



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**BY EMAIL**

Dear Parents,

As I write the rugby posts are going up on the main pitches, leaves are falling in abundance on the front lawn and the sun is very low in the sky. All signs that it is time to start the second half of the term and I hope you have all had a very enjoyable holiday. The break and well-deserved rest were just what everyone needed and we are now ready for the busy six and a half weeks ahead of us. It always amazes me how much we manage to fit into such a short period of time stretching from Remembrance Day to Christmas plays and parties, with much more in between.

The accompanying usual Friday information letter contains everything you need to know for the next two weeks but I thought it would be useful for me to highlight various events that are happening between now and December with a little more detail.

#### **Bonfire Night – Saturday 6th December**

Due to the advanced planning required last year and uncertainty surrounding COVID we will not be having our traditional fireworks display this year but instead, all families are warmly invited to the lighting of the bonfire and burning of the guys with hot dogs and soup available. This will start at 6.30pm on Saturday 6th November and we look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP through the form in the information letter.

#### **Remembrance Day Service – Thursday 11th November at 10.45am**

We will be holding our whole school Remembrance Day on the 11th November at the front of school and all parents are very welcome to attend. There will be musical performances, the traditional laying of wreaths and two-minute silence, readings and prayers by the children. The Service will end at 11.10am and there will be refreshments available outside the MFT. Please remember that all children will need to be in Sunday Best (formal dress code).

#### **Christmas Fair – Saturday 11th December**

After having to hold the Christmas fair in bubbles and behind closed doors last year, we are very pleased to invite all parents and families to this year's event. It will be largely run by the children, as part of the Windlesham Challenge and Diploma entrepreneurship activities, who will be creating stalls selling a variety of goods as well as activity stalls with games. The POWs (Parents of Windlesham) will also be holding their usual Santa's Grotto, tombola, raffle and refreshments stalls. The POWs will be in touch with more details next week but please save the date of Saturday 11th December to come and enjoy some festive treats and support the Windlesham Challenge and Diploma stalls.

#### **Year Group Chapels**

In addition to the above events, Phase Leaders will be writing to parents soon with details of the year group Chapels which parents are able to attend this half term and from January, this will also include class assemblies.

#### **Parent Meetings**

Whilst I have been able to meet lots of parents at fixtures, match teas and other events such as the car boot sale, I do understand that it is not always possible for everyone to come to school. Therefore, starting with year 8 parents, I will be setting up ten-minute online meetings using

School Cloud, at which we can discuss your aspirations for your children this year, their experience of school life, the school in general or anything else. In addition, please remember my door is always open and I am very happy to meet parents in person at any time.

### **Swimming and Netball**

In addition to the parents' choir and tennis sessions, we will shortly also be offering parents the opportunity to join a morning swimming group and a netball team managed by a current parent in the evenings. I hope we will soon have activities in place to suit all members of the community!

### **Estate News**

As you would expect, the maintenance team has used the half term holiday to great effect. We now have very smart doors giving external access to the new Music School, new and much improved LED lighting in a number of the classrooms, and the redecoration of the school continues apace. We are also improving pupil safety and you will notice a large speed hump/pedestrian crossing at the front of the school and soon to be erected gates by the former music room preventing any vehicular access on to that part of the site.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school very soon and to an exciting and busy remainder of the term.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ben', written in a cursive style.

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