



### WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

#### *The Headmaster writes...*

A brief newsletter entry from me, I am just about to show a parent around. Speaking of which, please do encourage any friends or neighbours to come to our Open Morning on 6<sup>th</sup> May – they could pop in on their way to vote! We have been full in Reception 2010 for well over a year but are looking beyond that for the little boys and to fill occasional spots as they arise higher up.

The “well being” talk was a great success. The presentation to the staff stressed the need for balance in one’s life. All sorts of martial arts and athletic pursuits were suggested. I rushed home to tell my wife and to go on a run with her. Alas, she was too busy! Congratulations must go to all those who took part in yesterday’s challenging biathlon. It would take me most of the summer holiday to swim the distances the boys covered, and that was before they ran! Must dash ...

#### *The ‘Remix’ Committee writes.....*

We are looking forward to seeing all the Class Reps (or a representative from each year group) for coffee in the School Library from 8:30 am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please join us to hear all about the 2010 fund raising summer event on behalf of Friends of Davenies and Help for Heroes.

#### *Mr Gibson writes...*

##### **Summer Concert – change of date**

Owing to external considerations we have moved the ever-popular Summer Concert to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The theme remains music from the 1960s and 70s. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

#### *Mr Helps writes...*

##### **Art Exhibition**

From Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May there will be a school-wide display of art from Reception to Year 8. Please feel free to wander through the downstairs corridors of the school looking at these marvellous works.

#### *Mrs Churchouse writes...*

##### **Well-Being**

Thank you to everyone who attended Dr Baylis’ excellent talk last Tuesday. The transcript can be viewed on the Intranet for anyone who is interested from next week.

*The School Office writes...*

### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

*Mrs Ellis writes...*

### **Family Photo Day**

Let me enthusiastically encourage you to book a slot at the forthcoming family photo days on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May or 26<sup>th</sup> June as mentioned in the Weekly News of 12<sup>th</sup> March. Booking forms can be obtained by e-mailing me: [kellis@davenies.co.uk](mailto:kellis@davenies.co.uk).

## **PRE-PREP NOTICES**

*Mrs Rush writes...*

As a Department, we are striving to improve the boys' independence in all year groups. It is great to see so many Year 2 boys walking on their own, down the path from the Sainsbury's Gate in readiness for Year 3. Year 1 boys are trying hard to walk into the Year 1 cloakrooms on their own and Reception boys are growing up, quickly hanging up their blazers and caps independently. It would be even better if the Reception boys could carry their own book bags as well.

We have noticed a few Year 2 boys who are still very fussy eaters. This is a real concern as they need to have proper nourishment in order to grow into healthy young men. I have led an assembly on this with the boys today, but it would be so beneficial if you could try your best at home to encourage your sons to try different foods and to stress the importance of healthy eating.

Please may I remind Reception parents that the weekly plans are put on the outside notice board near the Reception doors for you to see exactly what your sons are doing each day? I hope you find the plans informative.

A reminder that we have our **Pre-Prep Concert** coming up on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. All boys will be participating in the concert on both days. As with the Nativity, parents of 1C and Reception will be asked to attend the Thursday concert, and parents of boys in 1RM and Year 2 to attend the Friday concert. This is not cast in stone, however; if you want to swap afternoons, please let me know.

*Mr Locke-Hart writes...*

### **Davenies Pre-Prep Sports Camp**

Places are still available for boys in Reception up to Year 2 for the Sports Camp at half-term, which will run from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 8:30 – 12:30 at £25 per day. Application forms can be found on the Pre-Prep page of the Intranet.

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*Mr Gibson writes...*

## House Points

With just 8 schools days of the term so far, the House competition has begun in earnest:

Drake	18.24
Scott	18.56
Cook	19.96
Shackleton	23.04

## Ski Trip 2011

The Ski Trip for 2011 is now open. Letters have been ParentMailed home this week. The trip is open to all boys in Years 6 – 8 next year and will take place in January 2011. Details can be found on the Ski Trip page of the Intranet, or from me by e-mail: [pgibson@davenies.co.uk](mailto:pgibson@davenies.co.uk).

## Open Days

**Merchant Taylors'** are holding their Open morning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00 am until 12.30 pm. For further information please contact Kate Kaye on 01923 845514 or [admissions@mtsn.org.uk](mailto:admissions@mtsn.org.uk).

*Mrs Churchouse writes...*

## Lunchtime Concert

Please join us for an informal concert next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, at 1:15 pm in the PAC. Since we have not been back at school for long the programme is still being finalised – I shall publish it on the Intranet by the middle of next week.

## Exam Congratulations

Lewis McGuire has successfully passed his Grade 3 Saxophone exam with Merit, and C.J. D'Virgilio has gained a Distinction for his Grade 1 Music Theory exam – very well done to both boys.