



Quainton Hall School

Newsletter

Monday 14th June 2010

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Dear Parents,

I do apologise for the newsletter not going out yesterday but we have had some difficulties with our admin email system that have now been resolved.

Welcome back to the final half-term of our school year! I hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable half-term break.

This half-term is perhaps the most intense and busy time of our school year and I hope that you will all continue to check the school calendar and your sons' prep diary for any notes, messages and dates that you need to be aware of. We have listed dates for the next week or so in this newsletter for your reference. Prep 3 & 4 Reports and Grade Cards for P5 to 8 were posted home on Friday 28th May. As per the termly calendar, P7 Parent Consultations take place this Wednesday and all parents should have received their appointment times.

It was a pleasure to see the boys performing at our recent music and drama evening. Their confidence, skill and commitment were evident for all to see.

I recently had a very enjoyable day, accompanying Mr Brignall and Mr Ellis, together with our P7 and 8 cricketers to Lords' to see England play Bangladesh in the first Test. The weather was good, we saw Trott score a double century and we were able to soak up the atmosphere of the ground. The boys were well behaved and distinctive in their uniforms. A good day!

Our final Governors' Meeting of this academic year took place last Thursday and they were able to attend Mass in the Chapel as part of their day with us.

The weather was fortunately kind to us last Friday when the whole school panoramic photograph was taken. We will let you know how you can order and obtain a photograph as soon as the company contacts us to say that prints are ready.

Our P8 boys are now safely arrived in France and enjoying their Adventure trip and the next few weeks see a very full programme of visits and events for everyone in school and demonstrates the commitment of staff to the extra-curricular programme and the all-round education of the pupils in school.

You should have all received letters of invitation to our annual Speech Day. Please return the reply slips so that we can have an accurate idea of numbers for seating arrangements on the day. Thank you.

I informed all parents earlier this term of the news that Fr Neil is moving on to a new teaching post at Eaton Square School in central London and will be leaving us at the end of this term. Interviews for his post take place this Thursday with three shortlisted candidates and I will inform you as soon as we have an outcome.

As a result of a meeting held last night of the FQHS, there is much to share with you all regarding

preparation for our Summer Fair which, this year, takes place on Friday 2nd July. I will also be asking for help as we hope there will be lots of stalls and refreshments and the fair will only be a success if parents, staff and boys all play their part. Please look out in next week's Newsletter for further details.

EFB

Dates for your diary.

Monday 14 June

1430 U9 A & B v Buckingham Prep Away

Tuesday 15 June

1430 New Prep 3 Parents' Meeting

P5JR Class Assembly

Wednesday 16 June

1345 New Reception Class Parents' Meeting

1415 U12A v Aldenham (A)

1800 Prep 7 Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 17 June

0730-1900 Prep 6 & 7 to Old Swinford Hospital Summer Festival

1430 U11 Cricket v Aldenham (H)

Friday 18 June

0930 U12 Aldenham Cricket Festival

0830 Prep 3, 4 & 5 Expeditions Day to Legoland

Saturday 19 June

1000 Ten 10 U11 Cricket at Orley Farm

Sunday 20 June

Prep 8 Adventure Trip returns.

The Music Store

We have asked the children not to use the music store for the rest of term, since someone thought that it would be clever to hide another boy's instrument before a performance. Instruments are to be kept in locked lockers, or the Headmaster's Office.

From September I intend to allocate a locker in the music store to specific pupils, which they will then have to keep locked. I hope that you understand why the school is taking this action and will support us in looking after your children's possessions.

MAE

Choir and Servers to Walsingham

Members of the Chapel Choir and Servers have been invited to come on a weekend visit to Walsingham on the 2nd and 3rd of October. This was a very successful trip last year and thanks to the fund-raising that we have been doing the cost will be lower at about £60, or less. In order to reserve a place, members of the choir, or servers should return the slip that they were given together with a deposit of £20. There are only 20 places available so the slips need to come back as soon as possible. The boys who went on this trip last year had great fun, enjoyed a night away from home, performed very well in front of a large congregation and learnt a lot too.

MAE

U9 A Cricket v Alpha Prep

This was a very promising game of cricket with good communication and watchful eyes especially from Dhillon S.

We played a game of pairs cricket we lost the toss and had to bat first, we gained 45 runs with a wonderful 6 from Daniel P who got 13 runs off one over. At the end of our innings the rain set in and we thought the match would be abandoned. However, suddenly the clouds cleared and we could continue on, it was our turn to field.

It was a very tight match with brilliant bowling from Joshua B-S and fielding from Ebade A we managed to have level scores up until the last ball. We lost the match by 4 runs – a good effort from all the boys!!

CE

Under 11 Cricket v Alpha Prep

A better performance than the previous one, but weaknesses were still exposed in the batting department.

Things began promisingly, with Jash and Matthew adding 46 for the first wicket in 8 overs, but suddenly a rot set in and the score declined to 77 for 6, before recovering to 102 for 7 in 20 overs.

With 2 wickets falling in the first 8 balls of the opponents' reply, there was great cause for optimism, but then Alpha's best batsman started hitting the ball freely and suddenly it was 45 for 2 after just 7 overs. When a run out caused a breakthrough, the dominant batsman suddenly lost his touch and he was eventually out to a stunning catch by James, running in from backward square leg. The rest of the batting capitulated and victory was gained by 22 runs.

Catches win matches, they say, and this was certainly true as five of the 6 offered were held, and they were not all easy. Add to this a direct hit at the stumps to effect one of 2 run-outs, and you form the picture of a victory which was just about deserved.

GPB