



St Hilda's School
HARPENDEN
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th February 2022 No.112

Dear Parents,

As we reach the halfway point in this busy Spring Term, it is a good moment to have a round up of all that has been going on across the school. The children have all had a busy 6 weeks and achieved much, as evidenced in the awarding of Head's Commendations this morning, with awards for resilience, determination, courage and confidence! With concerts, assemblies, trips, fixtures and a wide variety of success seen across the curriculum, all have been totally immersed in school life. I am sure that almost all of us are looking forward to a slower pace next week, but spare a thought for Mrs Matthews and her team running the half term holiday club, with the children joining them! I am so grateful for those who ensure that this vital service is available for working parents.



The following news items provide a summary of recent events.

Junior Production – Nursery to Form II provided us with a wonderful entertainment last week with their play 'All about me'. Budding thespians and performers were much in evidence. A video recording is available for those wishing to have a lasting memento.

LAMDA – all girls took exams on Wednesday, and we wish them every success for the results to come. For the Form II girls, this represented their first exams, and all were very excited!

Netball success – the Harpenden District league matches have started and we are unbeaten so far, matches to date against Wood End and Harpenden Academy. The highlight of the season so far was the triumph at Redbridge in the ISA London North U11 competition, the SHS team now advance to the national finals in Rugby on 4th March.

Magistrates Day – the Form VI girls had a visit from two ex-SHS parents who are local magistrates and spent the morning discussing rights and responsibilities as the girls prepare to leave for secondary school.



Forest School – almost all classes have now enjoyed Forest School sessions at Hudnall Park. We are grateful to Miss Sewell for all her hard work organising these.

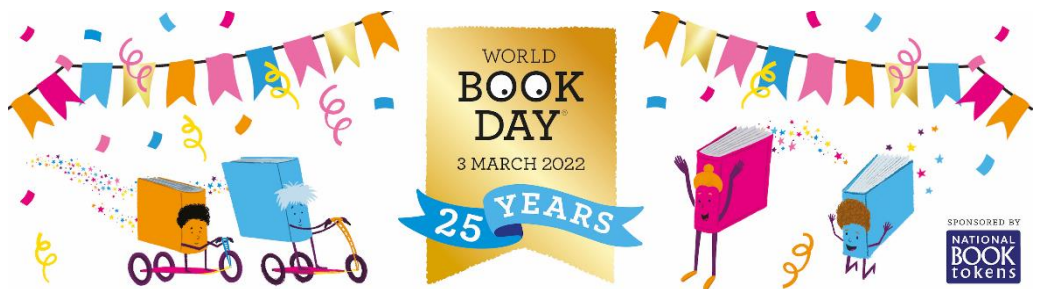
Secondary offers – we have been delighted with the ongoing success achieved by our Form VI class this year. Their hard work has been rewarded with further offers to Sherrardswood, Abbot's Hill, Haileybury, STAHS and Haberdashers' Aske's. So far, this has resulted in 16 scholarships and awards. Congratulations to all.

Dates for your diary:

Valentine Disco – **Thursday 24th February** for Form III to Form VI. Details on next page.

World Book Day – **3rd March**.

Pupils are welcome to dress up as a favourite book character. Hopefully the Half Term break will give all sufficient time to find appropriate dressing up clothes. There will be a parade and a small prize awarded to a winner from each class.



eSafety Day – postponed due to Covid, the rearranged date is now **Tues 29th March**, with the parent meeting scheduled for **7pm**.

Easter service – **1st April at 9.30am** in the High Street Methodist Church. Further details will be sent in due course.

FOSH Summer Ball – please save the date for the biannual Ball at Bocket Hall on **Friday 10th June**.

Sports Day – this will take place on **Saturday, 25th June** in the morning. The school will be open in the morning to view work. Speeches and prizes will be held at 10am, followed by races and concluding with a whole school lunch.

Christmas Holiday – we give notice that the last day of term in December will be a daily earlier than originally stated. The term will now end on **Tuesday, 13th December**.

Charity Fundraising

Thank you to all for your support in the various fundraising that is happening this term. So far this has included:

Non-uniform day today in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, which has already raised £570. Anyone wishing to donate can do so here [here](#).

Lend with Care – our support of this worthy cause continues. We have now been paid back the majority of the funds lent to different entrepreneurs, and the School Council last week chose new causes to lend the grand total of £1765. It is so rewarding to see the difference our support is making across the world.

Red Nose Day – advance notice for **Friday 18th March**, raising for Comic Relief. This will be a non-uniform day, participants should have an item of red clothing. Please remember to purchase your noses! Mrs Matthews hopes to run 50 miles through March up to the day itself. We hope to support her in raising funds for Comic Relief.

Staff news

I am sorry to announce that my PA, Louise Judd, will be leaving St Hilda's on March 18th. Louise has been offered a new role supporting the team of Bim Afolami, MP. We wish Louise every success and thank her for all her hard work. The vacancy will be advertised shortly.

PE kits – a reminder to all to ensure that PE kits are given a thorough wash over half term and are returned sparkling after the break!

Wishing everyone a good half term.

With warm regards
Dan Sayers
Headmaster



FOSH INVITES FORMS
3/4/5/6 TO THE

Valentine's Disco

THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2022

FORMS 3 AND 4 -----> 5-6PM

FORMS 5 AND 6 -----> 6-7PM

PLEASE BRING A NAMED WATER BOTTLE
SNACKS TO BE PROVIDED (INCLUDING VEGAN AND
GLUTEN FREE OPTION) - £7.50 PER CHILD PAYABLE TO
THE FOSH ACCOUNT (DETAILS BELOW) WITH FORM AND
SURNAME REFERENCE



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OUTSIDE SCHOOL
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AND SURNAME
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Friends Of St Hildas

SUMMER BALL

The Oak Room at Bocket Hall
Friday 10th June 2022
7.30pm to 1am

Save the date and join us for our bi-annual Black Tie ball. An evening of dinner and dancing in the beautiful Oak Room of Bocket Hall Estate.

The evening includes:
A Welcome Drink
3 Course Sit Down Dinner
Dancing & Photo Booth
Ticket Price £95 per head
Tickets will be sold by tables of 10
(with some flexibility on numbers)

An email will be sent out on Monday 7th March with further details on how to reserve a table. Any further information can be obtained from your Form Rep.

