



"When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future."
Queen Elizabeth II

Dear Parents,

As we reach the very busy final four weeks of this academic year, it is good to pause and reflect on all that has taken place over the past twelve months. So much activity and progress has been made by the wonderful girls here at St Hilda's and I am so proud of them for all that has been achieved. It is also good to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. The past few weeks, since my last newsletter, have been very sad and uncertain in the nation and we have tried to think and pray for the victims and families that have been caught up in the events in Manchester and London. Knowing how to address these issues with our children is a real challenge. There has been much advice in the media about this and we have thought carefully about how we should approach this within school. If any parents feel they would like further advice and support, do feel free to contact your daughter's form teacher or myself. Remaining resolute and positive can be very difficult in these circumstances and we need to approach all conversations carefully.

We returned from Half Term to welcome the new Mrs Lipman back from her honeymoon! I am sure we all wish her and Mr Lipman every happiness for the future.

The girls of Form V were blessed with warm sunny skies throughout their four day trek to Cranedale, North Yorkshire. I was fortunate to accompany them and was impressed by their excellent behaviour and boundless enthusiasm. Well done, girls. My thanks to Mrs Such and Madame Knight for their hard work.

This week Form VI have been very busy undertaking their Bikeability Course (Cycling Proficiency). It has been good to see them honing their cycling skills and learning the important life lessons regarding road safety.

We are looking forward to the many special events in the coming weeks. First off is the **FOSH Summer Ball** which takes place on Saturday evening at Luton Hoo. I look forward to seeing many of you at this event which has been beautifully planned by members of the FOSH Committee. The **raffle** is being drawn on Saturday evening and contains some promising prizes. Do remember to purchase some tickets.

Next is the **Senior Summer Concert**, 'An English Country Garden', performances of which take place on Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday evening. There are still a few sought after tickets left so do contact the Office if you would like any more. The event is being filmed so do order a DVD of what promises to be a very memorable occasion. Do remember your rugs, chairs and union jacks for the event, which if dry will take place on the field.

On Friday, 16th June the whole School from Reception upwards will walk to Rothamsted Park for our **Orienteering Challenge Charity Event** in aid of Cancer Research UK. Many thanks to all of you who have been busy collecting sponsors for this worthy cause.

We wish three of our girls every success as they travel to Birmingham on Monday, 19th June for the **ISA National Athletics Championships**. Many congratulations to all three who won their respective events at the London North District Event at Bedford. Sienna (60m), Ella (75m) and Florence C (600m) will be representing their area and St Hilda's in their individual events and the area team relay.

Our annual **Sports Day and Prize Giving** takes place two weeks tomorrow on Saturday, 24th June when we look forward to welcoming as many of you and your family as possible. There are a lot of details for this occasion which will be sent out separately.

We have been excited to see a few **Creative Planter Competition** entries coming in this week, but we are hoping for many more! We would encourage you to get green-fingered and creative with your spare plant pots. Entries must be in by 30th June.

Tickets are still available for the **Junior Production** which follows Sports Day in the week commencing 26th June. Please contact the Office if you would like to order some.

As you have seen, there have been some last minute changes to our schedule for **Activity Week**. Mrs Thayer will be writing to you with full details of this traditional end to the Summer Term.

May I remind you of the importance of sun safety at this time of the year in particular. All girls should wear a high factor sun screen and have a school hat to wear.

Read all about it!

Mrs Rigby's newspaper supply is at an all-time low. She would be very grateful if anyone with surplus supplies of newspapers and magazines could bring them up to the Art Room. She is still collecting old, clean pieces of wood and nuts and bolts etc. so please do send these in too if you have any.

The next newsletter will be on Friday, 30th June.

With best wishes

Mr Sayers
Headmaster

