



Edition 1

St. Hilary's Friday Notes

Friday, 11th January 2019



ST. HILARY'S AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE



What should be the goal of humanity?

Miss Hall



NOTES FROM MRS WHITTINGHAM - YOUR HEAD



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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely, following the two INSET days, to have the boys and girls back in school and I am pleased to report that it has been a very calm start to the term. Christmas is such a special time for children although I understand that many of you - and them are ready to get back into the routine that school brings. Saying that, I think the early, dark mornings have come as a bit of a shock!

As predicted, the pupils have all grown and this was noticeable in assembly with our traditional beginning of term photo. In assembly we discussed looking backwards to 2018 and forwards to 2019 and this is particularly pertinent to our Year 6 girls who are currently taking exams for their senior schools. Although, this is potentially unsettling for them, we have been incredibly impressed with their mature and sensible approach. Indeed, looking at these girls it is difficult to believe they are still only ten and eleven years old - looking out of my Study window and taking a minute to watch their sports lesson it was difficult to ascertain which were pupils and which were staff! Saying





that, we are very conscious that they are still children and despite our high expectations there is still plenty of time to have fun.

It has been very chilly this week. Please make sure that your son/daughter brings their coat, hat (uniform only), scarf and gloves on a daily basis so that they keep warm at playtime.

Our congratulations go to Mr and Mrs Fairbairn and Albie on the safe arrival of Toby, last Friday. All our doing well and I am sure you will appreciate that I am looking forward to a cuddle very soon! Mr Fairbairn is now on Paternity Leave and Mrs Redman, one of our regular supply teachers will be covering this for us.

I hope that you have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you at the gate on Monday morning, ready and raring to buzz for the first full week of the Spring Term.

Mrs Jane Whittingham

This afternoon the following Headmistress' Award was presented during Assembly:



Headmistress' Awards
Lily (Y3) for fantastic improvement in reading

 **NOTES FROM MRS MITCHELL - ACTING DEPUTY HEAD** 



The children and staff have returned energised for the term ahead which is set to be another busy, exciting one! Already Form and Vice Captains have been elected onto the School Council.

We congratulate those children, and look forward to hearing their 'voice' on key matters about the school and local community.

	Form Rep	Vice Form Rep
RJ	Isobel	Zach
RL	Charlotte	Rocco
1G	Arthur	Maisie
1H	Henry	Marcos
2JP	Cressida	Hugo
2RP	Theo	Martha
3R	Jessica	Eliza
3DP	Genna	Francesca
4BC	Avery	Grace
4L	Clara	Elizabeth
5A	Bea	Pippa
5P	Ella M	Millie
6B	Honor	Alice
6M	Emma	Disa

The staff enjoyed some expert first aid training with St. John's ambulance. At St. Hilary's we ensure that pupils, staff members and those in our community are protected by putting the right health and safety measures in place. This means identifying all fire safety, first aid, and health and safety needs and ensuring that appropriate training is provided.

The new term promises many events for both our children and parents alike. There are many events in the school calendar designed to enrich the education of our children and provide even greater opportunities for them to develop and discover even more strengths and passions!

Mrs Mitchell

	NOTES FROM MRS PRICE - HEAD OF KEY STAGE 1	
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It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and it is amazing how much they seem to have grown over the Christmas break!

Year 1 have begun their new topic, *Toys*, which fits in very aptly with all the children's news! The children have already begun to learn about toys with moving joints in DT. Over the coming weeks they will be learning about toys in history and their visit to Milestones Museum will enhance this. There will be more details to follow.



Thank you Santa!



Newly elected school councillors



Investigating materials

In Year 2 the children have been busy thinking about tens and units in their Maths lessons and have enjoyed a range of practical activities to help build their understanding.

In Music this week, they were keen to meet Mr Walsh and thoroughly enjoyed singing and dancing their way through the lesson.

Lydia was very pleased to receive her Pen Licence after working hard to produce beautiful, cursive writing.



Mrs Price



NOTES FROM MRS HILLERY - HEAD OF EYFS



We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a very happy New Year. We would also like to thank you all for your very kind gifts that we received for Christmas, it was very thoughtful and they were very much appreciated by all EYFS staff.

The Nursery have welcomed five new children to their class this week and are very busy indeed! The children settled with only a few tears and are enjoying their first few days at school. All the children have enjoyed settling back, seeing their teachers and friends. The topic this term is *Winter* and the children will be taking part in lots of different themed activities.

In Kindergarten, it's been lovely to see the children back after the Christmas break. They have all been very excited to share their news and show and tell has been very popular! This term's topic is *Day and Night* and the children have already been getting creative, decorating the wall displays.

Reception have begun their chilly topic of *Polar Regions*, brrr! The classrooms have small world and role-play areas for the children to develop their learning through play. The children have spent some focused time practising handwriting, which their teachers were very pleased with and have written news about their Christmas holiday. Good work children!



Happy birthday Orlie and Zander!



Matilda made a snowman



Chilly storylines!

Dates for your diaries

Busy Bees Mother and Toddler Group - Tuesday 15th January 2pm -3pm

Mrs Hillery



CELEBRATIONS

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

RJ - Cecilia for being kind and helpful in class

RL - James for great concentration during handwriting

1G - Orlando for showing a positive attitude and great concentration in his written work

1H - Charlie for writing a super Christmas report

2JP - Theo for working hard to improve his spelling

2RP - Sam for making an excellent start to the new year - being hardworking and sensible



CURRICULUM INFORMATION



SPORTS NEWS

On Sunday 18th November, 8 of our girls took part in the National Biathlon Qualifiers at Millfield School, Somerset in the U9, U10 and U11 categories. We have been informed that 7 of the girls have qualified for the National Finals in March. This is an incredible achievement and we are proud of the girls.

The girls are:

U9

Rosie, Felicity and Sofia P

U10

Georgie, Grace and Alice

U11

Lily C

Mrs McGuigan

Director of Sport



The Pepper Pot

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Main hot meal Mild chicken curry served with fluffy rice naan bread and mango chutney G/F</p> <p>Vegetarian Hot Seasonal roast vegetable stir fry G/F</p> <p>Jacket Potato Bar Freshly cooked pasta Served with Chefs sauce of the day G/F</p> <p>Dessert Homemade ginger cookies G/F option</p>	<p>Main hot meal Succulent roast lamb served with roast carrot and parsnips roast potatoes, gravy mint sauce G/F</p> <p>Vegetarian Hot meal Brie and cranberry topped Portobello mushrooms G/F</p> <p>Pasta Bar Freshly cooked Pasta Served with chef's sauce of the day G/F</p> <p>Dessert Butterscotch tart Served with Custard</p>	<p>Main hot meal Hot Turkey and avocado cheese topped pasta bake Fresh broccoli</p> <p>Vegetarian Hot meal oven baked cod with olives and sea veg G/F</p> <p>Jacket Potato Bar Traditional Jacket Potato with a choice of hot or cold filling G/F</p> <p>Dessert Fresh strawberry jelly pots G/F option</p>	<p>Main hot meal "Your favorite" Hot dog with onions and real ketchup, spicy wedges, peas G/F</p> <p>Vegetarian Hot meal Vegetable & Quorn lasagna</p> <p>Pasta Bar Freshly cooked Pasta Served with chef's sauce of the day G/F</p> <p>Dessert Chocolate crispy cake G/F option</p>	<p>Main hot meal Beef and butternut squash goulash served with fresh cabbage and mashed potatoes G/F option</p> <p>Vegetarian Hot meal Spicy vegetable wraps served with a tomato salsa</p> <p>Jacket Potato Bar Traditional Jacket Potato with a choice of hot or cold filling G/F</p> <p>Dessert Yogurt bar With toppings G/F option</p>

