



St Hilda's School

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# NEWSLETTER

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*'Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid;  
Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God  
will be with you wherever you go.'*

Joshua 1 verse 8-9

Dear Parents,

A really big welcome back to all after the Easter break. I hope that everyone is now back into the swing of things and ready for a term packed from end to end with excitement. This time two years ago, we were starting to face up to remote learning and a half term of being stuck at home in the first lockdown. It is hard to believe how long this pandemic has endured and the duration of its impact upon our daily lives. At times this has tested our courage and patience to the limit. However, we should all be thankful that, despite many of us having the virus and the after effects still known to some of us, we should count our blessings that all in the St Hilda's community have made a full recovery. No doubt there will be further outbreaks and variants to deal with, but I sincerely hope that the worst is now behind us. Thank you to everyone for your patience and fortitude in the many frustrations and disappointments that have ensued since March 2020.



The end of last term saw our Easter service having to be held at school due to the pandemic. The school showed great enthusiasm in their singing, and Form VI led the service via zoom. Although several events had to be postponed due to the outbreak, these have all been included in the summer programme and I trust that all involved will enjoy their events. The Calendar of Events has been distributed to pupils this week, please carefully note all the planned.

## Platinum Jubilee

We will be having a special garden party event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on **Friday, 27th May in the afternoon**, when the whole school community are invited to come to together to celebrate this unique national celebration. Please make a note in your diaries. Grandparents and friends are welcome. Details to follow.

A huge congratulations to Mrs Matthews for raising £1160 for Comic Relief.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this noble effort.

## New staff

A warm welcome to Mrs Liz Madden, who has started this week in the School Office as Office Administrator. Mrs Madden will be using the usual office@ address. All wraparound requests should now be sent to Mrs Madden. Mrs Fereday is now Compliance and Admissions Officer and will now use a new address [admissions@sthildasharpندن.co.uk](mailto:admissions@sthildasharpندن.co.uk). We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Aisha Ahmad as Head of English this week, and to welcome back Mrs Comer, who will be working on Wednesday mornings until the middle of June, and Ms McPhee returns to our Peripatetic Team. We trust that all new staff will feel welcome with us.

## French Trip

As you will have seen in the lovely photo, Form VI have been having a fantastic time in Normandy, sampling the delights of French cuisine and having many opportunities to immerse themselves in the local language. We are so grateful to Madame Knight, Miss Smith and Mrs Matthews for taking the girls there and giving them such a wonderful time. We wish them a safe journey back on Friday, via Bayeux and Caen.

Congratulations to Libby in Form VI who is taking part in the Fencing British Youth National Championships in Sheffield on Monday. We wish Libby all the best!

### Car Wash - Friday 6th May

Form III are having a car wash to raise money for the people of Ukraine. If you would like your car washed, please email [hsewell@sthildasharpenden.co.uk](mailto:hsewell@sthildasharpenden.co.uk) to book your slot between 9:00 - 11.00am. Minimum £5 donation.

### Books donation

Thank you to all who donated such a fantastic collection of books for the Children's Book Project in early March. The proceeds were distributed to needy families in the Watford area. See this Twitter feed link for more information on where the books have headed. <https://twitter.com/WatfordFC/status/1518545355062738944?s=20&t=gVqx9B-xQATrysaxP3hs-A>

### Uniform

Please note the new date for the **FOSH second hand uniform sale** – it will now be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that uniform should be presentable and correct according to the lists provided. Hair accessories should be simple hair bands or a plain Alice band, in school colours of red, blue or white. The summer dress pattern is fine for hair toggles and Alice bands. Trainers should be white with minimal colour. Earrings should be plain studs only. Hair should be tied back if it is long enough to do so. In the colder weather, red or white tights are acceptable, white ankle socks only are to be worn, not the blue winter socks or longer white socks.

### And finally.....

Our warmest congratulations to Mr and Mrs Griffin on their marriage! At last, after two years and four attempts, the happy couple finally tied the knot in Scotland surrounded by mountains. We wish them every happiness for the future.

With warm regards for the term ahead,

Dan Sayers  
Headmaster

