



From The Headmaster

Open Day

I am very pleased that Open Day went very well last weekend and many prospective families came to look around. Our guides did an excellent job in showing them around the school, so thanks to all of them for their hard work.

Arrival at school

It has come to my notice that Lower School children in particular are arriving at school far too early. While having time with your children in class at the start of the day is a positive time, please do not bring your child in too soon before their Registration time. There needs to be a compromise between allowing staff preparation time at the start of the day and time for parents to be in the classroom.

Half term

Tomorrow is an Inset Day for staff so there will be no school. We return after half term on Monday 29th October. I hope you enjoy a refreshing half term break before we begin our busy second half of the Christmas term.

Bonfire and Firework Night

We are all looking forward to our firework night this evening. Don't forget there will be no parking on the school site and parents are requested to find alternative parking in the residential roads around school. Please do not park on the main road outside the school entrance. From a safety point of view, please look after your children at all times. No children are allowed behind the school, on the All Weather Pitch or Adventure Playground. Thank you.

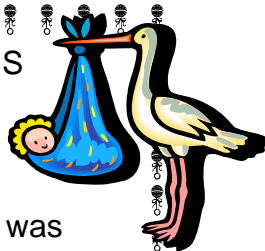
Parking

I would like to remind all parents that they **must not double park in the car park** outside the front of the school. Some parents have recently been blocked in and have been kept waiting for some considerable time.

Additionally, parents who park in Bridle Road must ensure that they park in a considerate manner. One resident this week was unable to drive her car out of her driveway due to badly parked cars on the road. I am sure you will appreciate that this is totally unacceptable. A little more consideration for the residents surrounding our school grounds would be much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mr Wright and his wife Rachel on the birth of their second daughter, Anya, who was born on 12th October!



PHOTOGRAPHS

There will be Individual Photographs for Nursery and Main School pupils taken by the school photographer, on Monday 5th November. Please note the change in date from that published in your calendar and that these will now be individual photographs, not class ones.

Kazi Mingi Foundation 10th Anniversary Concert



Some of Year 5 have been given the opportunity to sing in the Kazi Mingi Concert, held at the Pearce Suite at the Magnet Leisure Centre on Saturday 24th November, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the charity.

As a school, we have supported the Kazi Mingi Foundation, which works to provide education for Africa, for many years. We will be selling tickets for this concert, via the School Office after half term and would love as many of you as possible to come along and support our children and enjoy a great evening of music!

The concert will start at 7pm.

Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. Please bring the exact money when purchasing tickets.

We look forward to seeing lots of St Piran's families at what should be a brilliant evening.

Visit: www.kmf-web.org.uk to find out more about the charity.

swimming gala report

St Piran's v Chesham Prep - Tuesday 16th October

The final score was 177 points to St. Piran's and 182 points to Chesham Prep. We did fantastically well throughout this gala and the result depended on the last race! Very exciting! We will have a re match later on in the year and we'll see if we can beat them next time!

The whole gala was a close event with both schools having their share of wins. We were focused with only 1 race when a St. Piran's swimmer was disqualified. 2 new school records were set. The U11 mixed freestyle relay team set a new school record. Well done to Liam Jones, Sasha Bailey, Charlie Smeed and Oscar Ancliff – great swims by you all. Abi King set a new school record in the 40metres freestyle. This record has stood for 3 years and she managed to beat it at the beginning of the school year. Very well done Abi. The U10's had excellent team swims and they also set new personal best times in the U10 freestyle and medley relays. Our U10 squad started from the starting blocks for the first time and they also had to swim 40 metres instead of 20 metres for their individual races. Great swimming!

Personal best times were achieved by EVERYONE! It's hard to believe but everyone who swam managed to swim faster than ever before. We can't ask for more than that! Biggest improvements were by Deborah Wilson who took 4 seconds off her previous 40 metre breaststroke time and Abi King setting a new school record. James Sloman swam in his first gala and he should be very pleased with his efforts.

Thanks to Mrs Fricker, Mr Collins, Mr Hoy, Miss Edgerley, Mrs Broome and Mr Jones for their help in the running of this event. Thank you to our Swimming Team Captains: Issy Cusk and Matt Phipps. Also to our senior swimmers, Tyler Spicer, Megan Hume and Jack Comer, for their efforts on the day.

Mrs Burnage

congratulations to... 

...Liam Jones

who took part in the Barnet Swimming Meeting and came 1st in both 200m and 400m Individual Medley.

...Matthew Wadsworth

who competed in the Bucks Junior Chess Congress last Sunday. He came second in the Under 12 section, although he is only 7, and therefore qualified for the U12 Major Final of the London Junior Chess Championships in December.

...Gregor Peberdy and Jake Holden

of the Maidenhead U9 A team who came runners up at the Maidenhead Rugby Festival last Sunday.

...Amelia Loader

who can be seen online in the current Boden catalogue, modelling children's clothes.

Dates for w/b 29th October 2007

Monday

- School resumes after half term.

Tuesday

- 2.30pm Rugby v Chesham Prep U9A, B, C (A)
- 4.30pm Swimming Gala v Albert's Years 5, 6, 7, 8 (H)

Wednesday

- 2.30pm Rugby v Chesham Prep 1st XV, Colts B (H), Colts A and C (A)
- 2.30pm Girls' Hockey v Oratory Prep Colts A and B (H)
- 6.30pm Governors' Finance and General Purposes Committee

Thursday

- All Saints Day Assembly
- 3pm Rugby v Chesham Prep U8A, B and C (H)

Friday

- History Day—Visit by Fighting Knights
- 9.15am Year 5 Theatre Exchange Visit—'Ancient Greeks'
- 11.25am Year 6 Theatre Exchange Visit—'Explorers'
- 4.15pm Prefects' Tea
- 5.15pm All Saints Chapel Service: Gregg Davies, Headmaster @ Shiplake College

Saturday

- 11am U8 Tag Rugby Tournament at Gayhurst School