



Edition 1

# St. Hilary's Friday Notes

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018



## ST HILARY'S AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE



Is free will real or just an illusion?

Mrs M Price



## NOTES FROM MRS WHITTINGHAM - YOUR HEAD



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Dear Parents,

There cannot be many people who can treasure such a glorious view from their workplace window and this coupled with the happy chatter and buzz of the boys and girls has made for a wonderful start to the Summer Term. The weather has certainly been on our side although I have heard murmurs that it is simply just 'too hot', which seems a sharp contrast to the recent grey, cold, wet weather we had during the holidays.

The boys and girls look very smart in their summer uniform and I have enjoyed hearing about their holiday news and accomplishments. Indeed, the 'big red staircase' has been very busy and there will be plenty to celebrate in our assembly this afternoon. In our assembly on Wednesday, we focused on the importance of pupils striving to achieve their Personal Best in true Paddington Bear style (PB Moment). The pupils understand there is a lot of learning to be completed before the end of the academic year so that they are prepared for the next school year, whether it be at St Hilary's or at a new school. We also stressed the importance of concentrating on their own achievements and not comparing their work and results to



other pupils. Of course, we expect our pupils to do their best but we equally know that we cannot expect any more than this and although competition is healthy comparing oneself to others is not.

The photos to the side and below will give you a small snapshot of some of the highlights of my week. Lunch with Head Girl, Immy and her Deputy, Lydia are always delightful lunch companions - thank you for joining me girls - your ideas and enthusiasm are much appreciated.



I am excited to report that our bird box has seen some recent activity. An egg was laid this morning by our resident blue tit as you will see in the photo below. Do keep an eye on its progress using the following link:

<http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/st-hilarys-school/>



I look forward to seeing those girls playing at the Versatility Netball Tournament at school. My thanks go in advance go to Mrs Marshall and team for providing the much needed refreshments and for generously donating the money to Machwa School.



Good luck to Miss Higgins who is running the London Marathon on Sunday. We are thrilled that she will also be raising money for Machwa School. If you would like to support Miss Higgins, please click on the link [here](#). I hope that I will have good news next week for Mary, at Machwa. It would be wonderful if work on their dining room could re-start and pupils no longer need to eat in the classrooms. Please give generously.





Have a super weekend.

**Mrs Jane Whittingham**



This afternoon the following Commendation was presented during Assembly:



**Commendations**

Emily (Y4) - For effort and participation in Athletics



## NOTES FROM MRS CLARKE - DEPUTY HEAD



What fantastic weather we have had to start the Summer Term! The pupils all looked very smart indeed in their summer uniform. It was lovely hearing about their Easter breaks, whether it was jetting off to some exotic places or spending time at home with family and friends.

Term now feels well under way with lots of exciting activities and events planned. This is the term of Sports Day, the Year 5/6 Production, residential trips, the Y2 and Y3 Dads' Camping and the Awards Ceremony amongst many other things. For our Year 6 girls and Year 2 boys it is also their last term and we always work hard to make it as memorable as possible.

This week, Year 3 visited Butser Ancient Farm and a fabulous time was had by all. The day was made even better by the exceptional weather!



The U11 Versatility Tournament will also take place at St Hilary's tomorrow and this is set to be a very busy and exciting event. Good luck to all of our Year 6 girls!

The Ombrosa visitors arrived today and I know that all of the pupils are very much looking forward to getting to know them and making them feel welcome. My thanks go to all of the host families.

Next week is set to be a busy week with a Year 6 and Year 2 trip, Year 5 and 6 auditions for the production and also Open Morning on the Friday, as well as various fixtures.

**Mrs Clarke**



## CELEBRATIONS

The following boys and girls were proud to be awarded a certificate for Pupil of the Week:

RR - Polina for reading so many sight words this week

RV - Tilly for good progress in learning her flashcards

1H - Charlotte for confidence and progress in her reading and writing

1K - Hugo for settling into school with confidence and enthusiasm

2L - Leo K for working hard on his toe by toe, specifically his pronunciation of 'th'

2R - Edward for making excellent progress in his writing and creating a fabulous rhyming poem

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



A reminder about our photography competition, which is open to anyone from the school community and is based around our school motto 'Not for oneself, but for all.' Suggested topics could include: families, family life, friendship, the community as well as animal habitats and the wider world. It is open to your interpretation.

We would like you to send in one entry per person in an envelope. On the back of the photo, please write your name, age, class (if applicable), title of the photo and a contact number. The photograph needs to be printed onto gloss or matt photographic paper, no bigger than A3. We will accept both colour and black and white images.

**The deadline for entries has been extended to 4pm on Friday 27th April.** Prizes will be awarded and all Highly Commended entries will be framed. A silent auction will take place for all Highly Commended entries. All money raised will be split between our two school charities for this year: Machwa School and Shooting Star Chase. We will be holding an exhibition of all entries on Wednesday 9th May from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Silent bids can be placed during the course of the evening by adults only. When we have collated all of the information, we will let you know if you have placed a successful bid.

**Mrs Mitchell and Miss Brooker**

## MUSIC

We are all excited about the launch of this year's St Hilary's Young Musician of the Year competition. The sign-up sheets are up in the Music Department and we are looking forward to the first round in the week beginning 7th May. All children in Years 3- 6 are welcome to sign up to come and sing or play to us. They will need to get their peripatetic teachers to sign on the sheets (anyone learning out of school can ask me to sign). Let the excitement commence...!

**Miss Evans**



# The Pepper Pot

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Main hot meal</b></p> <p>Cajun spiced chicken wraps served with herby wedges and garden peas G/F option</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Hot meal</b></p> <p>Fresh asparagus Risotto G/F</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b></p> <p>Traditional Jacket Potato with a choice of hot or cold filling G/F</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>Homemade mandarin mousse G/F option</p>	<p><b>Main hot meal</b></p> <p>Honey roasted gammon with roast potatoes fresh carrots and gravy G/F</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Hot meal</b></p> <p>Spiced beetroot and feta tart served with red onion chutney</p> <p><b>Pasta Bar</b></p> <p>Freshly cooked Pasta Served with chef's sauce of the day</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>Butterscotch tart with cream G/F option</p>	<p><b>Main hot meal</b></p> <p>Cod fish cakes served with glazed new potatoes golden corn and ketchup G/F option</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Hot meal</b></p> <p>Stilton and crumb filled portobello mushroom</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b></p> <p>Traditional Jacket Potato with a choice of hot or cold filling G/F</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>St Clements sponge with ice dusting G/F option</p>	<p><b>Main hot meal</b></p> <p>Spaghetti bolognaise served with parmesan cheese and garlic bread G/F</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Hot meal</b></p> <p>Savory fig and filo pie</p> <p><b>Pasta Bar</b></p> <p>Freshly cooked Pasta Served with chef's sauce of the day</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>Apple and mixed berry crumble served custard G/F option</p>	<p><b>Main hot meal</b></p> <p>Cheese loaded beef burger served with skinny chips tomato relish G/F option</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Hot meal</b></p> <p>Homemade curried potato scotch egg</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b></p> <p>Traditional Jacket Potato with a choice of hot or cold filling G/F</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>Fresh strawberry jelly G/F option</p>

