



'If this is to be a Happy New Year, a year of usefulness, a year in which we shall live to make this earth better, it is because God will direct our pathway.'

Matthew Simpson



Dear Parents,

We have now been back for our first full week of term in 2017 and the girls have been enjoying the routine at St Hilda's getting back to normal. We arrived this morning to see the School transformed into a winter wonderland which has suddenly descended upon us over the last 24 hours. Although there is no more snow forecast as I write, please can you ensure that your daughter comes in with boots and suitable layers should we experience similar conditions again.

We have spent several of our assemblies so far considering the importance of a fresh start and a resolve to help others whenever we can. Many of the girls shared their new year resolutions and are trying hard to keep to them. Today we thought of those in society with very little and those caught up in difficult and dangerous parts of the world. The girls are fortunate to live and learn in a safe environment and understanding the differences in our troubled world is very important.

Thank you for the very generous collection at our Christmas service for Homestart Hertfordshire, which raised £563. I am sure the money will be really appreciated, especially as the charity no longer receives any government funding. A link to the charity's website is here <http://home-startherths.org.uk/>.

Clubs

All clubs have re-commenced this week, except Football which starts on Monday. We have introduced a touch-typing for Form V and VI and the girls have been enjoying learning this important life skill.

Parents Consultations

A reminder that the letters for Parent Consultations have gone out; please respond by the deadline stated in the email.

Managing screen time

A reminder that all parents of Form V and Form VI are invited to a special evening at Aldwickbury on Thursday, 26th January, when Dr Aric Sigman (<http://www.aricsigman.com/>) will be addressing the audience on the very important and topical subject of managing screen time. As space is limited this is open to one parent per family. The deadline for responding to this is next Thursday, 19th January.

The next newsletter will be issued on Friday 27th January 2017.

With best wishes

Mr Sayers
Headmaster