



*'Poetry is not only dream and vision; it is the skeleton architecture of our lives. It lays the foundations for a future of change, a bridge across our fears of what has never been before.'* Audre Lorde

Dear Parents,

We have had such fun this afternoon, listening to the performances of our poetry performers who won their class heats in the annual 'Poetry Please' competition. The girls had worked incredibly hard and wowed us all, including the eagle eyes and ears of our judges, Mrs Lake and Mrs Rigby. As we discovered, poetry is a marvellous way of encapsulating our dreams and visions and the theme this year of freedom seemed especially apt. Afterwards, some of the staff enjoyed our annual opportunity to be very silly and hopefully giving the girls some fun in a rendition of Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake', the main parts ably performed by Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Matthews. Some images are available on our Facebook page. We are looking forward to a grand finale after school later at Movie Night for Forms III, IV, V and VI.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of visiting Abbot's Hill School and having lunch with Year 7 girls who have recently left us. They regaled Mrs Thayer and me with lots of positive tales of their new experiences. Earlier, our own girls were superb in showing round the visitors for our Open Morning. The girls are so proud of their School and did a great job – well done!



#### **Cuddles and Biscuit**

The School Council had great difficulty shortlisting the amazing list of names – almost 100 – that were suggested for our new guinea pigs. After narrowing down the options to 10, two names were drawn out of a hat and we now have two new friends which have been much enjoyed and admired this week. The girls and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the new additions to our family, Cuddles is black and Biscuit a light brown.



#### **Wellies**

A reminder that all girls from Form II upwards will need a pair of wellies that can stay at School permanently for use on the field at break times.

#### **Parent Questionnaire**

The parent questionnaire has been issued this week and is available to complete here <https://goo.gl/forms/NzqzoMRZZvzMcoHg1>. The deadline is next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **E Safety**

A further reminder that you are all warmly invited to our E Safety evening on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Hall at 7pm. Please email [office@sthildasharpenden.co.uk](mailto:office@sthildasharpenden.co.uk) to reserve your place.

#### **Harvest**

It was good to see so many attendees at our first church service of the year, giving thanks for the harvest. The girls sang beautifully and the Form VI girls read with aplomb. I am delighted that the girls' envelopes and your generosity raised £820 for Lend with Care. We will keep you updated regarding our chosen entrepreneurs, chosen by the girls and mentioned during the service. As always, thank you for your support.

#### **Homework Club**

It has been good to see girls at the top of the School utilising Homework Club. We are now opening this up to girls in Forms III and IV, who are welcome to come upstairs and complete their work in peace and quiet, and to have some assistance where required. Homework Club runs from 4.00pm until 5.00pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

#### **Breakfast**

We have noticed some girls coming in for Breakfast Club very close to the end of the session at 8.20am. We are always pleased to welcome the girls, but it should be noted that breakfast will only be served until 8.10am.

#### **Snacks**

May I remind you that girls participating in clubs after School should bring in an additional snack of fruit or vegetables that can be eaten before they start their club. Any girl who is still hungry after eating their own snack is welcome to have a biscuit to keep them going.

#### **Open Morning**

A separate letter has been issued today asking for any girls who are able to attend the Saturday Open Morning on 4<sup>th</sup> November. We would be very grateful for any girls who are available to participate.

#### **Good Luck Mrs Johnstone**

Mrs Johnstone is running a half marathon on Sunday for which she has been training hard. If you would like to sponsor her, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amelia-johnstone1>

After Half Term, I will be absent for up to two weeks as I have been called for Jury Service. Mrs Thayer will be Acting Headteacher in my absence and any correspondence normally for my attention should be addressed to her until my return.

I wish you all a very Happy Half Term at the end of next week. The next newsletter will be published on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

With best wishes

Mr Sayers  
Headmaster

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27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below for information regarding the Katherine Warington Open Day and planning application.

**Open Day: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October (10am – 3pm), Rothamsted Research, Harpenden**

You may be aware that we are opening the Katherine Warington School for Year 7 pupils in September 2018, subject to planning permission being granted. We would like to invite you to attend our open day which will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 3pm at Rothamsted Research, West Common, Harpenden AL5 2JQ. The Headteacher will deliver a speech at 10.30, 12 noon and 2pm. Please come along to find out more about the plans for the school.

#### **Applying for a place at Katherine Warington School**

The application process is not the normal one that you are completing for your other school choices. Until we have signed our funding agreement with the Department for Education, we cannot be part of the standard process. To apply to our school:

- You will need to use this link: [Application Form for Katherine Warington School](#)  
You will also need to complete your online preferences through the Herts website.
- On 1st March 2018, you will then receive notification from Herts informing you of your allocated school through the Herts system.
- You will also hear directly from us if you have an offer of a place at the Katherine Warington School. You will then need to let Herts know which offer you will be accepting.

We will be able to help with any questions you have at the open day, or simply email us at [info@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:info@kwschool.co.uk). We look forward to meeting you at the open day.

#### **Planning Application**

I am delighted that the planning application for the new school has been submitted. It is very important that you take the time to comment on it. Please follow the link [KWS Planning Application](#). The application reference number is PL\0866\17.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Smith', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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