



**Summer Term 2010**

## **FRIDAY NEWSLETTER**

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**With this newsletter: Year 6 will receive information about the French Trip  
Year 5 will receive an admissions slip  
School menu  
Flyer for Chessington  
Flyer for dance**

Dear Parents,

What an unexpected end to the Easter holidays! I do hope that you all had a restful and relaxing break, wherever it was spent. For those of you who are still caught up in the transport upheaval caused by the volcanic ash, we wish you a speedy return and hope to see you soon. I too was stranded for four days and the bustle of Heathrow was never a more welcome sight.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Chattaway for this term, who will be taking over the teaching of Science to Years 3 to 6 and also the role of the Year 5L form teacher. I know she will be made to feel very welcome and we look forward to having her with us this term. We have another new face in the office; Mrs Jules Day who will be taking over as school secretary. Please pop in, to introduce yourself in the coming days. Veronica is still with us, but is developing the role of registrar, marketing and website co-ordinator.

At the end of this term we will be sad to say goodbye to two popular members of staff – Miss Donnelly, who is returning to New Zealand and will be getting married in the Spring and Miss Laatz, who will be moving to Brighton and taking up a new role there. We wish them well in their exciting new endeavours, but will miss them both enormously as they have contributed so much to life at the Old Vicarage.

Miss Sophie Lunnon, who has been teaching in Wales after an earlier career in Local Government, has been a county netball and hockey player and is currently competing as a triathlete. She will be taking on the teaching of Humanities and Games and will be joining us on some field trips this term and so will already have met some of the girls. Miss Cerys Lott will be joining us as Head of ICT and comes to us after a degree in Electronic Imaging and Media Communications, several years using her degree in industry, and then a more recent role as Head of ICT in a London Primary School.

It is lovely to see the girls back, full of energy for the term ahead. This will be a very busy term and I am sure it will go by in a flash – we hope made up of sun-filled days.

Gill Linthwaite

## **SENIOR SCHOOLS FAIR**

The Old Vicarage and Kings House have joined together to invite a range of schools to come to the Senior Schools' Fair at Kings House on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. This is an ideal opportunity for parents of girls in Years 4 and 5 to find out more information about some of the available day and boarding schools. To date, the following girls' and mixed schools will be represented: Canford, Cheltenham Ladies' College, Cranleigh, Epsom College, Hampton Court House, Kingston Grammar School, Latymer Upper School, Marlborough College, Putney High School, St Benedict's School, St Catherine's School, Surbiton High School, The Lady Eleanor Holles School, Wimbledon High School and hopefully Godolphin and Latymer and Brighton College.

## **FORM REPS MEETING**

Just to remind you that there is a Form Reps meeting this Monday 26<sup>th</sup> in the library, straight after drop off.

## **TAKE A BREAK FROM ELECTION NIGHT FEVER**

Join the Friends for a fabulous evening of flower and food demonstrations on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May! Tickets are £25 each and include drinks and canapés. Please leave cheques, with your name on the back and payable to the Friends of the Old Vicarage, in the box outside the office - tickets can be collected from the same box the following day.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Now that we are in the summer term girls may now wear their summer uniform. Please make sure that each item is clearly named so that in the event of it being lost it can be returned promptly. We are happy to remind you that the following items are part of our current Summer uniform: Black, brown or red shoes with short white socks, summer dress, cardigan, purse belt and boaters and blazers. Hair should be held back with red hair bands and the girls also need a red cap.

## **BREAK TIME SNACKS**

May we please remind parents that the school has a strict policy regarding healthy break time snacks. The girls may bring in one of the following: Plain biscuits (e.g. rice cakes, oat cakes, plain crackers and digestive biscuits), fresh fruit, vegetables or a small piece of hard cheese.

## **HOMEWORK DIARIES**

A reminder to parents to sign their daughters' homework diary each week please.

## **CLUBS**

Please note that all clubs will resume from Monday next week.

## **SWIMMING**

Swimming resumes as normal from Monday.

## **SWEATSHIRTS**

The Frontier Centre trip is quickly approaching and we shall be ordering the hooded sweatshirts for the trip on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. They will cost £15 and this will be automatically added to your bill. Please contact Zoë Wort by e-mail or letter if you do not wish to have one.

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## **NETBALL SHOOTING AWARDS**

The following girls have been awarded their Rising Star Shooter Certificates.

Maddie Lomas and Anna Mathers have achieved a gold standard award, Ella Horncastle has been awarded a silver award.

### **GAMES LESSONS AND PICK UP**

The usual morning games lessons will take place:

Year 5 – Tuesdays 8:15 am

Year 6 - Wednesdays 8:15 am

Year 4 – Fridays 8:15 am

Years 3 and 4 – Tuesdays pick up at 3:55 pm at ODP. We understand that a number of girls have after school clubs on a Tuesday afternoon. Miss Laatz and Mrs Dekker-Bryant, who are running the club, have been kind enough to offer to walk the girls back to school for their club.

Year 5 and 6 – Thursdays pick up at 3:55 pm at ODP

### **BOOK STALL AT KINGS HOUSE FAIR**

Just a reminder that I am collecting books and audio books for the Book Stall at the Kings House Fair. There is now a box in the hall by the blue sofa. The stall will have books for all ages, so please can you have a good sort out. All books not sold at the fair get donated to doctors surgeries, hospitals and charities. If you have a lot of books it would help me greatly if you could drop them at my house otherwise they are rather heavy to carry home. Feel free to leave them on the doorstep if I'm not in.

21 Denbigh Gardens, Richmond (entrance on Marchmont Road)

Nikki Edwards

### **UPPER SCHOOL DISCO**

The upper school disco will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please can you all save the date. More information is to follow confirming the time and place.

### **1M ASSEMBLY**

A reminder that parents are invited to watch the 1M assembly on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of May at 8.45 and to join us for coffee afterwards.