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WINTER WEATHER

Wintry weather is upon us once again. We anticipate that St Bart's will be in a position to remain open throughout the year, given our new buildings, site and equipment. We have ample salt and have purchased snow clearing equipment for use in the car park. Our Hall enables us to supervise students if staff are delayed getting into work. Students have been reminded that no snow is to be thrown, for safety reasons. Care should be taken when walking to and from school. Should extreme conditions necessitate a closure or a later start to the school day, however, information will be provided via:

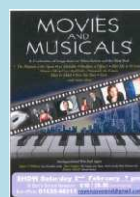
- The Schoolcomms email system
- St Bart's website www.stbarts.co.uk (click on School News)
- West Berkshire Council website www.westberks.gov.uk (click on Schools)
- BBC Radio Berkshire
- Heart Radio
- The Breeze

If the school were to be closed, students should look on the Open Hive website to find the work set. Any students unable to access the site would be well advised to contact friends to pick up the work set, by phone.

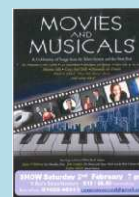
Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Fri 25 Jan Y7/8 PA Disco, 7-9pm
Fri 1 Feb Curnock House Evg, 7pm, Hall
Sat 2 Feb PA Movies and Musicals, Hall, 7pm
Tues 5 Feb Staff Training Day



MOVIES AND MUSICALS



A Celebration of Songs from the Silver-Screen and the West End

The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Meet Me in St Louis, Mamma Mia, Guys and Dolls, Diamonds Are Forever, Mack & Mabel, West Side Story, Evita ... and many more

Starring acclaimed West End singers Jayne O'Mahony (Les Miserables, Evita), John Langley (The Phantom of the Opera, Whistle Down The Wind and Mamma Mia) Andrew Sackett (Musical Director)

Organised by the Parents' Association

**Saturday 2 February at 7.00pm
At St Bartholomew's School**

£10.00/ £8.50 (concessions)

**Box office 01635 46311
Rowenaoverend@gmail.com**



MFL KARAOKE COMPETITION

The first ever MFL Karaoke competition took place in the school hall at the end of last term. Five groups competed in the final for the trophy. Performances were judged by a panel of three, chaired by Mr Grant from the Expressive Arts faculty. The occasion proved to be entertaining as the assembled audience was treated first to 7D2 singing "Ich bin ein Gummibär" followed by the Beginners 1 Chinese class (pictured below) using up all the Chinese they have learnt so far in their version of "wo he ni". This was the song sung at the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games in Beijing and particular credit should go to William Wood and Carla Pattenden who took on the challenging high notes together, cheerily supported by the rest of the class once the melody came back into "normal" range. Two Year 9 performances followed – firstly 9CD German singing "Schlag mich Baby noch einmal" under the direction of Miss Dernley and then 9EP German had a go at Rammstein's "Die Sonne". Unfortunately, although the latter's German was good, they just were not "hard" enough to convey the Rammstein feel in this song.



It was then the turn of 11D1, who proved to be the winning group, with their rousing rendition of "Xi Shua Shua", originally sung in Chinese by The Flowers. They sang,

danced and clapped their way through this, having mastered all the lyrics in Chinese and delivered with an infectious enthusiasm on the day which no doubt secured the title for them. The performances were rounded off by Mr Maunders, accompanying himself on the Ukelele, giving us his version of "Schlag mich Baby noch einmal".

This will be an annual competition and I am looking forward to receiving next year's entries already. It would be good to have some performances in French making it to the final. It would also be good to have more individual entries, not just groups, to add variety to the occasion. Thank you to all those who took part this year.

Mrs Wood

OLYMPICS CERTIFICATE

On 20 December I was invited to a Lions Charity event in Newbury town centre as one of the torch bearers for the London Olympics. A games maker and an eight year old promise child were also invited.



We were introduced by the Town Crier and the Mayor, who presented us with certificates of our participation in the Olympics. At 20:12 a firework structure of 2012, 2012, 2012 was set alight to celebrate such a special date and time. After that, the Military Wives performed some Christmas carols. It was a memorable occasion and a great way to celebrate a special year.

Georgie Sanderson, 8P2



KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS EVENING

The Year 9 Key Stage 4 Courses Parents' Meeting takes place on Monday 28 January 2013 in the Hall.

The calendar notes the Curnock/Davis meet at 6pm and Evers/Patterson at 7pm. If you are unable to come at the designated time for your child's House, please do attend the alternative time.

Year 9 students were issued with the KS4 Course Booklet on 21 January.

Mr J Sharpe, Deputy Headteacher



**PA DISCO
Years 7/8
Friday 25 January 2013
7pm, Hall**

**£3 on the door
Refreshments available for sale**



SOUTH BERKS CONCERT BAND'S YOUNG COMPOSER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Thomas Carr, 9E1, who won the South Berks Concert Band's Young Composer Competition in 2012. Thomas' inspiring piece 'Taking Flight' was written when he was 13 years old.

The competition took place last summer and culminated in a celebration at the Band's December concert. This was an amazing experience for Thomas, who heard a 40 piece concert band play his composition which was received with a standing ovation from both audience and the Band. The prize he was awarded consisted of a laptop computer and music software to further develop his musical creativity.



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL 2012

The school has received a letter thanking St Bart's for the donation of £1,000 to last year's BBC Children in Need Appeal.

If you'd like to find out how the money raised positively changes lives, go to bbc.co.uk/Pudsey



SCHOOL WEBSITE

The new school website has been launched and can be accessed at the same address www.stbarts.co.uk

The old My St Bart's website www.mystbarts.co.uk will be phased out as users become familiar with the new website.

To access your work from home follow the 'Staff and Student Access' link which can be found on the home page of the new website.

BartholoNews and other news items can be found by following the School News link from the home page.



SIXTH FORM DRIVERS

Sixth Form students who wish to drive a car, motor-cycle, scooter or moped to school must have the permission of the school and their parents/carers to do so. Sixth Formers have been reminded about the permission procedure which is outlined in the Sixth Form Planner on page 9. They have also been reminded that they may park on the available space at the old Wormestall site, but there is no parking for students on the main site. Where there is a need to park in the nearby roads, students should do so sensibly and show consideration for local residents and other road users.

The school is now extending its car park permit scheme, currently in operation for staff, and issuing Sixth Form drivers with a parking permit. Permits must be displayed when parking on school property or when in neighbouring streets during school hours.

If your son/daughter is driving to school please can you check they have registered for a car park permit. Registration forms are available from Mrs Tyson in the Sixth Form Office.

Mr A Robbins, Head of Sixth Form



COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC MacAndrew, our Community Police Officer, will be visiting the school on the following dates:

Tuesday 22 January

Thursday 31 January

Monday 11 February

Wednesday 27 February

He will be available in W035 from 11am to 2pm for anyone who would like to see him for a confidential chat.

GIRLS' PE

Y8 Netball v Trinity

The first quarter started off the match superbly, with some great team play across the pitch. In the second quarter the goals were boosted to 26, and Trinity was still on nil. As the match continued St Bart's had some great play from defence before finishing with an outstanding result of 42-0. Player of the match was Ellie Brown. Team – Freya Eva, Alice Wright, Susie Drake, Izzy Sanderson, Ellie Brown, Rhian Stanton, Tozin Sonubi, Mia Drury.

Lacrosse News

The teams braved the weather to travel to Marlborough School for a triangular lacrosse fixture with Marlborough and Malvern St James.

Results and players of the match were:

1st team lost to Malvern 8-7 and lost to Marlborough 8-4. Hermione Dace and Tamara Yeung

2nd team beat Malvern 4-3 and drew 3-3- with Marlborough. Hannah Kirk and Elizabeth Dunmore

Y10 lost to Malvern 5-6 and beat Marlborough 6-3. Millie Calkin

Y9 lost to Malvern 14-5 and beat Marlborough 6-3. Jo Kirk and Ruby Hornsby

Y8 beat Malvern 14-2. Georgie Sanderson

Y7 beat Malvern 12-4. Sophie Harrap

Y9 Lacrosse Report

Playing in the triangular fixture at Marlborough School, in the first game against Malvern St James the girls had an excellent first half but poor second half. The final score was that we lost 14-5. Ruby, Jo and Sam scored our goals and Jo was awarded player of the match by the opposition.

In the second game we played much better and beat Marlborough 6-3. Alex, Sam, Ruby and Jo scored our goals. Ruby was awarded player of the match by the opposition.

Team – Jennifer Alston, Saffron Langley vice captain, Suzie Windsor, Annabel Taylor vice captain, Ruby Hornsby, Saskia Spencer, Jo Kirk captain, Amy Bowen, Sam Jarman, Alex Jarman, Lauren Manton, Bobbie Lainsbury, Harriet Denton, Grace Porter, Cait Prendergast, Amy Pattenden.

Miss Ostinelli

BOYS' PE

Senior rugby 1st XV 7 ONA 27

The 1st XV took on the major challenge of the annual fixture against the old boys rugby players who have left school from the last three years. The fixture is always a highlight with the school team having to face players they looked up to as the 1st XV only a few years before. Confidence was high going into the fixture after winning their last three fixtures and our pack looking particularly dominant.

The school made their early tackles and faced up well to the physical aspect of the game winning a

series of penalties to pressurise the ONA with **Barnes** finding his touch. Captain **Harris** found **King** in the line out and allowed the forwards to set up the first of a series of hugely impressive driving mauls against their older opposition. This field position then allowed a series of pick a drives with **Weekes, Eva, Herrington** and **Eva** retaining the ball particularly well. Unfortunately the ONA eventually were awarded a penalty and cleared their lines. **Oisín Sedgwick** did well in defence under pressure managing to clear his lines on a number of occasions. **Josh Bartlett** of the ONA would not however give up easily and made a huge tackle on **Ben Tarquini** who did well to remain on the field. From the resulting five metre scrum the team defended very well with **Joe Eva** making a big statement driving the ONA key ball carrying forward **Crawford** into touch. A penalty awarded on the five which was quickly taken finally saw the first try of the game.

The school responded well and bravely opted not to kick for posts, instead kicking for touch. This pressure led to our pack once again demonstrating a better rucking technique and scored a great forwards try. Unfortunately the referee could not award the score as he was unsighted and **Josh Winfield** cleverly slid his arms under the ball as he made his way around the ruck. Great credit must be given to the team who remained calm under Captain **Harris's** control.

Tom Eastman did well to take a loose clearance kick before shrugging off his opposite number and demonstrated that he had not lost any of the pace he had whilst at school to score. The school rush defence caused alarm in the ONA camp with **Lewis Rodgers** particularly impressive and with **Joe Eva** hot on his heels they managed to drive the ONA over their own line with Joe ripping the ball to score for the school. **Bartlett** edged the ONA further ahead with a drop goal but the school were very much in the game at half time with the elements in their favour for the second half.

It was not however meant to be in the second half as **Harry Dodridge** and **Tom Eastman** seemed to be everywhere the school tried to kick the ball for territory and consequently we could not build a platform for the pack to press or unleash our cold frustrated back line. The team continued to battle for the full duration with **Ben Hicks** and **Will Herrington** especially impressive. The old boys scored two second half tries to make the game safe with **Josh Bartlett** and **James Monger** both crossing the white wash. The school earned the right to hold their heads high in defeat against this strong ONA team and I would like to thank all those who came out to support the team on Saturday.