



*'You can't stop rain from falling down, prevent the sun from shining,
You can't stop spring from coming in, or winter from resigning,
Or still the waves or stay the winds, or keep the day from dawning,
You can't stop God from loving you, His love is new each morning.'* James Whitbourn

Dear Parents,

It was fabulous to see such a great turnout at our Sports Day and Prizegiving on 30th June. It surely must rank as one of the hottest ever, and I am so grateful to everyone for their patience, tolerance and good humour in difficult conditions. We were pleased to welcome Jo Cameron, Headmistress of Queenswood who spoke about the importance of dealing with disappointment. She had a kind word for each individual. I was pleased to see so many of you come inside afterwards and enjoy seeing the super displays of work which were testament to the girls' efforts and the hard work of the teaching staff.

Last week saw the fantastic Junior Production of 'The Rainbow Spectacular', which the girls have absolutely loved performing to appreciative audiences. It is quite remarkable to see such young children speaking so clearly, singing with perpetual verve and displaying obvious enjoyment. From Nursery to Form II, all the girls have been splendid.

This morning we gathered in St Nicholas' Church for the Leavers' Service, which was as always a very moving occasion as we bid adieu to girls and some staff. The theme of the service was 'The Greatest Gift' and focused on the importance of love, whether receiving or giving, and how the girls can show this to others. I include the text of the lyrics to the song which was sung by the younger girls. Whatever the weather (as we have been reminded in such energy-sapping heat), the season or the effects of nature around us, God's love is evident in our lives and of those nearest to us. We must learn to show this in return.

Well done to all the girls who represented the School at the Harpenden District Athletics last Tuesday, another hot day, when there were some creditable performances with several relay teams getting through to the final round.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the Charity Fundraiser this year, in support of the British Heart Foundation. Our Justgiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/staff-and-pupils-st-hilda-s-school-harpenden1>. So far we have raised altogether £2000.20.

Secondary Transfer Fair – Wednesday 3rd October

We are holding our first Secondary School Transfer Fair this coming term for classes in the Senior Department who are considering different options for Year 7. In previous years this has been held for Form V parents only as an information evening. We are hoping to host stands with representatives from local independent schools who will be pleased to speak to you. Further details will be sent out in September.

If anyone is having a clear out over the summer, we would be delighted to receive any board games or similar activities that you may be disposing of for After School Club. Please can these be brought to the School Office.

One of our parents in Form III is hoping to start a Youth Club in Harpenden, for children who are 13+. I am sure that all parents share in the concern for their children as they are growing up and wish for them to be safe as they become more independent. If any parents are interested in becoming involved please visit <https://www.facebook.com/Youth-club-Harpenden-1629838363731474/>

Perform, the popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40 for families of St Hilda's School if they sign up by Saturday 15th September. Parents should quote HILA150918 when they book their free session by going to www.perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

After an exceptionally busy term and conclusion to the academic year, I wish everyone a very special and restful summer break. I look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday, 6th September.

With best wishes
Mr Sayers
Headmaster





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