indoors. Girls wear navy cycling shorts for indoor PE and athletics.

Gold top socks are worn for hockey, football and tag rugby. Short white socks are worn for netball, cricket and athletics.

During terms 2 and 3, children in Years 3 to 6 may wear skins when we are outside but these must be plain navy and they are not compulsory. For the other terms, PE tracksuit trousers should be worn over shorts so that they can be easily removed.

Cricket

Once we return from the Easter break, we would like boys in Years 3 to 6 to wear cricket whites (trousers only) for the Summer term. These can be brought from any outlet for example, Sports Direct, and we would prefer them to be white in colour, not cream.

Fixtures

Finally, please remember that you can find the fixture dates for this term on the Sports Fixtures page on the school website. Team sheets will also be put online, as well as in the conservatory, a week before the match. We do love having support at the sidelines so please do come and cheer us on if you are able to!

Thank you for the presents which are rolling in for Yomelelani Pre-School. On 21st January, one of the Trustees of this charity will be coming to talk to the children at 1.20 pm. If any parents are available and want to hear from Mr Peter Thompson, please do feel free to join us. He is a regular visitor to Yomelelani and knows first-hand how the school is progressing.

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 3rd February**.
- **Y5 trip to Chocolate Museum** invoices have been applied to ParentMail accounts. The deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 3rd February**.
- **February Half Term Holiday Club** – the booking system is now live and will close at 9.00am on **Monday 27th January**.
- **Y6 trip to Biggin Hill** – an invoice has been applied for this trip. The deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 27th January 2020**.
- **World Book Day Workshop** – West End Schools will be coming in to run Drama workshops with a World Book Day theme for Reception to Y6. Cost is £4.00 and deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 10th February 2020**.

Finally, many thanks to those parents who have returned their completed Parental Contract with our new terms and conditions. We appreciate that this may have taken you some time. If you have not as of yet returned this please be advised that there are paper copies on the bar in the conservatory and we would ask that these are sent into the School Office as soon as possible.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates for the future

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

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