

**Dear Parents,**

I simply cannot believe that I am writing to you once again as the Easter holidays are upon us and we are all preparing for a well-earned break. The pupils have again been so significant in all they have achieved this term and I am immensely proud of them all.

### **Academic Matters**

We are delighted that once again this year our pupils have been offered places in their first choice senior schools. In addition we congratulate all those who were awarded scholarships in a range of disciplines:-

- Jessica Beardmore-Gray    St Swithun's            Sport Scholarship
- Katherine Braakenburg    King Edward V1        Art Scholarship
- Rio Gawne-Cain            King Edward V1        Academic Scholarship
- Bella Howell                King Edward V1        Academic Scholarship
- Emily Huff                    Godolphin                Sport
- Georgia Tillett-Flowerdew Alton School    Performing Arts Scholarship
- Rosalind Turner-Hall        King Edward V1        Drama Scholarship

### **School Events and Initiatives**

Sadly due to the snow, our special events planned for World Book Day were cancelled. However, 5Jo did remind us of what World Book Day is all about at their special assembly presented to the parents, on the theme of Poetry.



Sport has been really significant this term with a whole range of matches for all age groups. We ran a number of Tournaments and Festivals in Netball and Rugby, swim squad achieved wins against St Swithun's, Farleigh and Godolphin, the U11A Rugby Squad won the Bowl at Portsmouth Grammar School 7's, the U11A Netball Squad played in the IAPS National Regional round and our Gymnastics Squad are participating in the Nationals on Sunday.



Another highlight was the visit by Oriol Romeu, Southampton FC Defensive Midfielder who gave an inspiring talk about his career and answered many questions from eager youngsters.

### Year 2 Pirate Day



Year 6 spent a wonderful day at The Houses of Parliament, on the River Thames and ended with a workshop at The Globe Theatre.



Reception studied the Wedding Ceremony.



Year 1 went to St Mary's Church.



## Performing Arts

A group of 39 boys and girls from the Chamber Choir were finalists in the Barnardos Choir of the Year competition and we all spent a memorable time performing at the Royal Festival Hall, London. Whilst we did not win, it was an incredible experience and we were delighted that so many parents attended the special Festival Concert in the evening.



The Speech and Drama Department has had a very successful term culminating in the Godalming Festival. Our pupils won a number of classes and we were particularly proud of Finn Paynter who won the St Hilary's Cup for the best performance in Solo Verse Speaking in Years 1 - 4. This is an amazing accomplishment as Finn had to compete with 16 winners from 16 other classes.

## Mathematics Day

We welcomed our very own Mathematics-Magician to Prince's Mead for a whole day of mathematical discovery. He presented his magic show to all the pupils in the school and the curriculum for the day revolved around the wonder of number.





## Year 6 Enterprise



The annual 'Young Enterprise' project is now well underway with Year 6 teams planning the production of a range of items to be sold at the Enterprise Sale. It is an activity that teaches the children leadership skills, marketing and advertising and offers guidance on managing a budget. As part of the project they have to present their idea to the 'White Dragon' (Mr White, the Bursar) who decides whether they are worthy recipients of the funding!

## Fund Raising

Our pupils are very aware of the need to raise funds for charities and often show huge compassion for others. Albert Smith chose to have his hair cut for the Little Princess Trust and Winchester Hospice, he raised over £2400. His Mother re-styled his hair, assisted by his sister, Flo.



We had an amazing Easter Egg Hunt organised by the PMA, what a treat and all the staff received cream eggs as well!

## Overseas Trips

Jean Martin, Martin Anderson, Mandy Oakley (Matron) and I are taking 39 children to Piano di Sorrento, Italy, during the Easter break. We are hoping for fine weather!



The view from our Hotel dining room in Piano de Sorrento.



I wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you for the Summer Term on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

Penelope S Kirk - Headmistress