



*'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.'*

Dear Parents,

The Spring Term has ended on a high note this morning with the girls from Reception to Form VI joining with parents, grandparents, governors and friends at our annual Easter service at the High Street Methodist Church. As always the beautiful music was balanced with the simple telling of this key moment in the Christian calendar.

It has been a very busy term and the children have coped well with the many events, trips and concerts undertaken, also enduring with the staff the usual round of winter bugs which have persisted longer than usual for some. I hope that the warmer weather will be a welcome change and that the holiday to come will provide much needed recharging opportunities.

This week has seen the culmination of many preparations in the House Music Competition, when we welcomed Mr Biggs, Director of Music at Berkhamsted Prep as our adjudicator. The girls had a phenomenal afternoon and the end result was a close run finish of Lancaster 3<sup>rd</sup> place, York 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Warwick in 1<sup>st</sup> place, also winning the house song, which can be viewed on our Facebook page. Well done to all the girls and especially to the Arts House Captains who worked so hard on words and choreography.



### **Congratulations**

After a rain delay last week, the House Netball was finally completed on Tuesday with York holding aloft the trophy this year. We also awarded the House Cross Country shield, well done to Warwick. Housepoint totals were announced yesterday, the winning house this term being Lancaster.

### **Staff News**

As announced yesterday, we are sorry to announce that Miss Freeman will be leaving us at the end of June. We will of course be saying a proper thank you then. We are most grateful for all her hard work as Business Manager over the last five years.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Buckland will be joined in September by a new teacher who will job share with her. Miss Helen Sewell is moving to St Hilda's from Beechwood Park, where she is currently Year 3 teacher and Forest School Leader. Mrs Buckland will teach from Monday to Wednesday lunchtime, and Miss Sewell will join on a Wednesday break and teach for the rest of the week. She will be visiting next term when parents will have the opportunity to meet her.

### **Exams for older classes**

In previous years, we have had specific exam weeks for older classes from Form IV. Due to the different residential trips next term and Easter falling late, this is not so easy to achieve this year. All girls through the school are being assessed in Maths and English shortly after Easter, but we do not specify the days these are being undertaken as we wish to enable the girls to access their curriculum as usual with confidence and not to become anxious with a set date in mind. These assessments are administered by their form teacher or subject specialist in their normal surroundings. Form IV, V and VI have additional assessments for some subjects such as Science, History and Geography, and French and Latin. Form teachers will issue the dates for these in their Summer Term newsletters after the holidays, but form teachers will also inform parents directly of the topics that their daughter can revise over Easter. This should not be onerous, but is an opportunity for the girls to be prepared.

### **Housekeeping**

Summer uniform – this should be worn from the first day of term. I recommend that anyone purchasing a summer dress from Stevenson's does so early as there has sometimes been difficulty in the supply chain. If there is a cold snap, please feel free to provide red or white tights for your daughter, with cardigans. Blazers should be worn to and from school instead of the winter coat, with cagoules for wet days. A second hand uniform sale has been arranged for Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, details on the next page.

Clubs – the Summer Term club letter has been issued and you are reminded to send replies to Mrs Fereday by Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

### **London Marathon Parent**

St Hilda's parent Katherine Lewis (mum to Hannah and Emma) will be running the London Marathon in April to raise funds for research into dementia treatments and cures. "I'm taking on this huge challenge following my Mum's diagnosis with Alzheimer's. I want to help raise as much money as possible to help the ground breaking and vital research being carried out by the both the Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Research UK. Any and all donations would be amazing - thank you!" We wish Mrs Lewis every success. Her page is here <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KatherineLewis15>

The first day of the Summer Term is Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April. I will be away that week with Form VI, together with Madame Knight, Mrs Rushbrook and Mrs Matthews in Normandy. I wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter.

With best wishes

Mr Sayers  
Headmaster

# Uniform Sale

The next sale will be held during the first week of the summer term.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**2.30pm – 4pm**

Please come to Reception, and you will be taken up to the Learning Support classroom in the lift.

Please drop any donations into the school office before the Easter break.





# SAADI Recreational Gymnastics Club

## **Harpenden Easter Holiday Camps 2019**

Sir John Lawes school 10am – 3pm

(early bird option from 9am)

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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# Easter Netball Camp

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Harpenden

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# Queenswood Sports Fun Morning

Saturday 11 May 2019

10.30am – 12.30pm in the Queenswood Hall

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