



Kelly College Preparatory School

Newsletter

10th September 2010

Dear Parents,

After a very well deserved summer break, it has been good to see everyone return to school looking so refreshed and ready for the new school year. I have enjoyed hearing so much about the children's adventures. I am delighted to report that the children have made an excellent start to their lessons and settled into their new routines very quickly. I would especially like to extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils and parents who have joined us this term.

In our first assembly of the year on Tuesday, I spoke to the children about the importance of making as good a start as possible to the new school year and I set them all a couple of personal challenges. The first of these was that I wanted to see as much 'pride' around the school as possible. This includes pride in their work, equipment and organisation, in their school and in their appearance and uniform – I would like all our children to be proud to wear the Kelly Prep uniform. The second challenge set is linked with the first of our school values to be focused on this term, '*do our best to be our best*'. In all aspects of school life, the children will be encouraged to push themselves as much as possible and to give their all. I would be very grateful if you could reinforce these challenges at home.

There are a couple of staffing changes that I would like to bring to your attention. Firstly, Nick Robinson has joined the school's Senior Management Team as Assistant Head (Marketing). This position will be in addition to his existing roles. Secondly, we welcome Hugh Jenkins for the term as our male Gap student. From Australia, Hugh comes to us having spent some time in a similar role at Boundary Oak School in Hampshire. Many congratulations must go to Miss Jane Simmons and Mrs Lucy Gardner who have been accepted on to a B.Ed degree course at Marjons in 'Early Years' and 'Primary Teaching' respectively. Their last day with us will be Friday 17th September and although they will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike, we will wish them every success as they move on. Their replacements have already been appointed and the transition will be as smooth as possible for the children.

The thoughts and views of our parental body are valued greatly and with this in mind I have attached a brief questionnaire to this newsletter. In fact, it consists of just two questions. The first part simply asks what we as a school do well and the second part asks what we as a school could do better. Thoughts and opinions on both of these would be much appreciated, as we are constantly looking at ways of taking the school forward as effectively as possible

This term is a particularly busy one with a tremendous amount going on. Two new events for this term include the 'Golf Afternoon' on Saturday 2nd October at Tavistock Golf Club and the 'Grandparents Afternoon' on Friday 8th October. Details of both of these events and others can be found later in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at the Transition Meetings and the Cheese and Wine party.

With best wishes for a good weekend,

Matthew Foale.

Curriculum Overview

Your child should bring home a curriculum overview for this term. If you have any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you notice an area where you have experience or interesting resources please let us know as we should love to benefit from your expertise.

Thank You- Judi Unwin.

Golf Afternoon – Saturday 2nd October

There is a golf afternoon at Tavistock Golf Club on Saturday 2nd October, starting at 2pm. The aim of this afternoon is for any parent to come along and enjoy a round of golf, either on their own, with a friend, or with their son or daughter if they have an interest in golf. Green fees for non-members are £20 for adults and £10 for children. If you would like to come along, please let Mr. Foale or the school office know.

Raincoats.

Can parents please ensure that all children have a raincoat in school. They will go out to play in all but the worst of conditions, but are unable to do so if they are without their coat. Many thanks

Goose Fair – Wednesday 13th October.

You may have already noticed that the school calendar states that the Prep School will be closed on Wednesday 13th October, due to Goose Fair. However, I am very keen to change this, to keep the school open and run a normal school day for the children. There appears to be plenty of opportunity to visit the fair outside of the normal school day, but if you feel that you would like to take your son or daughter to the fair for the day, please just let the school office know in advance.

Sensory Garden.

Many thanks indeed to Mr. Allsop and the Parents' Association for all their help and hard work in getting the sensory garden behind the outdoor classroom finished. This will certainly become a well-used resource for the children's learning. If you have not already seen it, please do take the time to have a look if you are able.

Chess Results

Congratulations to James Lloyd who competed in the Giga Finals of the UK Chess Challenge during the summer. He won 3 of his 6 matches - an outstanding achievement at this high level of play.

Bottle Greenhouse

Thank you for all your help collecting 2L clear plastic bottles for our greenhouse project. We now need to cut the bases of the bottles off. This is too difficult for the pupils to do. If any parents could offer their time after school one day, we could prepare them quickly, please let Mrs Buckett know. We may also need an offer of storage to hold them while we collect the bottles! Please keep collecting this term and bring them to 4SB's classroom.

Tour of Britain.

As you will be aware, the Tour of Britain cycle race visits Tavistock next week, with a stage start on Wednesday 15th. Inevitably there will be a certain amount of disruption and some road closures in the area. One way to see if your journey to school will be affected is to visit www.devon.gov.uk for details.

Visiting Music Teachers

Monday- Roger King: Drums and Electric Guitar
Liz Twyman: Piano and Cello

Tuesday- Elizabeth Sturtridge: Violin
Ruth Cornish: Piano

Wednesday- Ruth Cornish: Piano
Andy Clarkson: Clarinet and Sax
Tracey Harding: Singing

Thursday- Wendy Scoble: Classical Guitar
Bianca Phillips- Singing and Flute

Friday- Roger King: Drums and Electric Guitar
Peter Jones: Trumpet

Chess Club. Monday Lunchtime - 1.30-2pm Years 2-6.

Mrs Jenks would very much appreciate the help of an adult who can play chess. Please let her know if you would be able to come in and help with our club, even if only occasionally.

Sewing Club. Tuesday after school Years 3-6.

This term's project is to make wall-hanging tidy bags (there is a sample up in room 7). Pupils will be charged £5 each and this must be brought to Mrs Jenks before the first meeting to ensure a place at the club. Mrs Jenks would be very grateful to hear from any adults who are able to help with the club, whether every week or occasionally.

Operation Christmas Child.

We will again be sending gift boxes to some of the poorest children in the world. Please keep hold of any shoe boxes you have - we will be collecting them later this year.

Staff/Parents Band

I have recently acquired a substantial amount of big bands music ranging from Jazz classics to modern rock and am interested in starting up a parent/staff band. We will rig up once a fortnight on either a Monday or Thursday depending on numbers. If you play a clarinet, sax, flute, trumpet, trombone, electric guitar, lead/ bass guitar, kit of any grade and fancy meeting up from 7-9pm for a play and catch up, please leave details in the office. Many Thanks - Mrs Twyman.

A Labour of Love

You are invited to 'A Labour of Love', Laure Bury's latest exhibition of paintings at Kelly College Art Department. This year she will be joined by talented sculptor Jennifer Jayarajah and Parisian artist Luz Angela Quevedo.

Join them for a glass of wine on Friday 17th September 6-8pm. The exhibition continues until Saturday 2nd October 10am-4pm- Closed Saturday 25th and Sundays.

Missing

Aidan Hall - Rugby Shirt

Sports

All boys from Years 3-6 will need a gum shield for rugby this term. All pupils selected for matches must ensure they have a full Kelly tracksuit for match teas.

All pupils in Years 5/6 that are not playing in a match on Wednesday will be doing cross country. All children will need to bring shorts, old trainers and a waterproof.

Wednesday 15th September

U11 Rugby/ Hockey V Blundells (H) 2.30pm

Thursday 16th September

U9 Rugby/Hockey V Stover (A) 2.00pm

Events week commencing 13th September

Monday 13th September – Clubs start

Tuesday 14th September- Year 6 Dartmoor trip
P A Reps meeting

Friday 17th September – Ballet starts

PA

PA Rep meeting

There will be a PA Rep meeting on Tuesday 14th September. If you have any questions you would like to ask please contact your parent rep.

Nursery- Nicolalane@hotmail.com

Reception- Vanessa.bowles@btinternet.com

Year 1- sarahbower@fsmail.com

Year2- greatkate@btinternet.com

Year3 – emma@scawns.wanado.co.uk or the.mcqueens@btinternet.com

Year 4- satis.house@btinternet.com

Year5 – knightfamily@keme.co.uk

Year6- plymouthpeaks@btinternet.com

Boarding rep- Mrs Whitson- Fay- 07859066457

Quiz Night – Thursday 7th October

We will be holding our quiz night, it will be held on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from the office; they will be £5.00 per ticket including Fish and Chips. We will be in teams of 8, if you want to make up your own team, otherwise come along on the night and we can put teams together.

Bonfire Night – Friday 5th November

We will be holding our very popular Bonfire Night party on Friday 5th November. Tickets will be on sale soon at £10 per family ticket – which is exceptional value for a very fun evening. Please keep this evening free in your diary!

Year 2 Parents

To welcome everyone back for the new school year we are organising a coffee morning on Thursday 16th September at Kate's house (Moordene, Axton Lane, Yelverton , PL20 6BU), after morning drop off.

A date for the dairy is the end of term meal, which will be on the 2nd December at Taylors, more details to follow. Kate & Bracken (855539 & 853554)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shepherds pie Vegetarian mince pie Fine green beans Carrots	Roast Chicken Vegetable Kiev Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli	Locally produced beef burgers Spicy bean burgers Oven roasted potatoes Baked beans	Pasta with chesses sauce Bacon Broccoli Sweetcorn	Battered fish Chips Peas
Cookies	Crumble & custard	Fresh fruit	Chocolate mousse	Sticky ginger sponge & custard

Kelly College Preparatory School Music Department

At Kelly College Prep we have a dedicated team of professional and highly skilled visiting music teachers. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please complete the form and return to the office to ensure that your child can start **or continue** with individual musical instrument lessons.

I would like my child _____ Year _____ to learn; (please underline)

Piano Violin Cello Flute Clarinet Saxophone Trumpet

Classical guitar Electric guitar Drums Singing.

I agree that I will support regular practice at home and ensure that their music and instrument is in school for their lesson.

I agree that £142.00 for 10 lessons will be added to my bill.

Signed _____

Date _____

(Please note- 1 form per child – extra forms for additional children can be collected from the office.)