

Friday 30th September 2011

Dear Parents,

As we start one of the warmest weekends of the year I have pleasure in enclosing your child's/children's First Set Marks. The children are all working diligently and we are very pleased with their progress. As always, should you wish to meet with me or a member of staff, please do contact the office to make an appointment.

Ten for Ten Appeal

My thanks to Andrea Cowan Taylor for bringing to our attention the 'Ten for Ten' appeal supporting our armed forces on the front line in Afghanistan. The appeal takes place over ten days from next Monday 1st October to Monday 10th October and aims to raise £1 million in ten days. The monies will be used to support Personnel Recovery Centres and to fund individual recovery plans for armed personnel. We are asking for a suggestion donation of £1 per child. For further information please visit their website www.tenforten.co.uk. Across the country, school children are holding a Red, White and Blue Day on Monday 10th October. We will be taking part in this event so please make a note in your diaries.

Missal

The new translation of the Holy Missal traditionally used at Mass will come into effect on 1st Sunday of Advent. The standard cost of a new Altar Missal is £250. Each parish and school chapel will have to avail itself of the new missal. Should any family wish to donate towards the missal for the school, please contact me.

Ballet

I am pleased to let you know that ballet for Form 1 and Form 2 is now available and classes take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3.45pm – 4.00pm. If you would like your child to join the class please do let the office know.

Dance Taster Class

The first 'Taster Class' will be held on Thursday 4th October during Activities from 5.15pm – 6.00pm. If we receive good feedback, we will then discuss with Mrs Brown if the class will go ahead on a regular basis.

Aladdin - School Pantomime

This year we look forward to the school's production of 'Aladdin' at the Conquest Theatre on Friday 2nd December at 7.00pm, Saturday 3rd December at 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Tickets are on sale now, £7 for Children and £8 for Adults from the Conquest. Ring 01885 488575 or book online at www.conquest-theatre.co.uk. Any offers of help with any number of jobs would be most appreciated. Alexis Cheesman looks forward to hearing from you!

Parents' Evenings

Forms 111 – Thursday 6th October
Form IV – Tuesday 11th October
Form V – Tuesday 18th October
Form V1 JD & RZ – Tuesday 1st November

For all parents' evenings there will be two time-slots available 6.00pm – 7.00pm and 7.00pm – 8.00pm. The office will email you the week before, asking for your preferred time.

Music Events

Informal Concert: Tuesday 11th October at 1.30pm

Formal Concert: Monday 5th December at 6.30pm

We hope you will be able to come and support both concerts and enjoy listening to our talented musicians and singers.

Riding

Mrs Pearson, together with a number of parents, has worked hard recently on improving the jumps and fences around the park; we are looking forward to the Hunter Trials on Thursday 13th October.

Michaelmas Fayre, Wednesday 23rd November 10.00am - 4.30pm.

I am sure you are looking forward to this annual event, which sets the tone for Christmas. The Fayre organisers, Lucy Clarke and Alice Crichard, would much appreciate any offers of help on the day and goodies to fill the St. Richard's Stall. The invitations and the raffle tickets will be sent out next week.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Nathan S Cheesman

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