

# **FROM THE STUDY**

FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009

## **SOME REMINDERS**

Could I politely ask parents not to park on the yellow zig-zags either side of the entrance and exit to the school drive. I appreciate that parking is not always easy around the school but you must avoid parking on the zig-zags at all costs! **NEWS FLASH.** A Traffic Warden has been putting Parking Tickets on cars illegally parked this afternoon in Widford Road!!!

## **PICKING UP FROM THE SCHOOL FIELD**

Before half-term the senior rugby players were training at the field until 5.15pm at which point they were collected by their parents. This was an arrangement that was understood by myself and parents.

During the second half of term an increasing number of parents have driven onto the field towards the end of rugby lessons to collect their son and sometimes give lifts to other boys as well. Last Friday, before Mr Grant and I had a chance to de-register the boys, many had been taken. This is potentially a worrying situation. I realise that I have let this situation develop. Could I ask parents to refrain from collecting their children from the field unless it is absolutely necessary and, if this is the case (doctor's appointments etc) the relevant teacher should be informed at registration on that day.

I'm afraid unless I receive specific written request, parents will not be able to give lifts to other children (unless an emergency requires it). We try and finish lessons at 3.45pm and aim to be back at school by 4.00pm, all things being equal.

When we have home matches we tend to have a lot of supporters. Matches and tea are likely to finish nearer 4.00pm and it is appropriate on these occasions for parents to take their children from the field as long as they check with the teacher first.

I hope this doesn't sound too draconian but is intended to establish a proper routine. I would appreciate your support in this matter.

## **CAROL SERVICE**

Next Tuesday one of the most important events of the school calendar takes place when we hold our Carol Service at Chelmsford Cathedral. There is no doubt that the school is 'on parade' at this time and I would urge parents to encourage their children (as we are doing too) about the importance of behaviour, especially on such a formal occasion and in such a wonderful setting. Unfortunately I have heard reports about children and siblings playing on electronic games and mobile phones. The service lasts about an hour and our expectation is that the children, whether sitting with parents or otherwise, are on their best behaviour. Again, I thank you for your support in this matter.

The Carol Service will begin at 7.00pm.

### **HEADMASTER'S AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following children, Sophie Main(1E) for French, Thomas Mills(1P/BS) for French, Isabelle Berryman (2K) for French, Bethan Evans and Alexander Houston (3S) for Maths, Matthew Podd (4G) for English, Sophie Bright and Noah Chilvers (4P) for Maths, Sophia Houston (5H) for Science, Sarah Benson and Katie Gardner (6T) for RE, Matthew Gilham (6T) for Art, Tavy Hayden and Ellen Lewis (6T) for English and finally Ralph Stevens (6T) for Maths. Well done to you all.

### **POLITENESS & COURTESY CUP**

The winner of the Politeness & Courtesy Cup this week is Bethan Evans. Congratulations Bethan.

### **'FOWL' CHRISTMAS PARTIES (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December)**

Our sincere apologies for the late distribution of the tickets for the Prep School. If you could bring your replies in on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, either to the school office or your form teacher, it would be much appreciated.

Both parties will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The Pre-Prep from 4.00-5.30pm and the Prep from 6.00-7.30pm.

**NB .THERE WILL BE NO 'PREP' FOR THE PREP SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC.**

### **2009 CONKERTITION FINAL**

As expected, this hotly contested match pitted the skill, timing and force of the Roman, Emily Blundell against the quick and devastatingly ferocious Viking, William Dobbie (both pictured below in previous rounds)



In an encounter that spanned over 3 lunchtimes, the final blow saw Emily smash down on William's conker only to see her own nut fly off its string! Worse was to follow; as the conker surrendered its grip on the string it then made mortal contact with the playground floor, spraying shell and contents in all directions, forcing spectators to take cover! This capitulation and final decimation of the

**Roman Conkeror's conker meant that the Viking's, shockingly, have invaded top spot in this year's konkertition!**

**Congratulations William, you fought fearlessly. A final thought must be given to the gallant Roman, who fell to the Vikings. Emily produced inspiring and eye-watering strikes all week, perhaps deserving of victory and most commendable of all was her refusal to take the tradesman's way out and blame the tool of her trade for her loss, well done Emily!**

### **ECO-SCHOOL**

**As you may be aware from previous releases, the School Council have been busy organising themselves into groups in pursuit of Eco-School Green Flag recognition. The four groups came together this week to share with the school, in assembly, their latest endeavours.**

**After the success of last week's initiative to encourage children to try a new vegetable or some salad Matthew Morley-Jacob, the brainchild, has devised 'MORE FRUIT MONDAY!'**

**Children have been challenged to try a piece of fruit with their meal to help them towards their recommended daily intake. Both the Pre-Prep and Prep schools were involved and stars were awarded for a willingness to try something new. The two 'stand outs' in the Prep School were Hannah Ferguson and Mackenzie Maberly, pictured here are their awards presented to them this morning:**



**Apparently, Hannah loves a tasty mango and Mackenzie can't get enough of melon! Well done to you both.**

**Look out for more challenges relating to composting, getting to school and helping to recycle in the near future.**

**The fantastic news this week, which rewards all the Council Members' hard work, is that Widford Lodge has achieved the Eco-Schools Bronze Award. Action plans are in place and meetings arranged to get us to Silver status as soon as possible, there will be no resting on laurels! Thanks to everyone who is helping and those who have come to their form councillor with ideas, KEEP IT UP!!**

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD.**

#### **NORMANS DUTY WEEK**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Form 1 Christmas Play 9.30am (Doors open 9.15am)**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Form 2 Christmas Play 2.30pm (Doors open 2.15pm)  
Carol Service Rehearsal at the Chelmsford Cathedral  
9.30am -12.00pm

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** Carol Service at Chelmsford Cathedral 7.00pm  
3D Trip to Tesco.  
House Netball and Rugby Competition 2.45pm. Netball starts  
@ 2.30pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** Piano Exams at Christchurch, New London Road. 9.15am  
Un 9 Rugby v Dame Bradbury's (A) 2.30pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** Pre-School Christmas Play 9.30am (Doors open 9.25am)  
Form 6 Bowling 3.00 - 4.15pm  
'FOWL' Christmas Parties.  
Pre- Prep School 4.00pm - 5.30pm  
Prep School 6.00pm-7.30pm.