

Saturday 11th May 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Barker-Harrison, having achieved her level 3 diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools last year, has now begun her final qualifications in order to become a fully qualified primary school teacher. Both I, as Head of Prep, and my colleagues in Clough wholeheartedly support Mrs Barker-Harrison who has all the attributes to become a top teacher. She will be a fully qualified teacher next academic Year (2019-2020) and will teach a number of lessons in Clough and Bronte as well as acting as the Year 4 Form Tutor, a group of pupils whom already she knows so well.

This week the Year 6 pupils had interviews with their new head of year Mrs Westlake. It was a great opportunity for them to get to know her and ask questions about what next year entails. Mrs Westlake was very impressed with the level of discussion with our senior Prep pupils. I was delighted to hear of her positive experiences when meeting the children.

Our Year 5 pupils completed their Bikeability course yesterday with the vast majority passing Level 1 and 2 of the course; it was a busy two days for the children and they had to really concentrate and demonstrate a range of manoeuvres. The instructors were very impressed with the level of focus and look forward to coming back next year for next year's Year 5 pupils.

Congratulations to the following pupils who received certificates in Chapel yesterday:

Silver: Darcey McDonough (Year 4)

Gold: Grace Cadey and Beatrice Cross (Year 4)

Music - ABRSM Examinations

Well done to Saffron Vine for achieving her Grade 3 Violin and to Emily Oldman for achieving Grade 5 Piano. I was very pleased to hand out their certificates in chapel this morning.

Yesterday evening the Prep Choir along with four instrumentalists performed a number of songs in the Summer Concert at the Holy Trinity Church in Bythburgh. It was a most enjoyable evening where the talent of all pupils across the school shone.

Sport

Unfortunately, due to the wet weather the U11A Girls' County Cricket fixtures have been cancelled twice this week. I am currently in discussion with Ipswich School as to when the next best possible date could be to rearrange this important fixture. I will pass on the confirmed information when it is finalised.

On Tuesday 7th May, four pupils from Year 5 and 6 took part in the U11 Green Boys' tennis Fixture at Framlingham College. Their first round of fixtures was against Orwell Park School. Through adding up their singles and doubles match we were thrilled to learn that they qualified for the final. The final was against Ipswich School. I was delighted to see the boys play so well! Unfortunately, we lost the final to a very clinical Ipswich team. Special mention goes to William Foskett for playing some excellent tennis!

PTA Pop Quiz - Next Saturday 18th May!

The evening will be hosted by our very own Noel Vine, and will feature several rounds including general knowledge, audio files and visual clues. There will also be some rounds tailored to suit the children.

We will be having a curry supper, with dessert, which will be included in the price of the ticket (vegetarian option available). The tickets are £10 for an adult, £5 for a child, and £3 for boarders. There will be a cash bar and tuck shop. You are welcome to build your own teams of up to 10 people. Alternatively, let us add you to an existing team.

Next Week:

For the U11 Boys' County Cricket fixture, we have automatically gone through to a quarter final. We are currently waiting to hear the outcome of a fixture between Woodbridge, The Abbey and Ipswich School. Therefore, please be aware that there may be a fixture booked in the next week or so.

Monday 13th May

U9A & B Boys' and U9 A & B Girls' Cricket vs Old Buckenham Hall School away - 2.00pm

Tuesday 14th May

U10 Orange mixed tennis vs Ipswich and South Lee at Rushmere (IP51DE) – 4.00pm

Wednesday 15th May

U11A & B Girls' Cricket vs Woodbridge, The Abbey Away start time tbc

Saturday 18th May

PTA Pop Quiz 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Please see the school website for a full list of fixtures and dates.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Yours sincerely

Miss Jade Wong
Head of Prep Department