



"Virtue is brave, and kindness is never afraid. I have never regretted my good deeds." William Shakespeare



Dear Parents,

It seems to have been an exceptional couple of weeks for activity. As I write, the girls in Form VI are preparing for the ever popular Valentine Disco, which will no doubt provide much enjoyment later. Last week gave the School another opportunity to celebrate all that we do in a new film and photography session which has resulted in some super new footage, which we will be able to share soon. All of the crew involved spoke to me individually about the happiness that pervades the School, and which I hope is always evident when one comes into St Hilda's.

There has been much to celebrate since our last newsletter, a few highlights I mention here. On the sporting front, our netball players have been busy and reached the quarter finals of the ISA London North tournament, with 20 schools competing. The Harpenden league season is in full swing and we wish the girls every success, and good weather, for these fixtures. Our first class concert took place on Wednesday, with every girl in Form III taking their place performing a piece, together with class songs and a performance on our suite of ukuleles. Last week, we enjoyed an exceptional afternoon judging the Shakespeare Monologue Competition. Girls in Form V and Form VI were given the opportunity to choose a piece of Shakespeare to learn and perform, for up to three minutes. I can only say that the standard was quite astonishing and made me so proud of all that our girls can achieve with determination and perseverance. Many congratulations to Eidan in Form VI and EmilyBeth in Form V, the recordings of whose performances will be submitted to the ISA national competition. Finally, there has been more success from entrance exam results for Form VI, which is terrific.



I was very pleased to hear that Sophie in Form IV had decided to donate some of her Christmas presents to the homeless. Such positive and kind deeds are really special and I hope will inspire others.

The snow of last Friday was not as bad as forecast and I was pleased by the very sensible attitude shown by the children, who also had a lot of fun. We will always aim to open if possible, but making the decision can be difficult in coordinating with other local schools. Your patience in these circumstances is appreciated.



Form III art work inspired by L S Lowry and Brian Wildsmith



FOSH Summer Ball

This year's Summer Ball will be held in the Conservatory at the beautiful Walled Gardens, Luton Hoo on Saturday 8th June. Tickets for the ball will go on sale shortly after half term and will need to be bought as a table of 8 or 10 people. We are expecting tables to sell quickly so now is the time to nominate a table host and start thinking about getting your table together! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Staff News

I am sorry to announce that Mrs Abbott-Drake will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term after seven years as Head of Learning Support. Mrs Abbott-Drake has provided strong leadership in this vital area of our work and we thank her for all she has done in this regard.

Today we say farewell to Mrs Booth in the Office. We shall all miss her efficient presence very much and thank her for all she has done.

The next newsletter will be sent on Friday 1st March. Wishing everyone, when it comes, a very Happy Half Term break.

With best wishes

Mr Sayers
Headmaster



Friends of St Hilda's
SUMMER BALL

Saturday 8th June 2019

7pm to 1am

The Walled Garden at Luton Hoo

*Join us for our ever popular bi-annual black tie ball.
An evening of dinner and dancing in the beautiful
Conservatory of The Walled Garden within the
Luton Hoo Estate*

*The evening includes;
A Welcome Drink
3 Course Dinner
Dancing & Photo Booth*

Ticket Price £95 each

**Tickets will be sold in tables of 8
or 10 from Friday 1st March**



NAME THE BUS COMPETITION

Harpenden Town Council has purchased two new buses to be used by the Harpenden Hopper which is the Town's community bus service.

The Harpenden Hopper team are inviting children age 4-11 to name our NEW buses!

To enter, draw a picture of a Hopper bus (like the one below) with your name idea on the side of it.

The winner will be invited to a presentation ceremony with the Town Mayor, and their name idea will be used on the new buses!

Closing date Friday 15 March. Please draw your entry on A4 paper and include your name, age, school and class on the back. Original entries only. Please return your picture to:

Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX

