

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Wednesday 11 December 2013
7.00pm
at St Nicolas' Church, Newbury



Come and join us in celebrating the beginning of the Christmas season with a service of traditional Christmas carols and readings with music from the school choir, brass ensemble and the Sixth Form *a cappella* choral group.

The Parents' Association will be serving refreshments following the service.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DAY DATE CHANGE

The staff training day date in February 2014 has been changed. Please note that it will be on **Thursday 6 February** not Tuesday 4 February



OUR ENTERPRISING SIXTH FORMERS REACH THE FINAL

Last Wednesday saw our Year 12 Champions of Enterprise winners head off to Arlington Arts for this year's final. Competing against teams from other local schools Megan Bone, Katherine Valentine, Chelsea Ford, Rachel Barnes, Yasmin Copas presented to the panel of judges in front of their peers and invited families. Having worked hard prior to the event together with fellow team mate Harriet Wilson (who was unable to take part in the actual final due to commitments on stage in the school production Little Shop of Horrors) and with the invaluable support and guidance of mentor Penny Ferguson (founder of The Living Leader), the team gave a very mature, confident presentation and only just missed out on winning the competition. Many congratulations to the team for their hard efforts and for being excellent ambassadors for our school.

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DAVIS DIARY

It is a busy time of the year with Christmas festivities on the way, drama and dance performances done and study focus sessions over for another year. We hope all

the Year 11 studied hard for their mock exams and hope they did their very best.

Congratulations to:

Holly Shaw 8D2 and Matthew Forsyth 8D1 for reaching the Regional heats in the Kids' Lit Quiz.

Callum Edwards 7D1 for raising £55.01 for Prostate Cancer UK selling cakes.

Hannah Perry 8D2 who has had months of intensive training and years of determination and dedication at training and who is the first female black belt of the Martial Arts School.

Good Work prizes are awarded to **Grace Twyford, Chiara Ricchi, Courtney Lyford, Abi Livingstone, Sasha Howgate** and **Georgia Vockins**.

Dates for the diary:



Carol singing outside Sainsbury Supermarket Thursday 12 December 5.00 – 6.00pm. Please wear school uniform. All welcome!

Year 7 Christmas Party organised by the Year 12 students 16 December 5.00 – 6.30 pm.

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee



ARTS AWARD

Congratulations to our two Creative Leaders, **Fleur Davenport** and **Ella Claridge**, who have just been awarded their Arts Award Bronze Level 1. They attended a two day leadership academy at Bradfield College where the girls helped to coordinate the opening ceremony of the School Games Competitions and also led creative workshops for the primary schools. Both girls also had to complete a portfolio which needed to include evidence of enjoying the arts as a participant and exploring arts as an audience. This is an excellent achievement.

Mrs L Leach



12E1 TAKE UP THE MENCAP FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to 12E1 who have raised £300 as part of the Evers House charity fundraising for Mencap this year. All members of the tutor group set themselves a personal challenge to achieve in the October half term. After sponsored walks, runs, cycles and singing performances students have been able to donate this impressive contribution to the Evers' campaign.

A special well done to Esme, Jenny, Oly, Lucas, Jordy, Molly, Christie, Dan, Jess, Miles, Hollie, Natasha and Tom U who raised the most in sponsorship; but I am proud of the whole tutor group for the commitment and spirit they have shown here in support of others.

Dr S Williams, Tutor 12E1



CHRISTMAS PRESENTS The 2014 Berkshire Book Award Shortlist

If you're looking for a book to give as a Christmas present, the shortlist for the 2014 Berkshire Book Award, selected by young people aged 11 – 14 in Berkshire schools from nearly 152 nominated titles, could give you some ideas.

The top six titles (in alphabetical order by author) are as follows:

John Boyne	Stay Where You Are and Then Leave
Gillian Cross	After Tomorrow
Michael Grant	Light (Gone 6)
Annabel Pitcher	Ketchup Clouds
Holly Smale	Geek Girl
David Walliams	Demon Dentist

Waterstones shops countywide will be publicising the Award.

Mrs Thomas, Librarian

DIARY DATES



Wed 11 Dec Carol Service at
St Nicolas' Church, 7pm
Mon 16 Dec Y7 Christmas Parties
5.00-6.30pm
Thur 19 Dec KS5 Awards Evening
(Y13 2012-2013), 7pm Hall
Fri 20 Dec **Term Ends at 12.30pm**

Spring Term 2014

Mon 6 Jan Term Begins,
8.40am registration for all
Students
Tue 14 Jan A2 Practice Exams
Wed 15 Jan A2 Practice Exams
Thurs 16 Jan AS Practice Exams
Fri 17 Jan AS Practice Exams

GIRLS' RUGBY DEVELOPMENT EVENING

Monday 2 December, Newbury Rugby Club

Congratulations to the 21 Year 9 and 10 girls who took part in the rugby development evening. Following several weeks of after school training the coach organised the event and invited St Bart's and Park House. Unfortunately Park House students were unable to attend, but we decided to continue and make the most of the opportunity. The training, led by Toby Seward, challenged and inspired the girls who thoroughly enjoyed the experience, particularly as they were wearing their newly acquired rugby shirts!



We look forward to another development evening in the spring term and the opportunity to play against other opposition.



GIRLS' PE

Netball Tournament Year 8

St Bart's Year 8 travelled to Theale Green School to compete in the Area Netball Tournament. The different teams playing in the same group as St Bart's were from Willink, Park House, Little Heath and John O'Gaunt.

St Bart's topped the group beating Willink 12-2, John O'Gaunt 8-0, Park House 5-2 and Little Heath 12-1. They progressed to the semi final playing against St Gabriel's, beating them 6-2. After this victory the team played against Downe House in the final, at the same point where they lost out last year. The match was an even battle this year, but St Bart's snatched the winning goal to end the game victorious 7-6.

Team – Emily Carr GK, Alex Earle GD, Alice Points WD, Sophie Harrop C, Bethany Pinfold WA, Lauren Bell GA and Izzie Lainsbury GS

Year 7 Area Netball Tournament

The Year 7 A team performed well in the Area Tournament against Park House. Their first match, that was lost, was against the tournament winners Downe House. However, the team kept their heads up high and went on to win the next matches against Little Heath (3-0), John O'Gaunt (9-0) and The Downs (4-2). A tense game against Trinity in which St Bart's lost 2-1 made qualification uncertain. Everyone was biting their nails wondering whether the team had done enough. Miss Jones announced that we had, with better goal difference, edging St Bart's into the play offs against Park House. Everyone was so pleased and put so much effort in to the game. However Park House, under pressure, converted the game to their win 2-0.

Sophie Stancombe was awarded player of the tournament, but a huge well done to all of Year 7 A team for performing excellently in icy conditions.

Netball Results and Players of the Match

Year 10, Year 11 and Sixth Form netball teams played friendly matches against St Helen's and St Katherine's last week.

Year 10 lost	33-5 Saffron Langley
Year 11 lost	18-3 Tozin Sonubi
Sixth Form lost	14-13 Hannah Benson

Senior Netball

St Bart's experienced a tough game against St Helen's and St Katherine's with a loss of 13-14. After going down in the first quarter St Bart's brought it back winning the next two quarters. Unfortunately the opposition gained the final goal in the last moment of the game. Player of the match was awarded to Hannah Benson, St Bart's goal defence.

Emma and Josie

Girls' Football

The **U14 girls' football** team were very unlucky to be knocked out of the National Cup last week in round 4, losing 3-2 to Wallingford School.

Lauren Bell scored a penalty and Victoria Bullock scored a fantastic goal from outside the box. Player of the match goes to Anna Kersley.

After a fantastic run our **U13 Girls' Football Team** were finally knocked out of the National Cup last week in round 5 losing to a school from Somerset. Well done for all the squad's efforts. Victoria Bullock was awarded player of the match.

Aviva Sportshall Athletics – Boys and Girls

The indoor athletics competition took place on 3 December at Park House. Competing against seven other schools the athletes performed with drive and determination and were excellent ambassadors for St Bart's. Athletes compete in both track and field events and score points according to their times and distances. The girls finished in first place with a points total of 200 which broke the points barrier for the first time ever in West Berkshire. The boys also finished in first place with an excellent score of 191 points which means both teams go through to the county competition in April. Well done to the teams.

Girls – L Bell,
M Dummett, M Pope,
S Harrop, I Lainsbury,
O Sanderson, M Eldridge
Boys – M White,
B McCarthy, O Barnes,
J Pemberton, J Power,
S Hart, H Seymour,
D Rees.



BOYS' PE

Senior rugby - 1st XV Won 34-0 v Downs 2nd team Won 30-0 v Downs

Both the teams travelled to The Downs School and played great rugby to ensure St Bart's came away with string wins. The first team played with their best pattern this season, going through phases to build tries, sucking in defence and then moving the ball to space after quick ruck ball. **Will Herrington** went over for the first try as he dived over untouched out wide. On a very small pitch it was hard to create much space and the game had a large tackle count from both teams. Of particular note was a defensive line out on our five metre line when **Lewis Rogers** sacked their catcher. We then turned over their ball to pick and drive to the edge of the 22 before **Cole Bates** who had an excellent game with kicking the ball cleared to touch. **Angus Clements** at scrum half also had a very good game controlling the tempo and mixed up his box kicks with swift passes. He also gave the team a platform to build the victory on with two first half penalties stretching the game away from the home side. **Charles Forsen** was rewarded for his excellent work rate throughout as our hooker powered over for the second try. His front row colleague **Herrington** did not want to be out done and from a line out on the half way broke through at the tail and went raced in with superb turn of pace (please note it was a small pitch)! The last try came from **Oisin Sedgwick** who beat two defenders through with excellent footwork and then accelerated to the line for a fine score. The team have one more game in the league against Kennet School to see if they can retain their current status as area champions.

1st XV Lost 41-5 v Brockenhurst College

The first team had a difficult fourth round match Nat West match against the National College Champions but fought hard until the final whistle. Captain **Ali Price Richards** had his best game of the season regularly beating his opposite number and causing havoc in their midfield. From a number of line breaks we could just not cross their line with **Cameron Barr** and **Ali** both going close. **Oisin Sedgwick** was also unlucky not to have scored as he was debatably held back without the ball when the try line metres away. The game however went out of our grasp as their pack had a huge game, targeting us most notably in the scrum with a number of national representatives in their team proving their worth. With little possession going forward our opportunities were limited and they eventually ground down our defence. Our try came from a well worked move and **Will Herrington**, like the world player of the year K Read, gave an excellent back of the hand off load to see Jack King finish like an international class winger.