



Dear Parents

Many of us enjoyed walking over to the Senior School for the Orchestra Assembly this morning in the glorious sunshine. The girls in Reception, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y8 all listened intently to the fabulous orchestra which consists of girls from Y7 - Y11. They played a selection of music from films, including 'The Greatest Showman' and 'Sing' (Some of the Y6 girls told me I must watch this animation as it is very funny. Perhaps in the holidays, I will do just that).



One of the many things I love about my job is when a girl proudly knocks on my office door bursting with excitement to show me her story, her painting or the Maths investigation she has solved. I know that her teacher has asked her to come to see me as she has been nominated for a Girls Enjoying Success Award. Today, I heard *that* knock; Neve Conway and Myla Miller in Y4i were standing at my door. They modestly told me about the various ways they are raising money outside of school to support this term's chosen charity. I was extremely proud, especially as I was talking to a visitor, a former colleague who just happens to have attended Fairseat and the Senior School.

What also pleases me is when a girl knocks on my door with a not so happy face - she may be sad, worried or embarrassed - and she asks if she can speak to me. Whilst the conversation may be difficult or upsetting for her, it is very important that the girls know and moreover, feel they can come to speak to me, and also to all of their teachers. We are all very dedicated, we will all listen and if we can, we will help.

Some of our dedicated staff accompanied the girls to Sayer's Croft last week. The girls had a fantastic time; I could see by their exhausted faces as they got off the coach on Friday! I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Fellows, Mr Rich, Miss Bolton, Miss Houry and Miss O'Hara.



I wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next term! For those of you who celebrate it, Happy Easter!

Swimathon Sponsorship

Well done to all the girls who took part today and thank you for your generous donations. If your daughter still has sponsorship money to collect, please can she bring it in before the end of term or ask her sponsors to donate online through the Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/Channing-Swimmers

This Term's Charity- Noah's Ark Children's Hospice

We have raised an amazing £920.80 for this term's charity; proceeds from the Swimathon will be added to this. Thank you to Miss Collins, our Charity Co-ordinator and the Charity Champions for your efforts!

Second Hand Uniform Sale - Reminder

This term's uniform sale is tomorrow, *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.

Be Our Guest Performance for Year 3 & Year 4

The Performance is on *Tuesday 2 April at 7pm in the Arundel Centre*. Please can the girls be collected from school at their usual time and be dropped off at **6.20pm at the Arundel Centre** so that can get ready for the performance. If you have not purchased tickets, there are a few available: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/6106>

Easter Activities - Thursday 4 April

Thank you to the Channing Association for organising the fun activities. The girls in Reception - Year 4 are looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt in their classrooms and the Year 5 and 6 girls cannot wait for the Treasure Hunt in Waterlow Park. We look forward to seeing all of the girls' Easter Bonnets during the parade.

End of Term Dismissal Times

The last day of term is Thursday 4 April. *There will be no Late Owls.*

Dismissal times:

- **Reception** 2.30pm
- **Year 1** 2.35pm
- **Year 2** 2.40pm
- **Year 3** 2.45pm
- **Year 4** 2.50pm
- **Year 5** 2.55pm
- **Year 6** 3.00pm

Morning Drop-offs

Please remember that the school day begins at 8.20am when the bell is rang. The girls should be in their classrooms *by 8.30am*; otherwise they will be recorded as late. The mornings are an important time for the girls to change their books, get resources ready, give in their homework and complete activities. This sets them up for having a good day. I appreciate your support in getting the girls to school on time.

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.*

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.

Mishal Husain in Conversation with Channing

We are delighted to welcome the BBC presenter, journalist and author, Mishal Husain, to speak on *Monday 29th April 2019 at 5.30pm in the Arundel Centre*. We are grateful to the Channing Association for arranging this. Mishal will share her insights on the skills required to succeed in a career and will be interviewed by Channing's Year 12 Careers Leaders. She is the author of the excellent book *The Skills: From First Job to Dream Job - What Every Woman Needs to Know* which provides guidance on how to build the skills needed to navigate a successful career, focussing on the challenges and

opportunities for young women today. Mishal will be signing copies of her book from 4.30pm prior to her talk. There are limited places available for Fairseat parents. Please contact careers@channing.co.uk if you would like to attend - a quick response would be greatly appreciated.

Founders' Day

Founders' Day is a very important day for us when we celebrate our founders and our history. This year, the Junior School will be marking this special occasion with an assembly for the girls and staff on Friday morning, 5 July 2019. The girls will also have the opportunity to visit other classrooms to look at displays and the work completed from Project Week. Due to the Building Project, the Junior School will not be open for girls or parents on Saturday 6 July 2019.

Special Mentions to:

Cross Country Runners

Rosemary Birney, Imogen Hicks, Natasha Hough, Lucy Johnson, Francesca Poulton Tilly Shatz in Y5 & Y6 took part in Highgate School's Cross Country race. It was a fast and very competitive race. All the girls ran extremely well; their weekly 7.45am Wednesday morning training paid off! Well done to Francesca Poulton who came 2nd in her race.



A huge thank you to Miss Corkindale for everything she has done to develop and extend the girls' PE and sporting opportunities. We are going to miss you!

Lucy Oppenheim in 5R who has achieved the Gymnastics Proficiency Award Grade 4

Miss Lawrence for completing a triple 5K Swimathon (200 lengths x 3 different occasions) for Cancer Research UK, Marie Curie and The Swimathon Foundation.

World Book Day

- Art Competition
 - Winner: Emilia Murphy 2M
 - Runner up: Aliana Duffner RCL
- Design Competition
 - Winner: Cayetana Butcher-Fabrega 4F
 - Runner up: Imogen Bovensiepen 4I
- Speech-writing Competition
 - Winner: Annie Mankell 5F
 - Runner up: Lucy Johnson 6E
- Class Window Competition
 - Winners: 1G, 3S, 5R & 5F

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

APRIL		
Tuesday	2	Y3 & Y4 Performance Be Our Guest/Arundel Centre (7.00pm) Girls to arrive at 6.20pm at the Arundel Centre
Tuesday	2	Second Hand Uniform Sale (moved from 1 April due to Swimathon)
Thursday	4	Rec-Y4 Easter Egg Treat/Hunt in Classrooms (9.00am)
Thursday	4	Y5 & Y6 Treasure Hunt/Waterlow Park (10.00am)
Thursday	4	Easter Bonnet Parade (11.00am)
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	Passover
Wednesday	24	Watersports Begin for Y6
Thursday	25	Passover
Thursday	25	Y4I Assembly to Parents (8.30am) (rescheduled to 4 July)
Thursday	25	Watersports Begin for Y5
Friday	26	Passover

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