



MORE HOUSE SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2010

Dear Parents,

So the first half of this new Autumn term comes to an end. There is a theory which says that, as humans, we perceive time through the pace of events. If we are very busy then time seems to collapse down, perhaps because we do not have long periods of inactivity between memorable events which either involve us directly or which we know about. If this theory is correct, and I suspect that it is, then that would explain why this half term feels as if it has only been two weeks long. There just has been so much going on ~ Mrs Leach and I were commenting on this earlier this week just before she left for Tuscany with the Music Tour. There has not been a week this term when there has not been a major school event, and sometimes there have been up to three in one week. Still, better to be busy than bored.

Farewell to all of this (for a year at least)

Today we say good-bye, albeit only for a year, to Ms McCarthy (*Head's PA and Registrar*) as she starts her Maternity Leave at the end of the Half Term holiday. I know that you will want to send her your good wishes for what used to be called her 'confinement' at the time when our School's building was being built. She would also like to apologise to any of you who have felt that efficiency in the Office has not been what it usually is over the last couple of weeks ~ she has felt that 'baby brain' has really been kicking in recently.

The new voice you will hear at the end of the telephone is Miss Hill who will be covering Ms McCarthy's year long Maternity Leave. Ms Hill is an experienced Head's PA and is very familiar indeed with schools. She is also very keen on drama (of the theatrical kind at least) so she should fit in really well here.

Time to start planning to jingle those bells

/ Tis the season to be jolly ~ or at least it is as far as the Parents' Association is concerned.

Next half term sees the **CHRISTMAS FAYRE ON SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER**. This is a fund-raiser for both the School and also for the School's charities

and the Parents' Association need your help. Not only do they need you to turn up on the day, and bring lots of your friends, but **they also need you to contribute** to the following now:

The Book Stall ~ if you have books at home, either nicely preserved, elegant tomes or paperbacks that you think would be suitable for the 'bargain bin' please send them in to School at the start of next half term.

The Raffle ~ if you have anything suitable for the raffle please let the Parents' Association have it via the School Office

The Tombola ~ always needs bottles, especially those which are pupil friendly. Again, these can be sent to MHPA via the School Office

Used Uniform Sale ~ if you have anything clean and in good condition which you can contribute to this stall please send it in to the School Office.

Time for badger power

Harrods have told Ms McCarthy that they should have all aspects of our uniform in by the last week in October, that is, the second week of half term. This means that you should be able to get the uniform which you have been having to hold off on, so that your daughter can be in correct uniform and PE kit from the start of next half term. They have also told us that they will be offering a 10% discount on your purchases by way of compensation for the inconvenience.

You may find it useful to ring ahead to confirm all of these things before you visit Harrods. Not only could it save you a wasted journey (not that we have lost faith in our uniform supplier you understand) but also it serves to remind them that we may be small but we are vocal.

This sporting life

Our new PE co-ordinator Ms Maher has been busy exploring new sporting options for the girls, especially the VIth Form who now have a broader range of sports options than before thanks to her work. Not only do they have the options of their own Dance sessions and the opportunity to help coach the junior teams but Ms Maher has also now arranged a weekly fitness session at a local gym, complete with trainer, and the UVIth A Level PE group is being offered the option to take an external course to train to become swimming instructors.

Going around the Houses

No House Recording this week with so many of the girls, House Captains and, for that matter, Heads of House, overseas with the Tour. This will mean a bumper crop of Honours Cards and a big jump in the scores at the start of next half term. Should be interesting to see if this changes the race for House of the Term in any way.

Prize-giving coming up over the horizon

Don't forget that **Thursday 18th November is Prize-giving**. This is an event which is open to all Parents, not just those of the prize winners although, obviously, we give them priority. You will be receiving through the post your invitation to apply for tickets. Please let the School Office have these back as soon as possible because we cannot exceed the capacity of the venue (*Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street*) and we came perilously close to doing so last year (3 seats off full, fire regulations capacity). It should be a splendid evening, not only because of the celebration of achievement it represents, but also our Guest of Honour should be inspiring ~ her words and example certainly served to inspire our girls during last year's *Race for life*.

In the weeks to come

Monday 1 st November	School resumes after Half Term 3.30 ~ 4.30pm Senior Chamber Choir
Tuesday 2 nd November	
Wednesday 3 rd November	
Thursday 4 th November	4 ~ 6pm VIth Form Life Drawing 4.30 ~ 6.30pm Year 7 Parents' Meeting
Friday 5 th November	All day: History of Art trip to the Wallace Collection AM: Junior Hockey Day for prep and primary schools
Monday 8 th November	3.30 ~ 4.30pm Senior Chamber Choir rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th November	Lunchtime: Inter-House <i>Brains of More House</i> competition starts and runs for the rest of the week. pm Year 10 & Year 11 GCSE Science Modules 6.30pm Post-16 Information Evening
Wednesday 10 th November	
Thursday 11 th November	am: Year 10 & Year 11 GCSE Science Modules 4~6pm: VIth Form Life Drawing classes

	6:30pm: Parents' Association AGM
Friday 12 th November	am: Year 10 & Year 11 GCSE Science Modules lunchtime: Inter-House Brains of More House competition: the final. Charity Mufti Day for Pakistan Flood Relief

With best wishes for a peaceful and refreshing half term break

Robert Carlisle