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HEAD MASTER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As we fast approach the season of Advent and, with it, the final few weeks of the Michaelmas term, herewith a round up of recent events, activities and fixtures in which the children have been involved. I hope you will enjoy reading the articles from colleagues. As usual, I will take this opportunity to highlight key events in the final few weeks of term.

Recent activities, events and fixtures

Netball Tournament

'Well done' to the U11 girls who came runners-up in the Netball Tournament at Bradfield College. After displaying some wonderful netball in the pool matches the girls comfortably made it through to the semi-finals where they secured a 7-3 win against Cheam. The final, against Hall Grove, was an end to end match right up until half time. Hall Grove then took an early lead and although St George's fought hard, they could not get the final goal back, leaving the score at 5-7. Well done to all the girls and thank you to the parents for coming to support.



Hockey

The girls have all had their first hockey fixtures of the season. They have taken part in drills and mini matches against Herries and Hurst Lodge and demonstrated some

super skills. The girls have enjoyed playing hockey in their games lessons and it has been lovely to see them play with great enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing their skills develop over the course of the Lent term.

Miss Holborough

Football

On Friday, our Year 3 and 4 boys played Holme Grange in their weekly fixtures. Year 3 visited Holme Grange where the A team drew 0–0, the B team lost narrowly (2-0) and the C team won 4–0 in emphatic style. Billy O'Brien deserves a special mention for an excellent performance. The U9s hosted Holme Grange and had three excellent wins. Well done Year 4!

On Wednesday, Years 5–8 had their final matches vs Daneshill. The 1st XI have had a marvellous season, however, they could not finish with a win as they lost 4–2 to Daneshill. Well done to Louis Pincus for Captaining the 1st XI so well this term. The Colts A team capped their sensational unbeaten season (and 3 tournament wins!) with a 5–0 win and the Colts B team came out on top from a 4–3 thriller. The Colts C team nearly managed a come-back from 4-0 down however, it was not to be and the match finished 6–4 to Daneshill. The Colts Development teams were involved in a muddy affair away at Daneshill, losing by a narrow margin.

Holme Grange U9 Tournament

On Saturday 14th November, our U9 footballers took part in the Holme Grange Football Tournament. There were two competitions and both our A and B teams performed well. The B team lost only one match (in extra time!) to claim 2nd place and the A team were unbeaten and did not concede a goal on their way to winning the trophy.

It has been a season to be proud of for our footballers. Well done to everyone for their progress and effort.



Rugby Reminder

Next week, the St George's Rugby season begins. Whilst there are no matches until next term, boys will need mouth-guards and must have their navy base-layers on for games lessons in addition to their normal games kit.

Mr Mitchell

Other News

Year 1 Trip to Valley Gardens

Year 1 went on a lovely walk to Valley Gardens as part of their Geography topic 'Our Environment'. They explored in the woods and walked to the totem pole learning facts about the giant Redwood tree on the way.



Mrs Saunders

Year 3

On Wednesday, Year 3 made jam sandwiches in English. This linked in with their Instructional Writing topic. They first had to make a jam sandwich and then write and draw some instructions on how they made it.



Year 3 have been learning about the Egyptian mummification process and thoroughly enjoyed mummifying Mr Wilson and a fellow pupil. They also learnt how

the Mummy's brain was extracted through the nose and how organs were stored in canopic jars.

Mr Wilson

Holiday Art Club

There are still places available for the Art Club for Reception to Year 3 children. Dates available are Friday 18th, Saturday 19th, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December. The club runs from 9.30am to 12.30pm and costs £20 a session. Please email sally.saunders@stgstaff.co.uk or louise.pollock@stgstaff.co.uk to book a place.

Mrs Saunders and Mrs Pollock

'Wear your Christmas jumper to school day' - Tuesday 15th December

Pupils are invited to pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper to school in place of their school jumper on Tuesday 15th December. Proceeds from the collection will go to 'Shelter' and will help provide food for the homeless over the Christmas period. This is NOT a non-uniform day and it is not compulsory for pupils to take part. Pupils must wear normal school uniform and then wear their Christmas jumper or sweatshirt in place of their school jumper.

St George's Staff 'Santa Dash'

St George's has entered a staff team into the Thames Hospice Santa Dash this Sunday at Swinley Forest. Many of you will know that this hospice gave first class care to Hatti Sandall. If you would like to help the staff reach their £1000 fundraising target please click on the link <https://www.justgiving.com/Louise-McDade3/> to register your sponsorship. The team consists of Mr & Mrs McDade, Mrs Chorley, Mrs Onions, Mrs Dewar, Mrs Unger and Ms De Vally-King.

Mrs McDade

Christmas Market

Thank you very much to everyone who has brought items in to sell at the Christmas Market next Friday. Please continue bringing things in up until next Thursday so that we can equal last year's target.

A very big 'thank you' to Mrs Fiona Andrews and Mrs Anna Thomas for their kind raffle prize donations of a large Teddy bear and a 'Tinc' advent calendar. However, we still need at least one more raffle prize. If you are able to provide a raffle prize please email clare.smith@stgwindsor.co.uk or bring it into the office.

Mrs Emmerson-Smith

The Week Ahead

Week 12 – Theme: Advent

This is the week of practical Music exams (times have been posted to all pupils involved).

- Wednesday 2nd Dec: Start of the rugby season for the boys.
Netball fixtures with Hall Grove as calendared.
- Thursday 3rd Dec: 10.00am – Nursery Christmas Play (Victoria)
- Friday 4th Dec: 9.30am – Reception Christmas Play (Victoria)
1.00pm – Middle and Upper School Christmas Market (Courtyard)
1.00pm – Pre Prep Christmas Fun (PPH)
2.30pm – Junior Netball fixtures as calendared
- Saturday 5th Dec: Parents' Group Christmas Fair
A special afternoon for ALL school families as we begin to prepare for the Christmas season. The School Chamber Choir will be singing some festive music and we will also be joined by the Choristers as they lead us in the carol singing round the tree in the Courtyard.

Looking Further Ahead

Some key dates for your diary in the final weeks of term:

- Monday 7th December: The Supers' Choir perform in a concert of Christmas Music at Cadogan Hall, Sloane Square. (Tickets are selling fast; details of how to purchase tickets are on the posters around school; they are NOT available from school).
- Wednesday 9th Dec: 10.00am – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production (Gym)

7.30pm Pupils in Years 6 and 7 trip to London to see 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' at The Theatre Royal.

Thursday 10th Dec:

10.00am – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production (Gym)
6.30pm / 7.15pm – Middle School Christmas Production (Gym)

Tuesday 15th Dec:

7.30pm – 'Festivo' in St George's Chapel (This event is now sold out).

Wednesday 16th Dec:

The Choristers perform at St George's, Hanover Square (London).
7.00pm to 8.30pm – School Disco for pupils in Years 4-8 (Gym)

Thursday 17th Dec:

FINAL DAY OF TERM

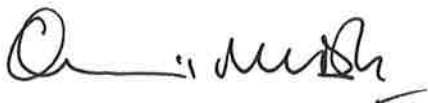
AM: Inter house Swimming Galas at Eton College pool.

5.15pm – School Carol Service in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. This is a compulsory event for ALL pupils in Years 3 to 8 and pupils in the Pre Prep are warmly invited to join us if they are accompanied by parents. (A separate letter outlining the details of this major school event will be emailed home next week).

TERM ENDS AT 6.15pm AFTER THE CAROL SERVICE

There are many very special events to look forward to as we approach the end of term but, as I said to the pupils on Monday morning, there is still a great deal for us to do before the real celebrations begin. With that in mind, may I wish you and your families a very enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Warmest best wishes



Chris McDade