



End of Term Letter

# St. Hilary's Friday Notes

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017



## NOTES FROM MRS WHITTINGHAM - YOUR HEAD



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Dear Parents,



School has suddenly gone quiet as another academic year draws to a close and the buzz has fizzled out! However, the final week of term has been anything but quiet and the 'big red staircase' has seen a lot of activity, as you will see from the photos below.



I was delighted to welcome Dr Haveron to St Hilary's, whose son Andrew, is a former pupil. Mrs Karas and Anastasia (Y4), met Dr Haveron at a concert recently. Andrew is an extremely talented musician who magnificently achieved his Grade 8 violin whilst at St Hilary's. He has not looked back since then and now leads the Sydney Symphony orchestra. It was delightful to hear about Andrew's education at St Hilary's and about his very busy and interesting career.



Although, school is quiet at the moment, it won't be for long! We are delighted to inform you that work will begin on the car park, on Monday and will take much of the holiday to complete. School will be open during the summer and if you need to visit for any reason, please park on the drive leading up to the main gate. Work is also taking place on The Hiorns Centre to convert part of the space into changing facilities. Both the car park and changing facilities have been identified as a priority by pupils, staff and parents and will considerably improve safety for our boys and girls. Please be advised that the Nearly New and Dance Shop will be opening during the school holidays on the following days:



- Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> - 10.30-12.30
- Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> - 9.00-11.00



- Thursday August 31st - 9.00-11.00
- Tuesday 5th September 9.00-11.00

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We have said our goodbyes to our Y2 boys and Y6 girls. I am aware that it is an end of an era for some families - as their son / daughter has been with us since they were 2 years old. Some of these children have older siblings that also attended St Hilary's meaning the families have had a very long association with the school. Yet, I am also confident these boys and girls are ready to move on - they are well prepared and look forward to new and exciting opportunities at their new schools. Our Award Ceremony, at Charterhouse, was incredibly special, and will stand out in my mind for many years to come. Our Speaker this year was absolutely inspirational and he gave a very clear message that the children and adults alike could all easily identify with. If you have a moment look at his TED talk from the Royal Albert Hall. Nicholas is champion of the left hand repertoire for the piano - and his performance was incredibly impressive.



Our Chair of Governors opened the proceedings for us and it is with sadness that Mrs Gillman has decided it is time to step down from the role after 7 years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gillman. She has been a fantastic Chair, extremely capable and supportive and .....she appointed me! Mr Richard Thompson, who is currently on the Board has agreed to take over the position, as from September and there will of course, be a thorough handover and transition.



We have also said some fond wells today to some of our staff. Mrs Jacoby and Mrs Grant start their maternity leave and we wish them both well (especially in this hot weather). As you will be aware, Miss Hilder, Mrs Hudson, Miss Hicks and Miss Tapp are also moving on to take up positions in other schools - good luck to you all and thank you for all your hard work. We know you will be back to visit soon!



Calling all Historians! Many of you will remember the wonderful book the school made in 2014, 'Lest We Forget'. As St Hilary's celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> year next year we would like to produce another book, to





include the history of the school and memories of pupils, staff, etc. Please let us know if you are in contact with someone who is an ex pupil or indeed, if you are an ex pupil yourself. We are also looking for some parents that maybe interested in helping with the project. Please send us an email on [archive@sthilarysschool.com](mailto:archive@sthilarysschool.com) and we will give you further information.



Lucy Grove, an ex-pupil of St Hilary's (now 13  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old) is hoping to go to the USA and Barbados on the St Catherine's Lacrosse and Netball tour next Easter. She has a lot of fundraising to do and was hoping to be able to earn some money by doing violin practice with younger pupils helping them with their pieces, scales, sight reading and aural practice over the summer holidays. Lucy was awarded the highest Music Scholarship to Tormead School, and was St Hilary's Musician of the Year consecutively in 2014 and 2015. Lucy started learning the violin with the Suzuki method (with Mr Suvini), and then transferred to traditional ABRSM grades. She passed her Grade seven violin with Merit at Easter, and is working toward Grade eight. She also plays the piano to Grade five. Lucy would love to be able to encourage the Year three students to continue playing the violin following on from their group lessons. If you feel this would be of interest, please contact Lucy at: [randc.grove@btinternet.com](mailto:randc.grove@btinternet.com)



The safety of your children is of paramount importance to us and I have talked to the children today in assembly about keeping safe. We are aware that a number of pupils have their own devices and we would urge you to have appropriate filters in place to help keep your son / daughter safe. There are legal age limits for certain apps and these are in place to help keep your son / daughter safe. Please do check if you are unsure. Some apps, such as Snapchat, require the location settings to be switched on. There has been concern that this could be a serious Safeguarding concern as, if the location setting is not switched off after use, a person's whereabouts can be tracked by anyone, making them potentially very vulnerable. Incidentally, no pupils at St Hilary's should be using Snapchat as it has an age restriction of 13 on it - however, I know many have older siblings.

I wish you all a wonderful summer. Thank you for your kind words, gifts and ongoing support. It means a lot. It really is a privilege to lead such a wonderful school.

**Mrs Jane Whittingham**

This morning the following Headmistress' Award and Commendations were presented during Assembly:



**Headmistress' Awards**

Aratrika Y4 - Outstanding research and presentation on designing an outdoor garden

Emily Y6 - Outstanding diary on the French trip

**Commendations**

Isla Y4 - For an excellent garden design

Helen Y4 - For an excellent garden design

Kiera Y4 - For an excellent garden design

Rebecca Y4 - For making excellent progress on the piano

Anastasia Y4 - For creativity and inspirational use of old cassette cases to make a monster home

Emma W Y4 - For an excellent attitude during Sports Day

Derryn-Paige Y4 - For outstanding efforts in Art

Mia Y5 - For outstanding geographical presentation

Emily Y5 - For outstanding geographical presentation

Amelie Y5 - For outstanding geographical presentation

Anna Y5 - For a superbly written suspense story

Lucy Y4 - For an excellent garden design mood board



2H are very proud of their seaside books - they've worked hard on them in History, Geography and English this term and have produced wonderful, fact-filled books.



## CELEBRATIONS

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

RT - India for always working hard and being a kind friend

RW - Lydia for being a kind and thoughtful friend

1H - James for working hard with True Grit

1UH - Edward for working so hard over the year

2H - Chloe S for being super kind and helpful to her peers and teachers

2J - Iris for an outstanding seaside book

## SPORTS NEWS

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

#### **U8A+B Rounders v GHS (Home)**

##### **U8A**

**Lost: 9½ - 15½**

**Captain: Maia H**

**Man of the Match: Millie B, Eleanor S**

Last Thursday we had our rounders match against GHS. The score was 9½ to us and 15½ to GHS. At least we had fun and we had a great time playing rounders.

**Maia H - A Team Captain**

##### **U8B**

**Lost: 6-12**

**Captain: Daisy WE**

**Man of the Match: Otilie B**

Last Thursday we had a rounders match against GHS. We scored six rounders. Man of the Match was Otilie. She did very well. We all enjoyed ourselves especially match tea. We cannot wait for our next adventure.

**Daisy WE - B Team Captain**

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

#### **KS2 Sports Day**

**1<sup>st</sup> place = Meath**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place = Mallory**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place = Jekyll**

**4<sup>th</sup> place = Hart**

**Mrs Fairbairn and Miss Hall**

## Bottoms Up!

Please join us for an evening of wine & canapes  
in aid of Bowel & Cancer Research

supported by the Mayor of Godalming



[www.bottomsupgodalming.eventbrite.sg](http://www.bottomsupgodalming.eventbrite.sg)

Saturday, 16th September, 2017  
8-11pm  
St Hilary's School, Godalming  
Tickets: £20 (includes 3 drinks)



## DRINKS AND NIBBLES EVENING

Saturday 16th September, 8pm-11pm

St Hilary's mum, Helen McClure, is hosting a drinks and nibbles evening in aid of Bowel & Cancer Research. Bowel Cancer is the second biggest cancer killer in the UK, and having lost her father, grandmother and great grandmother to the disease, Helen has challenged herself to raise research funds this year by taking part in a half Ironman triathlon, and the 100 mile London/Surrey bike ride.

The event, which focusses on local wines, beers and sprits, accompanied by nibbles, will be a relaxed night out in the grounds of St Hilary's. Admission is by ticket and promises to be fun gathering. For further information visit

<https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/charity-fundraiser-canapes-wine-in-aid-of-bowel-cancer-research-tickets-34285241079> or email [homemcclure@gmail.com](mailto:homemcclure@gmail.com)