



## Dear Parents

I was very impressed with the Year 6 Prefects, Orla O'Neill, Julia Pellerani Concha, Amelie Rosen and Rachel Hommel, this morning in assembly. They approached me last week to ask if they could lead today's assembly. As part of their role, every Friday at breaktime they sort through what they describe as 'the new heap' into different piles: named uniform or other items (return to the girl), unnamed uniform (donate to second hand uniform sale), unnamed uniform and items (donate to charity). They have been very surprised - as I have - at just how much lost property there is, as well as how many items are unnamed. Their confident message to the rest of the school was very clear. We must all remember how lucky we are to have lots of lovely belongings, including woolly hats, colourful - if a little muddy after Forest School - wellies, bright Smiggle pencil cases and a smart uniform. We must cherish these items and if they go missing, check carefully in the lost property suitcases outside the School Office. Please can you help at home by ensuring that everything that your daughters bring into school is named.

## Year 5 Residential Trip

The Year 5 girls are very excited about their trip to Sayer's Croft later this week. I hope the girls and the staff have a fantastic time away. I look forward to hearing all about what they get up to, as well as seeing the photos. Let's hope the sun keeps shining.

## Morning Drop-offs

As you know, due to the Building Project, we have adapted our routines. I love the fact that the girls have embraced this and used their creativity. They all enjoy *boarding the train* as they go over the crossing from Fairseat House to the Tennis Courts. In the mornings, please remember to say goodbye to your daughters in the courtyard before letting them walk with friends or independently through the doors along the crossing to the Tennis Courts. Lydia who looks after the crossing and with a big smile opens the door when we ring, will continue to wave to the girls on their way; there are also members of staff on duty in the Tennis Courts. *From next term, in preparation for the transition to Year 1, please can Reception parents and carers say their goodbyes to the Reception girls in the courtyard so they too can go with their friends and/or older girls down to the Tennis Courts.*

## Orchestra Assembly - Monday 1 April

Next week, on *Monday 1 April*, the girls in **Reception, Year 4, 5 & 6** will be going to the Senior School to attend an Orchestra Assembly. (As many of the girls in Y1-Y3 are participating in the morning sessions at the Swimathon, they will be having a Form Time). Please ensure that your daughters arrive in school punctually so that they are ready to go to their classrooms when the bell is rung at 8.20am. Having recently been to the Senior School concert at St Joseph's Church, I know we are in for a special treat!

## **Swimathon - Monday 1 April**

We are delighted that 150 girls have signed up to take part in the Swimathon to raise money for this term's charity, The Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. If your daughter is taking part, please ensure she brings her swimming kit with her to school. The girls participating have already received the information and sponsorship forms. If you have any further questions, please contact Caroline Kent, [ckent.ckent@gmail.com](mailto:ckent.ckent@gmail.com). Here is the link to the Just Giving page: [www.justgiving.com/Channing-Swimmers](http://www.justgiving.com/Channing-Swimmers) All the sponsorship money raised will go directly to The Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

## **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

This term's uniform sale will be held on *Tuesday 2 April at 2.45pm - 4.00pm in Fairseat Hall*. Please donate any uniform that is still in good condition that your girls have grown out of, as well as costumes for history days, such as Tudor Day. You can leave items for the sale with the School Office.

## **SLAM Fitness - Catch Up Session**

Fairseat Clubs finish this week; however, SLAM Fitness will continue next week on Monday and Wednesday to make up for the session missed earlier in the term.

## **Be Our Guest Performance**

We would like to invite Y3 and Y4 parents to come to see an effervescent evening of music, drama and dance on *Tuesday 2 April at 7pm in the Arundel Centre*. Prepare to be dazzled as the girls perform scenes from a number of well-known and well-loved productions. The girls have worked extremely hard and have had great fun rehearsing. You can book tickets (two per family): <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/6106>

## **Charity**

As we approach the end of this term and our fundraising for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, please ensure you hand in your collection box to the office before 4 April.

## **Passover**

We have made arrangements for lunch for the Jewish families who would like their daughters to observe Passover on Wednesday 24 April, Thursday 25 April and Friday 26 April. These girls may bring in a Passover packed lunch; please remember that we are a nut free school. A separate table, with a disposable cloth, will be set up in the Dining Hall so that the girls will eat at the same time as all of their friends. As usual, fruit will be available at break, although you may wish to send in Matzo crackers. I wish you and your families a lovely time of celebration at this special time of year!

## **Musical Instrument Taster Week**

I am delighted to invite you and your daughter to our *Musical Instrument Taster Week* on Monday 29 April to Friday 3 May from 8.15 - 9.00am. The sessions are to give the girls currently in Y2 to Y5 *who do not learn an instrument in school*, an opportunity to meet with the music teachers to try out some of the different instruments on offer. The sessions are designed to be informal, enjoyable, as well as informative; you do not need to make an appointment. *Please see the attached letter for further information.*

Information for Reception Parents regarding the Y1 String Group will be sent home

next term.

### Summer Term ABRSM Entries

Please note that any external requests for Summer Term ABRSM entries must be with Miss Pepper by *Friday 3 May*. If your daughter learns her instrument in school, her teacher is aware of this deadline. All forms must be completed and received by this deadline.

### Special Mentions to:

Darcy Duffield, Marianna Bahari and Esme Cela who treated the school to a mini concert as entry music for assembly this morning. What a lovely treat!

Isabella Craven who passed her ABRSM Piano Prep Test.

Book Oscar competition winners will be included on next week's Bulletin.

**Miss Dina Hamalis**

**Head of Channing Junior School**

### EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

MARCH		
Monday	25	<b>LAST WEEK OF CLUBS</b>
Monday	25	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country event (Highgate School) 2.45pm-4.45pm
Tuesday	26	Rec CL Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room
Tuesday	26	Y6 Football match v St. Christopher's School (4.00pm-5.00pm)/away
Tuesday	26	Y2 Trip to Natural History Museum (Tring)/All day
Tuesday	26	Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum (all day)
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	<b>LAST DAY OF SWIMMING</b>
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)
Monday	1	Orchestra Assembly (8.30am)/Senior School (Rec, Y4, Y5 and Y6)
Tuesday	2	Y3 & Y4 Performance Be Our Guest/Arundel Centre
Tuesday	2	Second Hand Uniform Sale ( <b>moved from 1 April due to Swimathon</b> )
Thursday	4	Rec-Y4 Easter Egg Treat (9.00am)
Thursday	4	Y5 & Y6 Treasure Hunt/Waterlow Park (10.00am)
Thursday	4	Easter Bonnet Parade (11.00am)
Thursday	4	<b>TERM ENDS (staggered finish 2.30pm-3.00pm)</b>
Friday	19	<b>Good Friday</b>
Sunday	21	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Tuesday	23	<b>St. George's Day</b>
Wednesday	24	<b>TERM BEGINS (Rec-Y6)</b>
Wednesday	24	<b><i>Passover</i></b>
Wednesday	24	Watersports Begin for Y6
Thursday	25	<b><i>Passover</i></b>
Thursday	25	Y4I Assembly to Parents (8.30am) ( <b>rescheduled to 4 July 2019</b> )
Thursday	25	Watersports Begin for Y5
Friday	26	<b><i>Passover</i></b>

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