



'Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua chapter 1 verse 9

Dear Parents,

Tudor Galleons by Form V

It has been a busy couple of weeks with a lot going on behind the scenes as much as, literally, on stage. The highlight has to be the fabulous Form VI Production of 'Ye Ha!' which has been much enjoyed by everyone fortunate to see it. Having seen my daughter perform the same show when she was in Form VI, I was pleased to stumble across the class photo from their performance, then to reflect that she and her peers are hopefully off to university later in the year. Our girls this time have worked so hard to achieve another year of outstanding results to independent and state schools, with seven scholarships in all. It was wonderful to see them enjoying themselves on stage with such aplomb and panache, including plenty of giggles both on and off the stage!



Since the last newsletter, we have been treated to the final class concert of this term when Form V showed their growing musical skills to full effect. It was great to see almost everyone in the class now playing an instrument, some two. We also enjoyed a very different class assembly when Form IV followed stories from the New Zealand tradition, which was much enjoyed.

Congratulations

Further Netball success was achieved in recent fixtures, the latest with a double victory for A and B teams against Crabtree.

We were also delighted to hear about further success for Anna in Form VI, who competed in the British Schools Gymnastics Association National Finals for St Hilda's on Saturday 2nd March in Cannock, Staffordshire. Having competed in two previous rounds to qualify for the finals she then had 28 girls in her category. Anna completed two routines on the trampoline and was placed 7th in Great Britain!

Breakfast Club

As many of you will realise, Breakfast Club has become exceptionally popular this year and we are having to put further measures in place in order to ensure that this remains a manageable service. I am pleased that Mrs Clulow-Phillips will join Breakfast Club from after Easter with Mrs Matthews. All EYFS children in Nursery and Reception will be welcomed to the Nursery classroom by Mrs Radgman. Full details of how to book will be emailed to you on Monday.

Staff News

We have been busy appointing a new Head of Learning Support. As announced today, I am so pleased to confirm that Mrs Claire Pearson is returning to St Hilda's in September to assume the position, coming through an exceptional field of candidates.

School Pond – a request

Thank you to those who have donated plants and frogspawn for the new pond. If anyone else has any spare plants, please let Mrs Buckland know via the School Office.

Art Materials

A reminder, following Mrs Rigby's request for art materials you may have lurking at home: 'I am hoping to create a large outside mosaic mural with the help of the children and I would love some donations for this please. I am looking for any old spare tiles/old plates/glass beads of any colour or pattern. I would also love to receive any 'match pots' containing emulsion paint of any colour (it does not matter if they are already opened). Thank you in advance for your support.

The next newsletter will be sent on Friday 29th March, the last day of term. The girls are now starting to learn their music for the Easter Service on that day, to which you are all warmly invited.

With best wishes

Mr Sayers
Headmaster

Can you donate dresses suitable for a school prom?



No teenage girl should miss their school prom because they can't afford a dress to wear.

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