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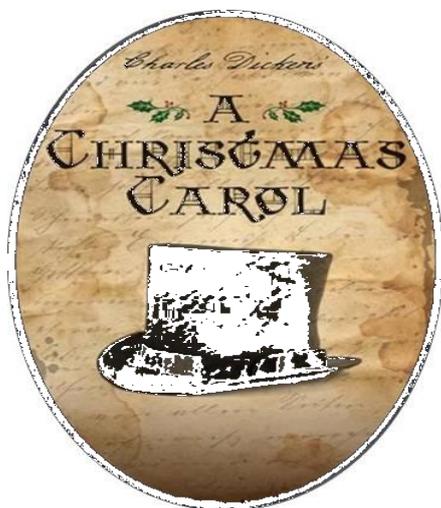
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ST BART'S PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CAROL

This year's school production features a brilliant cast of 65 students with original music composition by Mr James Maunders



At 7.00pm in the Hall on
Wednesday 2 December
Thursday 3 December
Friday 4 December

Adults £5 Concessions £3
Mulled wine available from 6.30pm
and during the interval

Tickets on sale from the Expressive
Arts Office during break
and activity times



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School Reports

The autumn term interim reports have been sent to parents/carers with students in Years 7 to 11 and Year 13. To ensure reports, and other communication sent via Schoolcomms, arrive in your inbox please make St Bart's a trusted sender by putting the following into your address book:

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DIARY DATES

- Tues 1 Dec Y12 Parents' Evening
- Wed 2 Dec *A Christmas Carol*, 7pm, Hall
- Thurs 3 Dec *A Christmas Carol*, 7pm, Hall
- Fri 4 Dec *A Christmas Carol*, 7pm, Hall
- Mon 7 Dec Y11 Practice Exam Week
- 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**



SPANISH EXCHANGE TRIP TO SALOU – NOVEMBER 2015

The Spanish exchange trip took place in November bringing warmer weather and sunnier skies than last year's snowy February trip! Eighteen of our students from Years 9 to 12 enjoyed being hosted by families from our Spanish partner school, The Elizabeth School in Salou and all had a fabulous time. The students experienced firsthand the customs and culture of Catalunya and had a genuine opportunity to practise and develop the Spanish they have learnt in school. All of our students said they had a great time building relationships with their host partner and family and picked up lots of new Spanish while doing so.



During their stay the students were taken on days trips out to Tarragona, a quaint Roman town on the north-eastern coast. They also visited a nature reserve called Ebro Delta where they had the chance to see flamingos, herons and over 90 other species of birds in one of the largest wetlands in the Mediterranean region. The biggest highlight was going to Barcelona where the students visited the Cathedral and had a chance to enjoy some Spanish retail therapy!

I would personally like to thank Miss Collinson and Mrs Burnett for accompanying the St Bart's students to Salou and allowing them this fabulous opportunity. Here is what the students had to say.



"My partner was very friendly and I enjoyed staying with her and her family. My favourite part was teaching the children English when in the Elizabeth School. I also enjoyed shopping in Barcelona and spending the weekend with my family."

"I was really impressed with how kind and welcoming all the Spanish people were; not only the students taking part in the exchange but everyone! There was never a moment when I felt lonely or unwelcome."

I had the most amazing time."

Ed Forde

"I found the Spanish exchange very

useful as I was able to experience a new culture and learn essential Spanish. The families look after you very well and spoil you with many different foods and trips out. I would recommend this trip to anyone who would like to improve their Spanish or who is interested in experiencing a different culture."

Abbie Eade

Mrs S Clare



SIXTH FORM AT ST BART'S Applications Now 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.

ONA ANNUAL LUNCH

Sunday 22 November saw the 102nd ONA Lunch, attended by members of the Old Newburians' Association, as well as the Headteacher, Isla Harrison the Head Girl and myself. Following the AGM - which resulted in a change to the constitution by unanimous vote - guests arrived for drinks, before sitting down to a beautifully prepared three course meal.

Whether treating themselves to the breaded camembert for starters, steak *au poivre* for the main course, or chocolate and caramel pudding for dessert, the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Incoming ONA President (left) and Headteacher (right) with Lucas Jones, Head Boy and Isla Harrison, Head Girl.

The lunch was followed by standing down ONA President Janet Calloway's emotional final speech, in which she thanked everyone for the support they have given her during her two years at the helm, and wished her successor Tricia Ray the best of luck in her new role. The Headteacher then made her first speech to the members of the ONA, having been unable to attend last year, in which she reflected on the success of the school, noting how all attending the dinner should be proud to be part of its history. Speeches and Toasts were followed by a rousing rendition of the School Song.

Finally, Isla and I were lucky enough to have the opportunity to address everybody, informing them of our plans for the year, as well as looking back on what makes St Bart's such an important place for us; we were very grateful for being so warmly received by everyone present.

Special thanks go to Janet for helping to organise the lunch and make the afternoon so enjoyable, as well as the catering staff for providing such a lovely meal and site team for their help.

Lucas Jones, Head Boy



ACCELERATED READER YEAR 7

In Year 7 students take part in Accelerated Reader, a programme where they read books and take quizzes on what they have read.

The following students have managed to read more than a million words since the beginning of the scheme in September and have been each awarded 50 Vivos.

George Chapman 7C1 – 1.8 million words
William Shopland 7C2 – 1.6 million words
Thea McLaughlin 7E2 – 1.6 million words
Rhiannon Evans 7D2 – 1.5 million words
Benjamin Page 7C2 – 1.5 million words
Bethany Sirianni 7D1 – 1 million words

The next count will take place just before Christmas. I look forward to awarding more reading millionaires!

Mrs L Close, KS3 and KS4 Literature Coordinator



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is now open to all years and all Houses. Come along to D115 Monday and Wednesday, 8.00am - 8.30am. Breakfast food and drinks are provided. Help or time to complete independent study is available as well as being able to keep out of the cold.

If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Evans in the Davis House Office, or email jevans1@stbarts.co.uk

Mrs Evans

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.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch this year will be held on **Wednesday 9 December**.

There are a limited number of tickets at a cost of £3.95.

Lunch will be served at 12.30pm and there will be no other provision of hot food during activity time that day. Availability of food at break time remains unchanged.

Menu

Cranberry and Sage Stuffed Turkey Breast
wrapped in Bacon
Pig in Blanket
Crispy Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and
Gravy

Christmas Dessert

Vegetarian Menu

Quorn Fillet with Vegetarian Stuffing
Crispy Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and
Gravy

Christmas Dessert

Crackers, table decorations and a bottle of drink will also be included.

Tickets are on sale now until Wednesday 3 December from either the Facilities Office (W030) break or activity time and the kitchen before school. Please note that payment will be taken from lunch cards.

This event will be ticket only.



**TERM ENDS
on Friday 18 December 2015.**

Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm

KS3 AREA BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The KS3 girls' badminton tournament consisted of Nat Long, Freya Williams, Maddy Mitton, Wicky Maj and Laura Lenartowska.



The girls played some lovely badminton, both in singles and doubles. Within the pool stages St Bart's won 3-2 against Little Heath to secure their first win of the tournament. The next pool stage game was against Kennet, a formidable team who won the competition last year. The first four games again saw the score at 2-2 so the final game was crucial. Unfortunately St Bart's were unable to secure the win and lost in a very nail biting final game of 9-7. After some great shots and unlucky rallies the girls played in the 3rd/4th play off against Theale Green. The girls pushed themselves further and took no prisoners, 4-1 St Bart's in a very convincing win.

This was a great tournament and a final 3rd placing with bronze medals. It was lovely to see such high spirits and team work.

NETBALL RESULTS AND PLAYERS OF THE MATCH

St Bart's v Kennet – League Games

Y7A drew 7-7 Luci Robertson

Y7B won 11-0 Sophie Cunningham

Y8 won 23-10 Daisy Dijksman and Jess Harrison

Y9 won 27-13 Izzy Sutton

BOYS' PE

Rugby

Y7 County Festival

The Year 7 team played in the county festival at Reading Blue Coat School last week. After a tough start against Blessed Hugh Faringdon, they managed to win their remaining games and go through to the top of their group. The boys really upped their game for the knockout stages, beating Reading Blue Coat in the quarter final and fierce rivals Forest in the semi final, avenging their only previous loss this season. After a competitive game the team fell just short in the final to Highdown, a very strong team who all play together at club as well as school. A fantastic achievement to finish second in the county, well done to all the boys involved.



Squad – Fin Williams, Ben Newman, Joel Douglas, Cameron Stewart, Joe Garcia, Hugo Dessiaume, Will Conington, James MacAllan, George Blake, Charlie Shakespeare, Alfie Pontin, Alistair Jardine, Toby Stancombe and Alex Groves-Way.

GIRLS' PE

Netball

Year 7 A v Kennet

Despite the chilly weather St Bart's had their heads held high for the upcoming match against Kennet. Kennet started strongly scoring four goals to one in the first quarter, but in the second quarter did not come back as they planned and with St Bart's determined to keep their undefeated record, they were not going to give up! The ball was being thrown up and down the court with some brilliant interceptions being made by our two defenders, Neve Scarr and Charlotte Day. As

the ball was being received in the centre third, the midfielders (Luci Robertson, Bianca Vicaria and Erin Rees) had to use their dodges to run into space as the Kennet girls were not letting any loose balls go.

The shooters, Maisie Lainsbury and Maddy Ettridge, were making some amazing shots from all over the shooting D. With only one goal in it between winning and losing we had a quick team talk and the final quarter began. With all the determination from the girls St Bart's scored their most crucial goal making it even with 7-7. The final whistle saw the score a tie with Kennet 7-7.

Report by Luci Robertson

Year 7B v Kennet

On Tuesday 24 November the team took on Kennet in a league match. The girls got off to a cracking start winning the first quarter with the opponents only gaining one goal. St Bart's had an amazing attacking side of the team, well supported by the defence who took the ball at every opportunity. The final score of 11-1 to St Bart's meant the team keep up their winning streak.

The girls have not yet lost a match and well done to Louise Gubbings, Sophie Cunningham, Jennifer Scourfield, Rebecca Harris, Ella McCarthy, Nina Faithful and Aimee Robinson. A special well done to Sophie for being awarded player of the match.

Year 8 v Kennet

On 17 November the girls played a league, away netball fixture against Kennet. The team knew it would be a tough match remembering that they had to try to be the best they could be. Maddy, Jess and Charlotte D played amazingly in defence, keeping their eyes on the ball, resulting in well timed interceptions. Lola and Maya showed excellent teamwork and coordination making sure they knew to wait for the right time and always backing each other up. Charlotte and Daisy used their fantastic chemistry moving in and out of the D smoothly, also shooting some great shots which ended the game with a win 23-10.

Due to the excellent play of the girls Kennet found it difficult to decide on one player of the match, coming to the conclusion of giving a joint award to Daisy and Jess.

Report by Daisy Dijksman 8C3