



Dear Parents,

Many thanks to all those parents who were able to attend this morning's poignant Assembly of Remembrance where we remembered all those whose lives have been lost in various conflicts around the world. My thanks to Theodore Hirzel for playing the Last Post so beautifully, and to Umar and Nikita for reading 'In Flanders Fields'.

A sad farewell to Clare Webb who leaves the Prep today after four and a bit years as our Receptionist. She has been such a proactive and positive first port of call for children, parents and visitors and we wish her all the best as she starts in the Savills' Cambridge Office. Andrea Jarvis arrives from Bottisham Village College and starts full-time on 22nd November; she will continue her handover in the afternoons next week, with some cover from the Upper in place for the mornings.



Covid Update

Currently we have the following number of children self-isolating from current positive Covid cases: Year 3 none, Year 4 none, Year 5 five, Year 6 three.

After some cancelled fixtures this week, we are delighted to be able to rearrange the U10 Rugby matches v St Faith's for the final week of term at home on Tuesday 7th December. As a consequence, the U10 Rugby House Matches will be moved to Tuesday 23rd November.

Anti-Bullying Week – next week

Next week marks the national Anti-Bullying Week, with a focus on 'One Kind Word'. The goal is to empower the children with a collective responsibility to create a safe environment for everyone and prevent bullying. At the end of the week we are encouraging children and staff to come into school next Friday with wacky socks; I look forward to seeing some enterprising footwear!



Year 4 and Year 5 Parents' Meetings – Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th November

We have had positive feedback from Year 3 parents from last week's online parents' meetings. Next week is the turn for Year 4 and Year 5 parents; you will have a ten-minute online appointment with your child's Form Teacher which provides an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in and the academic progress that has been made so far. A short three-sentence written summary will be sent to you on Monday morning. However well your child is doing, there will be a target provided for each subject.

Year 6 Parents' Meetings – Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd November

Parents of Year 6 children have online academic parents' meetings coming up. Do refer to the PersePosts sent out this week for instructions for how to book five-minute appointments with a range of your child's teachers. There will also be an opportunity to discuss this week's English and Maths assessments.

Artwork

This week's banners showcase some Year 3 work on 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh, created using a combination of acrylic paint, oil pastel and metallic pens.



Sport

For next week, parents are very welcome to attend the following matches:

Tuesday 16th November

1.40pm: U9 A/B/C Rugby v St John's College School away. Normal collection at 3.35pm.

1.40pm: U9 A/B/C/D Girls' Hockey v St John's College School away. Normal collection at 3.35pm.

Wednesday 17th November

2.30pm: U11 A/B/C/D Rugby v Bedford Modern School A/B/C at home. Collection at 4.30pm.

2.30pm: U11 A/B/C/D Girls' Hockey v Bedford Modern School at home. Collection at 4.30pm.

Thursday 18th November

2.15pm: U9 B/D Girls' Hockey v King's College School away. Collection at 4.30pm.

3.10pm: U9 A/B/C/D Rugby v St Faith's at home. Collection at 4.40pm.

Friday 19th November

2.30pm: U10 A/B/C/D Girls' Hockey v Kimbolton away. Collection at 5.15pm.

3.15pm: U10 A/B/C/D Rugby v St John's College School away. Collection at 4.45pm.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal – deadline extended to Monday 15th November

The deadline for shoeboxes to be returned to the Prep has been extended to Monday 15th November. There are some spare [leaflets](#) at Reception and more details can be found on the [website](#). These should be left in year group areas and should be labelled with names in each House area so that we can award Housepoints!

PPP Christmas Fair – Friday 10th December

As per last week's PersePost, the PPP Christmas Fair will take place on the last day of term for pupils only as part of a series of exciting Christmas-themed events planned throughout the day. Children will enter the Hall in their year groups and visit a number of festive stalls. This year we are raising funds for *East Anglia's Children's Hospices* and *Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity*.

As always, we rely on the generous help from the parent body to make the event so special. For the hugely popular children's raffle, we are seeking donations of new/unused prizes such as tech items, games, books and toys suitable for Prep-age children. If you are able to donate any raffle prizes, we would be extremely grateful! Please contact Valerie on valerie.hirzel@outlook.com.

By now, your child should have received a paper bag with a request to fill it with nut-free sweets and other treats for the sweet bag tombola. Please could these be filled as soon as possible and given to form teachers by Friday 26th November. These will be quarantined before the Fair; thank you for those already returned.

Engine Idling in the Car Park and on the Drive

With so many children and adults in close proximity to the top playground and the Drive, can I ask that parents do not leave car engines running unnecessarily when parked or stationary for a while.

Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Anvita Adapa** and **Kirill Smirnov** on their Year 5 Reading Badges; **Sophia Alexander** on her silver medal in her Patterns category at the London Taekwondo Championships; **Oriana Wei** on her Talent for Writing Award for an original piece of creative writing that was selected for publication in a young writers' anthology and **Eunice Stewart-Wallace** on her Head's Commendation for an outstanding homework on apostrophes, with a detailed, hand drawn map of Hogwarts.

Congratulations to the following on their Bronze Housepoint Awards: **Archie Barker, Mia Bird, Ollie Denny-Gouldson, Savvas Fronimidis, Noah Higham-Lee, Husayn Jawaid, Anna Keith-Roach, Beau Martinez-McCune, Daria Minasyan, Aditi Shadakshari, Kirill Smirnov, Oli Taylor, Eda Tunca, Jago Vindis, Nivedh Vinodhkumar, Fred Woodman, Alice Yang, Sylvan Amads, Zac Clark, Cillian Harrison, Emily Herriot and Bella Meng.**

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Yours sincerely

James Piper
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We value endeavour, intellectual curiosity and scholarship, breadth and balance,
one another and our environment.