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FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



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 string ensemble.

**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH
NEWBURY**

**Tuesday 15 December 2015
At 7.00pm**

Coffee and mince pies served after the service, underneath the tower, by the PA.

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

**For all years, including
Sixth Form**

If your child is absent from school please ring the hotline number

01635 576372

Leave a message with the following details:

- Your child's name and tutor group
- Reason for absence
- Likely date of return
- Contact telephone number

**TERM ENDS
on Friday 18 December 2015**

Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm

DIARY DATES



- Fri 11 Dec Sixth Form Winter Ball, 7.30-11.00pm, Sixth Form Area
- Fri 11 Dec Y7/8 Patterson Disco, Hall, 7-9pm
- Mon 14 Dec Y7 Christmas Parties, 5-6.30pm
- Tues 15 Dec Carol Service, St Nicolas' Church, 7pm
- Thurs 17 Dec KS5 Awards (Y13: 2014-2015), Hall, 7pm
- Fri 18 Dec **Term Ends, 12.30pm**
- Mon 4 Jan Term starts, normal school day for all students, registration at 8.40am



SIXTH FORM WINTER BALL

Friday 11 December
7.30pm – 11.00pm

In true Christmas spirit the evening will be raising money for our link school in Ghana. Dress up and join friends for a night of entertainment and refreshments.

Tickets £10 from School Officers in the Sixth Form Area in advance.
Tickets on the night £12.50.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

As BartholoNews went to press, the cast, stage crew, production team and musicians were preparing for their final night of performance of A Christmas Carol. Each evening was well-supported, and Year 8 students enjoyed a full dress rehearsal performance earlier in the week. The special effects with snow machine and fog as well as graphic animation from Sixth Form film and media students, added to the atmosphere of the play.



Thank you to everyone involved, and in particular for the original music composition by Mr James Maunders.

SIXTH FORM AT ST BART'S Applications Open

Year 11 – have you applied yet for a place in the Sixth Form in September 2016?

There are loads of subjects to choose from, a wide range of extra-curricular activities, social occasions, charity events, quiet independent study areas and a place to relax at break time in the common room. Also, St Bart's offers plenty of opportunities to take on more responsibility.

Look on the Sixth Form page of the website www.stbarts.co.uk for details about our courses and an application form.



VIVO LOGIN Year 7 Parents/Carers

Letters detailing parent/carer logins for the Vivo reward website were sent out last week via students. Please contact Catherine Graham, Vivo Coordinator on cgraham@stbarts.co.uk if you have any queries.



DAVIS CUP Did you Know?

As the British team was celebrating its victory in the recent Davis Cup, Allan Mercado (former St Bart's student 1942-1950) got in touch with us to tell us about another British success in 1946 when an Old Newburian played in this prestigious event.

Taking place in Oslo, Norway, from 11 – 13 May 1946, this was the first Davis Cup played after the Second World War. Playing in the second round, representing Great Britain and partnering leading British tennis player Tony Mottram in the doubles, was Old Newburian Henry Billington, who had attended St Bart's in the 1920s. The pair defeated the Norwegian pair Haanes and Staubo 6-1, 7-5, 6-3.

Henry used to live in Henwick and Billington Way in the area is named after him.

As it happens, Henry has a famous grandson whose name will be familiar with all tennis players, Tim Henman.

EVERS NEWS

Thank you to all of those involved in making the recent Evers House Evening such a success. The evening raised over £1000 for our local charity West Berkshire Mencap.



The following students have worked to support the House and have achieved the awards below:-

Bronze awards

Alfie Bullock – 8E1
Ben Davies – 8E2
Pierce Morgan – 8E3
Kim Rutter – 8E3
Alfie Robinson – 8E3
Jacob Googe – 8E3
Arham Khalid – 8E3

Silver Awards

Sanskriti Sahoo – 8E2
Alfie Morse – 8E2
Sam Potter – 8E2
Annabelle Dole – 8E2
Esme Layton – 8E1
Harry Donne – 9E2
Charley Tibbenham – 9E2

Gold Awards

Izzy Sutton – 9E2
Josh Douglas – 9E2
David Brind – 9E2
Joe McLaughlin – 9E2



Evers House Carol Singing

Tuesday 8 December 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Tesco on Pinchington Lane.



RUGBY PLAYER SAFETY

Head Injuries

There have been several boys who have suffered with concussion recently; this has occurred during both school and club rugby matches. We would like to highlight the RFU's guidance on head injuries and when to return to play. This information is useful for all sports and not just rugby.

Please refer to the concussion information at these two links.

http://cdn.agilitycms.com/hockey-canada/Hockey-Programs/Safety/Concussion/Downloads/pocket_concussion_recognition_tool_e.pdf

http://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/MyRugby/Headcase/01/30/48/88/returntoplayafterconcussion_Neutral.pdf

PE Department



AUTUMN TERM DATES 2016

The term dates for the spring and summer terms 2016 are on the front of the current school calendar.

The autumn term dates for next year are:

Staff Training Day -

Monday 5 September 2016

Term starts on Tuesday 6 September 2016

Staff Training Day - Friday 21 October 2016

Half Term – Friday 21 October –
Friday 28 October 2016

Term Ends Tuesday 20 December 2016



BOYS' PE

Rugby

1st XV Rugby beat Furze Platt 14-25 in County Semi Final

The XV squad maintained the defence of the senior County Cup with a hard fought battle against a robust Furze Platt school who had well beaten Forest school in the previous round and had a strong foundation of Maidenhead rugby club players throughout their team. St Bart's started the game with more structure than the home team and the early pressure resulted in a penalty which was well struck by James Lewis to give a 3 point lead. With the back line playing their best rugby of the season much like Leinster when they were at their best as Johnny Bhatt enjoyed

wrap around moves and sent Barney Morgan cannon balling through the heart of Furze Platt defence.

However, Furze Platt showed the character and ability which gave them the semi final slot as they pressed hard at our line after a relieving penalty brought them a line out to within 10 metres of our line. Our pack had to work hard to disrupt their driving maul and Stephen Ansell at the heart of this and a number of other choke tackles deserves special mention. Furze Platt had a secret weapon which they successfully launched as their number 8 executed their rehearsed “missile” move to score out wide. Their fly half converted a difficult kick from the touch line to maximise the advantage.

St Bart’s responded with real venom and commitment epitomised by Will Davidson and Ben Prosser who both required temporary blood replacement. Oli Harris was excellent as ever using his judo skills to slow down/turn over opposition ball. Charlie Oretti was a rock at full back countering with pace and guile as well as accompanying this with an excellent territorial kicking game. James Lewis responded with a trademark interception on their ten metre line and outpaced (!) the cover defence to perform an Aston like swan dive to the right of the posts. Some last minute heroic defence from the whole team saw us hold our line as Oli Harris turned one potential try scorer to hold him up and they will have regretted not going for the points to draw the score at half time.

Confidence was high for the second half but St Bart’s nearly gave an early Christmas present to the home side offering a 5 metre attacking lineout after confusion from the restart. Chris Nilson’s constant pressure forced Platt to throw long and fortunately our line was cleared. Another couple of breaks from man of the match Barney Morgan, one from a J Bhatt kick eased the pressure and took St Bart’s into the home team 22. Notably Chris Nilson and Captain Alex Lockhart combined well throughout the game and it was Captain Lockhart who scored a very well deserved try to give us a two score cushion. Continued pressure resulted in a wise decision to take a penalty to take remove some of the home team belief.

Nonetheless, with seven minutes left on the clock and encouragement from the home crowd Furze Platt should have scored out wide but for the last pass the go into touch. Shortly afterward they did not make the same mistake after series of powerful drives eventually resulted in seven points and setting up a potentially dramatic finish with the score back to 14-18. Luke Parkes had a fine game at scrum half and had eased the pressure on a number of occasions, notably from restarts with sniping runs and fairly pressurising his opposite number from a quick tap. Captain Lockhart determined to defend the Cup and reach the final eased all the late nerves with a fantastic break which showed his power and pace to race home from the half way line. Congratulations to the whole squad and we all look forward to defending our title in the final (details TBC).



GIRLS’ PE Netball News

Last week the Year 7 netball teams played in league matches against Park House.

Results and players of the match were:

Y7A won 17-3	Bianca Vicari
Y7B won 10-2	Zoe Quartley

Lacrosse

On Saturday 28 November the teams played Godolphin, away. Results and players of the match were:

1 st lost 21-2	Yasmin Ryder
2 nd lost 9-4	Freya Eva
Y10 lost 20-4	Izzie Lainsbury
Y9 lost 11-4	Sophie Stancombe
Y8 lost 15-4	Hattie Smithson
Y8 (second game) 15-5	Molly Harkness