

Channing Junior School Bulletin

SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

A question I have often been asked in the last six months is what I have most enjoyed about working at Channing so far. There are so many things I could say; however, what they all lead back to is the real sense of community. One of the many facets that promotes this sense of community amongst girls and staff alike is our *House System*.

During special events, including Sports Day, the girls compete in their *house colours*; they enjoy a sense of camaraderie and team spirit. The girls also have *House Buddies* from a different year group. They meet their buddy at least once every half term to share activities, read together or complete challenges. The girls are encouraged to mix with other children in their House, both in their year group and across the Junior School.

Our four houses are all named after eminent Highgate residents. **Waterlow (Blue)** is named after Sir Sydney Waterlow Bt, a philanthropist and politician, remembered for donating Waterlow Park in Highgate to the public as a 'garden for the gardenless'. His former house, *Fairseat*, is actually our Junior School building. **Goodwin (Green)** is named after a prominent Highgate family, whilst **Sharpe (Red)** is named after Channing's visionary co-founders, Miss Emily and Miss Matilda Sharpe, and **Spears (Yellow)** is named after the Rev. Robert Spears, co-founder of Channing.

The girls often ask me which House I am in. I am, however, not in one House as I oversee *all* four houses and look after and support *all* the girls.

Design a House Logo Competition

Today the Head Girls and House Officers from the Senior School came to assembly to tell us about the whole school (Reception - Y13) House Logo Competition. The theme is **Animals (real or fictional)** and the **deadline for entries is 1 March**. The girls' designs can be drawn or created electronically, although they do need to be printed out. The girls also need to write a short sentence describing how and why their logo represents their House. The girls will receive an entry form from their class teacher outlining the details. Once the girls have completed their design, they will need to hand it back to their teacher who will pass it on to Miss Clancy, our Houses Coordinator. The Junior School House Captains, along with the House Officers and Head Girls from the Senior School will help judge the winning entries that will be turned into a House Shield.

Charity Day - Friday 15 February

This term, we are supporting *Noah's Ark Children's Hospice*. There are more than 1200 children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in their catchment area, but currently no children's hospice building. Their new building, The Ark, will open this Summer, and will enable them to build on their unique model and to support more children. The Ark will be a hub for therapies and the extensive Family Activities programme. It will also accommodate overnight stays and there will be a café where families can come together for mutual support.

To support the charity, we are having a **non-uniform day** on Friday. The girls will need to bring in £1 if they would like to wear **rainbow coloured clothes**. We will also be screening a film at the Fairseat Cinema. If you would like your daughter to watch the film and buy some popcorn, she will need an additional £1. The girls can bring in a small blanket and/or cushion so that they are comfy in the cinema. In addition, we will be creating a huge Fairseat rainbow with painted handprints around an ark. Thank you to Miss Collins, our Charities Coordinator with the help of the Charity Champions. for organising these fun activities.

Furthermore, we are holding a *Cake Design Contest*. Our talented Art & DT Coordinator, Mrs Luxford, who made a cake on the Kirstie Allsopp Christmas programme last year, has kindly offered to bake and also deliver the winning cake. The girls will get an entry form outlining the details. It costs £5 to enter and entries need to be posted in the postbox outside the Art & DT Room by **Thursday 4 April**. I will have the very difficult task of selecting the winning entry.

Open Music Week & VMS Parents' Evening

Open Music Week will be postponed; it is down in the School calendar as the week after half term. This is however, the same week as the VMS Parents' Evening and many of you have already made appointments to meet with your daughters' teachers. Additionally, Miss Pepper will be available to discuss any queries you may have about individual instrumental music lessons. She also looks forward to seeing many of you on Thursday 28 February in the Arundel Centre.

Royal Academy - Summer Young Artists' Competition

We have registered as a School so that all of our pupils aged between 7 - 19 years can enter. Please have a look at <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/artworks> for further details; the deadline for entries is 8 May at 8pm. Please note that there is a fee of £35 per entry and your daughter's entry must be submitted by a parent, rather than the School. The website has details about the uploading and scanning of work. If you have any queries, Mrs Luxford is happy to help.

Gymnastics Club Reminder

Please note there will be no Gym Club on Thursday 14 February. You will only be billed for nine weeks this term. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Career Opportunities

The Year 11 and 12 students at the Senior School are preparing to take up a week's work experience placement during the Summer holidays. We are very grateful to the parents who kindly contribute to our pool of work experience and workplace insight events; this enables students who do not have contacts in the field of their choice to explore a possible career. If you would like to offer an opportunity to one of the girls, please email careers@channing.co.uk. There is high demand for all sectors, particularly legal and medical, and it would be marvellous if every student was able to secure a placement of her choice.

Special Mentions:

Well done to Imogen Bovensiepien who delighted us with her wonderful Violin playing in assembly this morning.

Leahnora de Tusch-lec who passed her LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance, Grade 1 with Merit

Congratulations to all the girls who did incredibly well in their ABRSM Music Results:

- Sophia Yan, Cello Grade 1 Pass
- Leila Levinson, Oboe Grade 1 Merit
- Gabriella Summerfield, Clarinet Grade 1 Merit
- Charmari Feeney, Clarinet Grade 1 Distinction
- Alice Mountain, Bassoon Grade 1 Distinction
- Gabriella Pawley, Clarinet Grade 1 Distinction
- Daisy Leon, Oboe Grade 2 Pass
- Lucy Oppenheim, B Flat Cornet Grade 2 Pass
- Alexandra Elder, Piano Grade 2 Merit
- Alice Rogers, Clarinet Grade 2 Distinction
- Emily Gillis, Cello Grade 3 Pass
- Maya Coetzee, Violin Grade 3 Merit
- Eve Cronkshaw, Piano Grade 3 Merit
- Eva Jones, B flat Cornet Grade 3 Merit
- Amelie Cedar, B Flat Cornet Grade 3 Distinction
- Anouska O'Neill, B flat Cornet Grade 4 Pass
- Alethea Foster, Viola Grade 4 Merit
- Yutao Wang, Cello Grade 4 Distinction
- Zainab Alam, Violin Grade 5 Distinction

Miss Dina Hamalis

Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

| FEBRUARY | | |
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| Wednesday | 13 | Rec C Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall |

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| Wednesday | 13 | Y6 AB & C netball match v Sarum Hall |
| Thursday | 14 | Rec CL Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall |
| Friday | 15 | Non Uniform/Charity Day |
| Monday | 18 | HALF TERM BEGINS |
| Monday | 25 | School returns from Half Term |
| Monday | 25 | I.E.P. Parent Meeting Week |
| Tuesday | 26 | Y3 trip to Verulamium Museum (all day) |
| Tuesday | 26 | Y6M Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room |
| Wednesday | 27 | Y4F Tudor Workshop (all day) |
| Wednesday | 27 | Y5F Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall |
| Wednesday | 27 | Young Shakespeare Company visiting Y5 and Y6 |
| Thursday | 28 | Y4i Tudor Workshop (all day) |
| Thursday | 28 | Y6E Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall |
| Thursday | 28 | Y5 Sayer's Croft/Nurses Meeting (8.30am) |
| MARCH | | |
| Tuesday | 5 | Y5 & Y6 Football match v St. Christopher's School |
| Tuesday | 5 | Hands on Science Workshop (Rec-Y6)/all day |
| Tuesday | 5 | Kaye Omensky Author visiting Fairseat |
| Wednesday | 6 | Hands on Science Workshop (Rec-Y6)/all day |
| Thursday | 7 | WORLD BOOK DAY- The Oscars |
| Thursday | 7 | Y6 Netball Tournament at South Hampstead High School |
| Thursday | 7 | Parents' Evening (4.20pm-7.00pm)Rec-Y6 |
| Friday | 8 | Fairseat C.A. Meeting (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall |
| Friday | 8 | INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY |
| Monday | 11 | COMMONWEALTH DAY |
| Monday | 11 | HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK |
| Tuesday | 12 | Y6 & Y6 Football match v St. Christopher's School |
| Tuesday | 12 | Parents' Evening (4.20pm-7.00pm)/Rec-Y6 |
| Wednesday | 13 | Y6E WWII Workshop (all day) |

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| Wednesday | 13 | Fairseat C.A. Annual Quiz Night (6.00pm)/Senior School Dining Room |
| Thursday | 14 | Y5R Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall |
| Thursday | 14 | Y6M WWII Workshop (all day) |
| Thursday | 14 | Y5 Netball Tournament at South Hampstead High School |
| Monday | 18 | ABRSM Exam Week |
| Tuesday | 19 | Y3/Y4 Inter-house Event (12.30pm) NOT 20 AS PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED ON CALENDAR |
| Tuesday | 19 | Y3-Y6 Concert (7.00pm)/Senior School |
| Wednesday | 20 | Y5 & Y6 seven a side football match v South Hampstead High School |
| Thursday | 21 | Music Assembly (by invitation only) (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall |
| Thursday | 21 | Y5 ABC & D netball match v South Hampstead High School |
| Monday | 25 | LAST WEEK OF CLUBS |
| Tuesday | 26 | Rec CL Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room |
| Wednesday | 27 | Y5 Residential trip to Sayer's Croft |
| Wednesday | 27 | Y3M Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room |
| Thursday | 28 | Y6M Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall |
| Thursday | 28 | Y6 Osmington Bay/Nurse's Talk (8.30am) |
| Thursday | 28 | Y3S Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room |
| Friday | 29 | LAST DAY OF SWIMMING |
| Friday | 29 | Rec C Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room |
| Friday | 29 | Y5 Return from Sayer's Croft |
| APRIL | | |
| Monday | 1 | C.A. Swimathon (all day) |
| Tuesday | 2 | Y3 & Y4 Dance Show/Arundel Centre |
| Tuesday | 2 | Second Hand Uniform Sale (moved from 1 April due to Swimathon) |
| Thursday | 4 | Rec-Y4 Easter Egg Hunt (9.00am) |
| Thursday | 4 | Y5 & Y6 Treasure Hunt (10.00am) |
| Thursday | 4 | Easter Bonnet Parade (11.00am) |

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| Thursday | 4 | TERM ENDS (staggered finish 2.30pm-3.00pm) |
| Friday | 19 | Good Friday |
| Sunday | 21 | Easter Sunday |
| Tuesday | 23 | St. George's Day |
| Wednesday | 24 | TERM BEGINS (Rec-Y6) |
| Wednesday | 24 | Watersports Begin for Y6 |
| Thursday | 25 | Y4i Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall |
| Thursday | 25 | Watersports Begin for Y5 |
| Friday | 26 | SWIMMING RESUMES FOR Y3 |

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