



Dear Parents,

A lot has happened since the last newsletter and we find ourselves busy preparing for Christmas events in the coming weeks. The girls have been learning lines and music for their various performances which I know will be terrific. This weekend sees the centenary of the Armistice and I do hope that many of you will be able to join us at the short act of remembrance on Monday afternoon, weather permitting outside, to give thanks for the sacrifice of so many in this terrible war, and in other conflicts since. Next week, we will also be considering our parliamentary system, ahead of a trip to the Palace of Westminster at the end of November for Form IV and Form V, in assembly. We will also remember the sacrifice, bravery and resilience of those members of the Suffrage Movement who, one hundred years ago, also fought for the rights of women.

#### **Congratulations**

A huge well done to Isabella in Form III who received a letter of commendation from the Mayor of Harpenden for her Christmas poster. Isabella has been invited to a special ceremony to receive her award. Similarly congratulations go to Chloe in Form IV and Beatrice in Form V for their art work which received highly commended in the recent ISA London North Art Competition. Chloe's *winter robin* and Beatrice's *portrait of Elizabeth I* were star attractions at the event. Finally, I was very proud of our Chess team, the 'Checkmate Queens' who, despite taking on stiff rivals from other schools, still showed total commitment. Thea in Form V and Sophie in Form VI both won several of their matches convincingly. Well done to all who participated in the 10K run before the break, which raised £146.50 for Rennie Grove Hospice through Mad Hair Day. Thank you for your support.



#### **FOSH News**

The new pond has now been installed and I am so grateful to those who have supported this excellent new resource for the girls and to FOSH for their generosity in funding the project. If anyone has some suitable plants they could spare to enhance the habitat and encourage the spread of wildlife, please speak to Mrs Rushbrook or Mrs Buckland.

#### **Father Christmas**

We are looking for some volunteers to play the role of Father Christmas at the Bazaar. If you think you could do this we would really love to hear from you! Please contact Ruth Stannard at [ruthstannard@gmail.com](mailto:ruthstannard@gmail.com) or Katherine Fulton at [Katherine.fulton@outlook.com](mailto:Katherine.fulton@outlook.com)

#### **Grotto Tickets**

Grotto tickets will be available to purchase next week from 7.45am-8.45am on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November. And also at Friday treats until 4pm on the 16th. They will be priced at £3.50 per child. Grotto slots sell out fast so we cannot guarantee that we will still have slots on the Thursday or Friday. Please try to buy on the Tuesday if this is important to you. You'll also be able to buy your bazaar entrance ticket for £1.50 per child at the same time.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

Over the next two weeks we look forward to several events. On Monday the whole School will remember the First World War I a special drama performance called 'Lest we forget'. On Friday we celebrate St Hilda's Day with a 'Magic Maths' workshop. The girls will be undertaking a series of activities within their classes which I am sure will be inspiring as well as fun. The following Tuesday Forms III to VI will enjoy the visit of the Young Shakespeare Company once again, this year for a performance of Macbeth. I am sure everyone will really enjoy this.



#### **Questionnaire**

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire this year. There were some very positive and constructive responses, which I will share with you separately. The next newsletter will be published on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

With best wishes  
Mr Sayers  
Headmaster



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