



KELLY COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

9th December 2011

Dear Parents,

There is sometimes a danger that the word 'community' can be over-used, or become rather a buzz word. However, for many people who came along to Saturday's Parents' Association Christmas Fair, I am sure there was a true sense of this community spirit at its very best. It was an outstanding event and a huge success for the school and for the CHICKS charity. I must thank Mrs Vanessa Bowles and all of the parents who played such an important part in putting the event together. Their time and commitment have been greatly appreciated. My thanks also to all of the staff who helped on the day, and to Sarah Hawke, Pete Nile and the rest of our catering team, who have recently gone well above and beyond in their contributions to school events. Thank you.

Our Pre-Prep children have been very busy this week. They started the week visiting Santa and having Billy Whizz for their party and then it was all about their play on Tuesday. Their performance was superb and they all clearly enjoyed tripping the light fantastic. Well done to them all and of course to Mrs Twyman, Mrs Sellers and Mrs Barbour with her wonderful Pre-Prep team. Our Nursery children were also in action on Tuesday, with their Nativity. It was certainly a heart-warming half hour and the children did themselves (and their parents and grandparents) proud. Thank you to them and to Mrs White, Mrs Twyman and Mrs Chatham for all their hard work getting the children ready for this very special event.

The carol service takes pride of place next week and the children have been rehearsing hard for their singing and reading. Last Friday, the Prep School sent just short of fifty singers to St. Eustachius for the Christmas Tree Festival and Mrs Twyman has also taken some of our Year 6 singers to two residential care homes for the elderly, which they thoroughly enjoyed. I am a firm believer that activities like these are hugely beneficial for the children.

Thank you to Mr Broughton and 6CB for their excellent assembly this morning and congratulations to Tamar for their house match double, winning both the rugby and hockey on Wednesday afternoon. Today and yesterday, the school has reverberated with the sound of the Christmas Revue performers rehearsing. I wish them every success in their matinée this afternoon and then again in this evening's performance.

Our final manners medal winner for 2011 is Oliver Rockey. Well done Oliver!

I hope you have a good weekend and if you are coming to the Christmas Revue, I hope you thoroughly enjoy it.

Matthew Foale





GOLDEN FOILS

Learning Support	Elinor Stanyer	For working hard with her creative writing
6CBr	Abbie Gold	For helpfulness
6NS	Carys Twyman	For kindness and helpfulness
5HM	Oscar Claire	For kindness and helpfulness
5MF	Jack Bellamy	For working hard
4CJ	Toby Bower	For helpfulness
4ET	Imogen Allsop	For excellent progress
3JU	Edward Buckett Oliver Hawkins Kitty Trewartha-Wyatt	For a good attitude to school For a good attitude to school For a good attitude to school
3SB	William Hutton	For a kind a caring attitude
2	Hettie Bower Toby Hutchinson	For working hard in all areas For working hard in all areas
1	Molly Newton	For trying really hard and doing well in all areas
R	Samuel Burns Emily Hutchinson	For excellent singing in our play For kindness and good sharing

Clubs

There will be no clubs next week this includes homework club, except for Year 2 sewing club on Tuesday.

Biscuit club will run as normal Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please find attached at the end of the newsletter, a list of next terms clubs. The signing up sheets will be on the clubs notice board from Monday.

End of Term- Thursday 15th December 12.30pm

Please note that we break up for the Christmas holidays next Thursday (16th December) at 12.30pm. There will be no lunch provided for children on that day and no after school care.

We will return to school on Wednesday 4th January for the start of the Lent term

Carol Service

The Carol service will be held on Wednesday 14th December at 2.30pm at St Eustachius . 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 ensure that children's uniform is as clean and as smart as possible for next Wednesday's Carol Service. Homework next week could include some shoe polishing!



Lost Property

Any lost property that is not named will be put out next week to be reclaimed. Any items not taken will be sent off for recycling on Thursday.

Photographs

Photos taken at Prep school Events are now available to view and/or order on the Kelly Prep Parents Association new photobox site www.photoboxgallery.com/kellypreppa . All the albums are password protected to limit access – password Admiral, and the site is maintained by the school office.

Any monies made by the sale of photos through this site are passed directly to the Kelly Prep Parents Association. If you take any photos of school events, please take them on a memory stick or CD to the school office for uploading.

When using the site, please check your photos before ordering - you will be prompted at checkout, this will ensure they are cropped correctly for the size print/product you have chosen.

Kelly College 11+ Entrance Assessment Day

Please can all Year 6 pupils wanting to apply to Kelly College Senior School, complete and return there 11+ Assessment day forms application forms by Monday 12th December.

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.

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

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!



Events week commencing 12th December

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)

Lost

Jack Lane – Pair of Adidas rugby boots (size 2) and red/black boot bag.

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.

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

Sports

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

Monday 12th December (year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 13th December (year5)

Parent reps

Year 3 Representatives will now be Vicky Tilney

Year 4 Representatives will now be Emma Allsop and Bryony Lloyd



PA News

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who shifted the stage, set out tables, put up lights and bunting, rearranged the nursery and created a café in the library on Friday night and then put it all back as we found it on Saturday night!!

A huge thank you to Lynn and Mike Roddy and Paul and Fiona Newton for the fantastic café they ran. It was a great success and I know many people enjoyed a sit down and a chat before setting off to do more shopping! Thank you to everyone who helped on the stalls, there was some great biscuit decorating, superb face painting and the jingle jars were an enormous success. The pupils who ran their house stalls also did a great job and worked really hard.

Special thanks to Rhianna Ferneyhough, Lamorna Wood and their families for so generously giving up their time to run two great lucky dips, and to Quillan McCulloch and his family for the very generous champagne raffle.

I would also like to thank Sally, Donna and Imogen in the office who helped so much with the organisation of the day, Sarah and Pete in the kitchen for great tray bakes and helping with the food ordering and lastly Shirley and Andrew who came in on Saturday evening to make sure that the school was spic and span for the children on Monday morning.

AND thank you to everyone who came and supported the event we hope you enjoyed it. At this point I must mention Mark and Emma Allsop who have been counting small change since Monday – and whilst we have no definitive total yet – we know we have raised well over £1000 which is fantastic.

Christmas Cards

Last minute orders can be taken until the end of Monday – please see Sally in the office and we will get them to you by the end of term. Anyone who has already ordered cards and not yet collected them – they are in the office.

Year 2 Christmas Lunch

Year 2 Christmas Lunch 10th December 13.30 at Lopwell Reservoir Café. All Parents and children welcome. Arrive from 1.00 p.m.



See all the Pre-Prep play photos at www.photoboxgallery.com/kellypreppa