



## Dear Parents

I was bursting with excitement about doing my first live virtual assembly yesterday morning. (Many of you will remember, during the previous lockdown, I prerecorded all of my assemblies.) Little did we know that there is a limit of 100 people on Google Meet and the irony is I couldn't even log in myself! It was, however, a fantastic feeling to know that so many of the girls were waiting in anticipation behind their computer screens at home. Apologies for our error; one thing that I think we have probably all learned as we navigate the realms of technology we have embraced through lockdown is that it doesn't always work as you planned. I do hope your daughter(s) enjoyed my recorded assembly that we uploaded as soon as possible. We are currently working on several options so that we can have a live assembly next Monday.



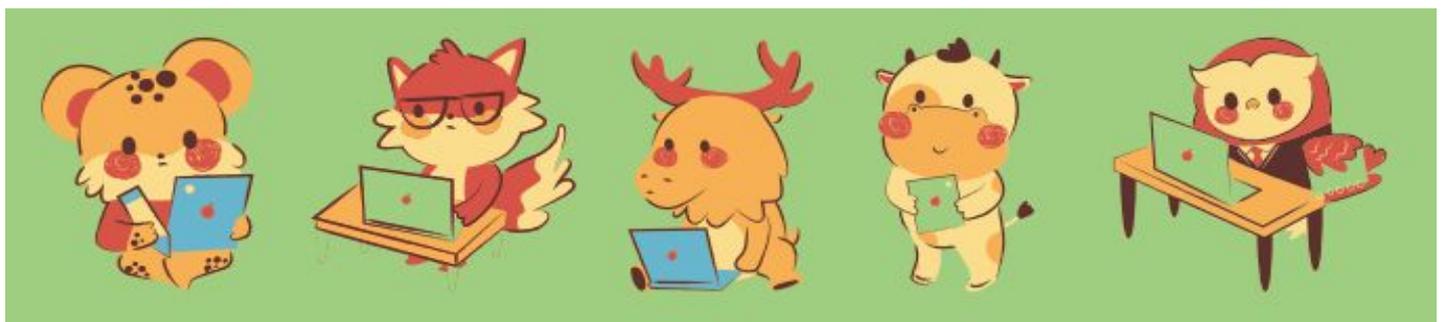
I am sure that many of you, just as I am, are disappointed that your daughter(s) are unable to come into school this half term in order to continue with their learning, to see their friends and teachers in person and to reap the benefits of our fabulous new classrooms and spaces around the school. The teachers have, however, worked incredibly hard to set up Virtual School with very little notice from the government that we would be closed. I spoke to them all either virtually or in person, socially distanced of course, at our INSET day on Monday. They were all busy planning excellent lessons to ensure that the girls continue to get the most from their learning whilst they are at home.

In my assembly, I explained our expectations for the girls during this period of Virtual School. Ultimately, we would like them to behave in the same manner they do as when they are at school. They need to be dressed appropriately and be sitting at a table or desk ready to listen, focus and do their very best. During 'live' times, they need to remember to be respectful to their teachers and the other girls in their class and to mute the microphone at the beginning of the lesson.



Yesterday, the girls' Form teachers explained the E-safety rules and the [Virtual School Guidance for Junior School Pupils](#). We would greatly appreciate it if you supported us by looking over these with your daughter(s) and reinforcing them at home. The E-safety rules have been adapted for year groups and can be found on your daughter's class Firefly page.

I am incredibly proud that we can continue to support critical workers. Moreover, I am thrilled to be able to hear girls' voices and laughter in the school building. Watching the girls play in such an animated manner on the terrace outside my office window as I write this Bulletin, warms my heart and makes me feel hopeful for the future. Every so often one of them spots me, jumps up and down, waves or sends me a virtual hug. This then creates a ripple effect and I can see about thirty of them doing this at the same time. During these challenging times, this reminds me that no other job could give me more satisfaction.



## Clubs

The new remote external clubs will begin, as planned, the week commencing Monday 11 January. These will include:

- Key Stage 2 → YogaBugs: Mondays 4.45pm- 5.15pm
- Years 2, 3 & 4 → Coding: Mondays 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Key Stage 2 → Mandarin: Tuesdays 4.30pm- 5.30pm
- Key Stage 1 → YogaBugs: Thursdays 4.45pm - 5.15pm
- Years 4, 5 & 6 → App Making: Thursdays 5.00pm - 6.00pm

For the girls attending the clubs, parents will receive an email this week containing the online links and login information.



## Staff News

Many congratulations and warm wishes for the future to Miss Williams, Deputy Head and her now husband, Mr Broughton (also a teacher) who got married on Friday 18 December! She will now be going by the name Mrs Broughton-Williams.

Farewell to Miss Houry, Teaching Assistant who will not be returning this term as she wanted to spend more time with her family in Cyprus. We thank her for everything she has done for the girls and the school during her time with us. Please rest assured that when we reopen for all pupils, Teaching Assistant support will be allocated across the year groups and where it is required.



## #musicmatters

Miss Pepper is delighted to have moved back to her original Music Room in the Stable Block next to the Visiting Music Staff (VMS) rooms and above the Library. She is excited to re-introduce 'Miss Pepper's Ps Board for Marvellous Musicians'. Some of the qualities needed to succeed in music are: Practice, Patience and Perseverance. Each week, Miss Pepper, Miss Rattenbury and our team of VMS will nominate girls who have shown one or more of these traits. Miss Pepper will then acknowledge their achievements right here in #musicmatters on the Bulletin.



## Individual Music Lessons

I hope by now your daughter's individual music teacher has made contact with you regarding her music lesson. For the foreseeable future, these will take place remotely via Google Meet, avoiding, as far as possible, her live Maths, English, Read Write Inc and Science lessons. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact: [juniormusic@channing.co.uk](mailto:juniormusic@channing.co.uk)

## Spotlight on Sport

### House Challenge

We would like to invite parents to join in our Strava Running/Walking Challenge. The aim is to complete as many miles as you can in January to earn points for your daughters' House team. We will track progress using

the Strava app and at the end of the month, the House with the most miles will be declared the winners.

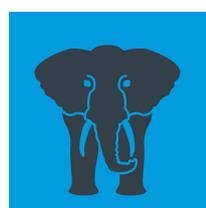
If you would like to take part, you need to download the free version of the Strava app from the App Store. Once you are signed in, you can search the clubs section to join one of the following groups:

- [Channing Waterlow Running Club](#)
- [Channing Spears Running Club](#)
- [Channing Goodwin Running Club](#)
- [Channing Sharpe Running Club](#)

The challenge started on 1 January and to date we have covered an extensive 119 miles. The break down of the results are:

- Waterlow - 51 miles
- Spears - 32 miles
- Goodwin - 21 miles
- Sharpe - 15 miles

All you need to do is track each run or walk using the app. We would love to see lots of you taking part; extended family and friends are welcome to join. Let's make 2021 a happy and healthy year!



### SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

- Well done to **Iris M (3C)** for achieving a Distinction in her Initial Grade Exam in Piano.
- Congratulations to **Imogen P (6W)** who has been selected to play in the Middlesex County Cricket under 11 Girls Hardball Winter training squad.

### Girls Enjoying Success Awards

Well done to:

- **Lexie C (2M)** for being a helpful and dependable pupil. For helping around the classroom and supporting peers.
- **Aria B (2M)** for looking out for others and supporting her friends.
- **Sarah S (2M)** for an excellent Autumn term, showing perseverance and maturity with learning.
- **Erin L (3C)** for writing a wonderful adventure story with lots of descriptive language to engage the reader.
- **Jemima C (3C)** for producing a fantastic piece of artwork.
- **Iris M (3C)** for writing a fantastic adventure story with exciting dialogue.

*Please see Dates' below.*

**Miss Dina Hamalis**  
Head of Junior School

### Channing Girls Enjoying Success

#### DATES

#### January

Monday	4	INSET Day for Junior School Staff
Tuesday	5	Start of Spring Term for R - Y6
Tues - Fri	6 - 12 (Feb)	JS Virtual School

#### February

Mon - Fri	1 - 5	Mental Health Awareness Week
Friday	12	Chinese New Year

Mon - Fri	15 - 19	Half-term
Thurs & Fri	25 - 26	Music Assembly
Mon - Fri	22 - 26	Pupil Passport meetings Scholastic Book Fair in old Dining Hall
Tuesday	23	SS/JS VMS & LAMDA Parents Evening ACA, 5:00 – 7:00pm

### March

Mon - Fri	1 - 5	Book Week
Thursday	4	World Book Day Assembly
Monday	8	Commonwealth Week International Women's Day
Thursday	11	Parents' Evening
Mon - Fri	15 - 19	Maths & Future Technologies Week LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
Saturday	20	ABRSM exam
Tuesday	16	Parents' Evening
Mon-Fri	29 - 9	Easter Holiday

### April

Monday	12	INSET Day for Junior School Staff
Tuesday	13	Start of Summer Term