

From Mr Gumbrell . . .

I don't normally advertise these events, but on this occasion I do feel that it might be of interest to some of you as it does feature a significant children's author! On the Friday of half term, amongst the races at Sandown Racecourse, there will be live performances by the 'War Horse' puppet and a guest appearance and book-signing opportunity by author Michael Morpurgo. Gates open at 11.00 am for those who are interested.

On a medical note, we have once again seen nits amongst the pupils. Please check your child/ren's hair regularly and treat where necessary. Thank you for your understanding Also, a reminder to parents to advise the school if their child/ren's asthma conditions change/develop, and that an in-date inhaler is held at school for use as necessary during the day. Inhalers for Lower School children are kept in the school office; Upper School pupils are responsible for their own inhalers.

Olympic Top Trump Tournament . . .

We have just started an Olympic-themed Top Trump Tournament. Each week the House captains are going to run competitions for each class at lunchtimes to discover which pupils knows which Olympian has won the most Gold medals and other interesting facts and figures. This is a specially-produced box set for the Games and hopefully it will whet the appetite for the exciting Summer ahead. Please encourage your children to take part; you never know, they might make the podium! We have until the end of February to find our School Champion who will go into an Online Elimination Round, and possibly then onto the Top Trumps Final in London in May!

House Captains . . .

Congratulations to the newly-elected House captains. We repeated the election process of last time where the children had to write a paragraph of why they wanted to be a House Captain. This was read out by the teacher and the children voted on the best script. This gave the following results . . .

Stuart - Talia G and vice captain George M
Hanover – Max L and vice captain Anna S
Tudor – Ruby T and vice captain Abigail S
Windsor – Ruby J and vice captain George G



Turn away from evil and do good;
strive for peace with all your heart.

Psalm 34:14



Dates . . .

Sun 29th Jan – Education Sunday Service at St Mary’s Church, 10.15 am start,
LDSM choir to sing

Mon 30th Jan –Parent workshop with LDIS – ‘How to Deal Effectively with
Bullying’ 3.30 – 4.30 pm in LDSM school hall, crèche in ICT suite

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Fri 3rd Feb - Bodiam Castle Class assembly – parents and families welcome

Wed 8th Feb – Parish Communion at St Mary’s Church, 10.00 am start

Mon 13th Feb – Fri 17th Feb HALF TERM , returning Mon 20th Feb

Ground Force Day . . .

As referred to in an earlier newsletter, Sunday, 5th February is the nominated date for a volunteer party to spruce up the school site. Can you let Mr Greggains know, via the school office, if you can offer your time and enthusiasm from 10.00 am onwards for as long as you are willing?

Come Dine With Me . . .

Last Thursday, eight children came from Shirley Warren Primary School (our Twin School) along with two of their teachers. We met in the ICT suite, where Miss Smith had prepared a PowerPoint on healthy eating. After that we played games in our year groups, like Food Top Trumps and Healthy Eating Snakes and Ladders. Next we made our healthy lunches. We had a choice out of 50/50 bread/ brown bread and pitta bread. We could choose our fillings but first we had to put in butter or margarine. We had to then choose a piece of fruit and a healthy snack. After that we took our visitors out to play. We learnt that you should have a healthy lifestyle so you can live a long, happy, healthy life.

Macy B and Matthew B

Values Books . . .

Thanks to our friends at the Regency Bookshop in Surbiton we are able to offer you this booklist to support a discussion with your child about the Value of the Month – for January, our value is Peace. As always, there are copies available in school for your child, or yourselves, to view them before purchasing them.

A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens (introduced by Anthony Horowitz)

A Bedtime for Bear – Bonny Becker

Father Christmas Goes on Holiday – Raymond Briggs

Two Monsters – David McKee



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