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NEWSLETTER

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*What you have learned and received and heard
and seen in me—practice these things,
and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8*

Dear Parents,

The academic year has concluded in traditional form with a service at St Nicholas' Church for all in the St Hilda's School Community. Pupils, parents, grandparents, friends and Governors joined together on a day of high emotion, but overriding happiness, to complete a very busy year. Our Form VI girls were a credit and read their leaving speeches clearly and proudly. There were various musical performances, much enjoyed by all, before all returned to school prior to departing for the holidays.

On 24th June, we were blessed with a dry and sunny morning for our **Sports Day and Prizegiving**. Kathryn Gorman, Headmistress of Abbot's Hill, was our Guest of Honour. Everyone involved worked very hard to pull off a really efficient occasion, much enjoyed by all. Beforehand, the school was open for all to enjoy the displays of work and a chance to appreciate all the classes' efforts. Afterwards, the Form VI class enjoyed a dip in the pool, after which staff and parents joined in a buffet lunch. The Form VI parents kindly presented the school with a story chair, which will be placed in the orchard area near the swimming pool.

The final total of fundraising by **FOSH** is an astonishing £16,496, which is quite amazing. I think the idea of splitting the proceeds between the chosen Charity, Keech Hospice, and the school is a great plan. We were pleased to welcome Louise Pratt from the charity to speak to the school briefly at the service this morning. We are delighted that the proceeds for Keech will help fund vital care in their range of hospice services. My grateful thanks, once again, to this year's FOSH team for all they have done to support the school in so many ways. You are quite amazing!



Our final week of term has seen a very successful **Activity Week**, based around the 5 areas of wellbeing, especially this week looking at 'Be Active' and 'Connect'. The younger children had a great trip to Rothamsted Park, whilst Forms III-VI enjoyed a scintillating day at Go Ape in Wendover Woods. One of the really positive features this week has been the use of the house system for different activities on two of the days. I have so enjoyed the care and kindness shown between pupils from different classes, all working together to tackle new challenges and face obstacles. Exactly what our wonderful school is all about.

Leaving staff

One of the sad duties at this time of year is to bid farewell to those staff moving on. Today, we have given thanks for the efforts and hard work of four wonderful staff members, Mrs Hogan, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Lipman and Madame Knight. We are so grateful for all they have done and wish them every happiness and success for the future. I know they are each very grateful for the very generous vouchers, cards, chocolates and flowers presented to them by you all.

FOSH Welcome Event - save the date

Please save the date for the FOSH welcome event which will be held after drop off on Friday, 8th September from 8.30am, on the Orchard behind the Dining Room. I send my best wishes to Dominic Hutt, Sophie Forsyth and Tammie Modi for the coming year.

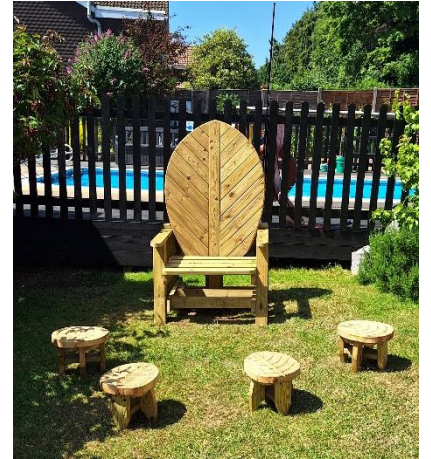
Thank you to all those who have responded with your requirements for breakfast and afterschool clubs next term. A gentle reminder to those who have yet to submit their requests that the deadline is **today**, via the following link <https://forms.gle/HYgAfK9yhUv1efeM9>

I send all of the St Hilda's community a wonderful summer and, I trust, the opportunity to recharge and refresh for the coming academic year. I also send my thanks for your support through another twelve months.

With best wishes
Dan Sayers
Headmaster

Activity Week Highlights





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