



KELLY COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 2nd December 2011

Dear Parents,

This week started in the best possible way. News came through of the birth at the weekend of Mrs Lindsey's daughter Emily Rose, weighing in at 7lbs 10oz. Mother, daughter and proud family are all doing well. Many congratulations to Donna, Gavin and their family and on behalf of everyone here at school, we send them all our very best wishes.

Unbelievably, we are now already in December and Christmas seems well and truly upon us. The Christmas tree is up, the post box is in place and tinsel and glitter balls, together with the children's festive artwork, decorate the school. The Nursery children have been rehearsing their Nativity, Pre-Prep their Christmas play and the whole school their carols in readiness for the next fortnight. The Pre-Prep have their dress rehearsal this afternoon; the best of luck to them all. We also have nearly fifty children heading down to St. Eustachius for the Christmas Tree Festival. I am sure they will be in good voice.

Last weekend saw our under 9 children take part in the Blundell's hockey and rugby tournaments. The children came away with silver medals in the Bowl and Plate competitions respectively and I know Mrs Sellers and Mr Broughton were delighted with the way their teams stuck to their task against some formidable opponents and represented Kelly so well. Thank you also to Miss Jackson and Mr McRae for giving up their time so willingly.

Thank you to Year 1 and Miss Harris for their super assembly this morning. In such a busy time of the term, it was a real credit to them. Many congratulations also to Brooke Leaman for winning this week's 'manners medal'. Well done Brooke!

Tomorrow's Christmas Fayre promises to be a great success. So much work has gone into the preparation and I must pay tribute to Mrs Vanessa Bowles and the large number of parents who have given up so much of their time to help.

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow afternoon,

Matthew Foale



The bottle greenhouse was started this week.



GOLDEN FOILS

Learning Support	Tyler Knight	For consistently working hard with spellings
6CB	Jacob Staig	For helpfulness and patients with younger pupils
6NS	George Kharas	For helpfulness and patients with younger pupils
5HM	Tom Ferguson	For working hard and helpfulness
5MF	Natasha Farrington	For hard work and helpfulness
4CJ	Heidi Littlejohns	For helpfulness to staff
4ET	James Lloyd	For helpfulness
3JU	Jamie Brew Emily Broughton	For working hard For her responsible attitude
3SB	Emma Bowles	For kindness to a visiting pupil
2	Grace Roddy Niamh Bridle	For working hard in all areas For working hard in all areas
1	Isabella Cartwright Isabel Hutton	For brilliant writing this week For lovely, sensible and polite behaviour
R	Lauren Buckett Archie Forgan Thomas Harris	For working hard with her sounds For super writing For working hard in all areas

Clubs

No ballet club - 9th December

No speech and drama lessons – 5th December or 12th December

There will be no more Netball club this term with immediate effect as the evenings are now too dark.

Sewing Club with Mrs Jenks will still go ahead on Tuesday 6th December

There will be no year 2 sewing club on Tuesday 6th December.(It will run as normal on the 13th December)

There will be no more Monday Science Club meetings this term.

There is no Drawing Club next week because of the Christmas Revue

All remaining clubs will be cancelled during the last week of term

Cross Country Club

Please can the children that take part in cross country club, please bring a festive hat next week.



Parent assemblies/talks

We are looking to invite more outside speakers into school assemblies to talk to the children about a variety of experiences, careers, adventures or expeditions. If you feel that you would like to talk to the children about any of the above, or similar, please do let us know. You would be assured of an enthusiastic audience!

Mrs Woodhouse

If you would like to contribute to Mrs Woodhouse's leaving present, please see the staff in the school office.

Stratford Trip

A reminder that the 2nd payment of £100 is due for all the children that are going on the Stratford trip.

Bikeability course

There is the possibility that close to the end of next term, a 'Bikeability' course/cycle proficiency course will run for a small group of year 6 pupils. It is very early days in terms of planning, but if you think you may be interested for your son or daughter to take part, please let the school office know.

Sports Team Photographs

Could we please ask that all completed team photo order forms are returned to the office by Monday 5th December at the latest. Thank you

School uniform and sports kit

Can I please ask parents to ensure that all uniform and sports kit is clearly named. We are endeavouring to reduce the amount of lost property in the school and this would certainly help. It would also be very useful if everyone could sporadically check that there are no items of kit belonging to anyone else lurking at the bottom of sports bags.

All children should also now have their coat with them in school, in addition to jumpers or cardigans and blazers.

New dance classes

We have recently heard that due to additional work commitments, Miss Trudi will no longer be able to run her ballet and dance classes at the Prep School after the end of this term.

Therefore, from the beginning of next term, I am delighted that Caroline Chapman from Orchard Studios will be starting a new course of dance lessons at the Prep School. This new dance club will include a variety of genres, including ballet, tap, choreography and jazz dance. Sessions will run on Friday afternoons in the school hall, from 3.45pm – 4.30pm for children in Reception – Year 2 and then from 4.30pm – 5.15pm for children in Years 3-6. The cost of each lesson will be £3.50, although Caroline will be offering a free trial lesson, starting on FRIDAY 13th JANUARY.



If you have any questions, or you would like to put your child's name down to join, please contact the school office, or Caroline Chapman direct on 07790 523877, or email orchardstudio2@aol.com

Carol Service

The Carol service will be held on Wednesday 14th December at 2.30pm at St Eusachius . All parents are welcome to attend and pupils may leave with their parents at the end of the service. Parents not attending the service can collect their child at 3.30pm at the church or they will be returned to school for biscuit club. Please could all children wear blazers and jumpers/cardigans for the service.

Pre-Prep Play

We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 6th December for the Pre-Prep Christmas play. There will be coffee and tea served from 1.45pm in the Parents Lounge prior to the performance and the hall will be ready to sit in from 2.00pm.

The performance begins at 2.15. At the end of the show the children will go back to their classes to change. We would appreciate it if parents could stay seated until the children leave and then allow them a little while before going over to sign the children out.

Thank You.

Events week commencing 28th November

Monday 5 th December	2.00pm	Pre Prep Party Deadline for bringing back team photo orders
Tuesday 6 th December	9.00pm	Nursery Nativity
	2.15pm	Pre- Prep Play
Wednesday 7 th December	2.00pm	Interhouse Rugby/Hockey
Friday 9 th December	2.00pm	Christmas Revue Matinee
	7.00pm	Christmas Revue

Future Diary Events

Monday 12 th December	1.45-3.30	Carol service rehearsal
Tuesday 13 th December	2.00-3.20	Carol service rehearsal
Wednesday 14 th December	2.30	Carol Service
		Prep Disco
Thursday 15 th December	12.30	Break up (please note no lunch is provided)

Nursery Christmas

The Nursery will be performing a Christmas Nativity for all Nursery parents on Tuesday 6th December at 9.00am. Tea and coffee will be available after the performance.



Lost

Lucy Dickson – blue games sock and Kelly waterproof coat both named

Will Hutton – named blue school jumper, school trousers and white shirt

Issy Hutton – brand new unnamed blue Speedo swimming costume aged 5yrs

Letters out this week

Year 6 maths

Transport

Transport requirements are under review, and we would invite suggestions regarding the Okehampton and Launceston areas, with regard to proposed routes or car sharing ideas. Please advise the office should this be of interest.

Calling young artists

Primary schoolchildren in West Devon are being invited to take part in a competition to design a logo with an environmental message which will be displayed on the side of one of the council’s street cleaning vehicle’s.

There’s a £200 prize for the winning school to be put towards environmental project of its choice.

The design must be based around a positive message about prevention. There is a limit to three entries per school. Artwork needs to be on A3 or larger paper. The full size of the design will be 1.2 metres wide and 80cms high so be bold and use lots of colour.

Entries must include the name and age of the artist and the name of the school. Closing date for all entries is Wednesday December 21st 2011, so all entries into school for the 12th December. Winners will be announced in the New Year.

Any children who would like to take part, or need materials (A3 paper) or further information please speak to Mrs Buckett.

Prep School Disco

The popular prep school disco will be held on Wednesday 14th December from 6.30 pm till 8 pm in the school hall. Can we remind all parents that they must sign their children in and out with the staff on duty that evening. This ensures that we know exactly who is on the school premises at any one time. All children will need to bring in the return slips if they want to attend the Prep Disco.

Name of child

Year Group

Contract number for the evening of 14th December



Christmas Revue

Christmas Revue – Tickets - Please return any requests to the school office on Monday 5th December so that tickets can then be allocated.

The Revue will be held on Friday 9th December with performances at 2pm and 7pm. All pupils who wish to take part may do so. Some acts are still being finalised, but if a pupil's own act doesn't work out, they will still be found a part in a group song or poem if they wish. Many children take part so tickets are restricted to the families of those in the Revue. Initially 2 tickets per family will be allocated; requests for extra places will be apportioned as fairly as possible after the deadline. In order to comply with Health and Safety fire regulations we are unable to allow any additional people over and above the ticket allocation. This means we are unable to let anybody stand at the back of the Hall. Participating pupils do not need a ticket. They will need to arrive by 6.40pm for the evening performance. Timing is uncertain, but the evening performance will not finish until approx. 8.45pm. Non-performing pupils will watch the matinee for which they do not need tickets. If at all possible, please do not bring pupils who have already seen the matinee to the evening performance, but if they do attend again, they will need a ticket.

Please consider whether you are able to attend the matinee performance. Parents with toddlers and babies are particularly requested to attend in the afternoon. Refreshments will be available at both performances. If you wish to attend the Revue, please complete the attached slip and return it to the school office by Friday 2nd December. Tickets are free.

Occasionally we have received a last minute request to put an item later in the show because a parent will arrive late from work. If anyone knows that timing is a problem, could they let Mrs Jenks know as soon as possible please, before the programme is finalised.

Photography

All performers, both in individual and group acts will be photographed before the matinee starts. Please do not use any flash photography during performances.

Timetabling for ALL Pupils

Thursday 8th December

The performers will be rehearsing all day. They must bring their music, CD's, instruments, props etc. Costumes should be worn if it would help to practice in them but are not obligatory. Please do not bring any face paint, hair dyes etc for the rehearsal.

Non-performers have a separate timetable arranged which includes games activities. Pupils will combine into two classes for academic lessons in the morning – Years 3/4 and Years 5/6.

Friday 9th December

We will have a normal morning as far as possible. The matinee starts at 2.00pm. Coffee and tea will be served before the performance. Nursery to Year 2 and non-performers will watch the afternoon



show. There will be a short break for Pre-Prep to leave at 3.30pm. Pre-Prep siblings may stay to watch the whole matinee only if they have a parent there who can sit with them. Parents collecting Years 3-6 pupils please be aware that going home time should be as normal but the Matinee could possibly overrun.

On Friday performers will change for the matinee after lunch. Parents may come in to help at 1pm if they wish, for example to help with make-up. Mrs Vernon has kindly offered to help pupils with make-up. After the matinee, performers should take home their costume and return wearing it in the evening. Props and instruments should be left either back stage or in the music room between performances. Performers must return to school by 6.40pm in the evening, with costumes and make-up (if required), all ready – please be back on time. The evening show starts at 7pm and finishes at approximately 8.45pm

Ticket Requests

Name.....

I would like..... tickets for the 2pm performance

I would liketickets for the 7pm performance

I would like tickets and would be happy to attend either performance

KCPS siblings of performers will have seen the show in the afternoon. Please tick here if you have requested an evening ticket for them.....

Sports

Please see below dates that your child **will not** be swimming this term, due to other activities going on in school.

Monday 5th December (year 1 and 2)

Friday 9th December (year 3)

Monday 12th December (year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 13th December (year5)

Wednesday 30th November

Rugby

U11 A Team- Lost- Player of the Match- Jacob Staig

U11 B Team Lost - 14-7 – Players of the Match Oliver Rockey and Jack Lancashire

Hockey

U11 A Team- Lost- Players of the match- Elizabeth Clinton and Izzy Dunlop

U11 B Team -Won - Player of the match- Carys Twyman

Blundells Rugby Tournament

Vs Queens- Won- 3-2

Vs St Peters- Won- 3-2

Plate Semi- Finals

Vs Exeter school- Drew 3-3 (won the golden try)

Plate final

Vs Taunton School

Player of the matches- Toby Bower

PA News

The Christmas Fayre takes place tomorrow (3rd December) from 12.00-4.00pm, there will be a large variety of stalls, a Christmas café and many other attractions – we look forward to seeing you there.

A big thank you to Jill, Mellissa, Lynn, Wendy, Alex, Dawn, Shelley and Bryony for giving up their Tuesday morning to help prepare for santas grotto.

Thank you to everyone who has helped their children to decorate jingle jars and collect items of bric-a-brac.

The Christmas fayre – promises to be a great event with lots of exciting things to buy and do. Don't forget hot dogs, pork baps, mince pies and mulled wine will be served all day at the Christmas café. Visit santa, have your face painted, decorate a biscuit and try your hand at two lucky dips. You can get your Christmas shopping and get the presents wrapped too!

Please come and support us and bring your friends.

Revue -Friday 9th

Please could I have a couple of volunteers to help with serving mulled wine and mince pies from 6.15pm. This is done before the revue starts, so you can still watch your child

Prep School Disco

We also need volunteers to help serve juice and hot dogs to the children during the disco.

Reception Christmas Meal

Reception Xmas meal is booked for 8th December at 'The Terrace' restaurant. All Parents are welcome.

Year 1

Year 1 coffee morning at Donna Lindsey on Wednesday 7th December straight after drop off. For coffee and baby worship!!



Year 1 Christmas Drinks

Year 1 Christmas Drinks will be at Vanessa Bowles house on 8th December. Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.

Year 2 Christmas Lunch

Year 2 Christmas Lunch 10th December 13.30 at Lopwell Reservoir Café. All Parents and children welcome.

Year 3 Christmas Meal

Gortons' on Friday 2nd December - see you this evening.

Year 4 Christmas Meal

Year 4 Christmas Meal - Saturday 3rd December 8pm at Taylor's. More details to follow

Art Work for Christmas

Artists from the Devon artists Network have a Christmas Exhibition at Duchy Square , Princetown 12th November – 23rd December from 10-4 Tuesday-Sunday. Fiona Waddy (Zara's mummy 5HM) has some of her paintings in the exhibition.