



Dear Parents,



Pre-Prep 2 Nativity Christmas Cast Members December 2016

A very happy New Year to you all! Grateful thanks for the generosity of your cards, presents and good wishes for the Christmas season. I hope that you have all had an excellent Christmas, and are looking forward to all that 2017 may bring!

Particular welcomes to our new boys and their families: **Ashwin Gopi Krishna, Ibrahim Habib, Sayan Jeevan, Cameron O'Driscoll, Ajay Samuel, Zeyd Topcu, James Jan, Naren Yogadeva and**

Khalid Uddin Floroiu ... and welcome back to **Jack Ceconi** (and a special greeting to his brand new baby sister!)



Loyola pupils amongst cast of EastEnders Christmas Nativity broadcast 16th December 2016

Highlights from last month:

A December of only nine days was still action packed.

A full hall was treated to an excellent Christmas Concert. Mrs Nicholson opened proceedings with the string ensemble's eloquent and sensitive playing; William Laniyan (violin), Harry Blissett (guitar) and Ethan Cassell (viola) played their solos confidently, Tom Whitby recited a poem on behalf of all turkeys, Mr Nicholson read out twelve letters from Cecily and the choir and Schola performed nine songs - including a heartfelt tribute to the late Leonard Cohen, a seasonal if tragic tale of a melting Snowman, a superb rendition in harmony of *Mary's Boy Child*, *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and (inevitably for a treble choir at Christmas) *Walking in the Air*.

On St Edmund Campion Day, the Schola showed both endurance and durability in travelling to Westminster Cathedral the day after the school concert where they contributed to a seasonal performance on behalf of the Dr Barnardo's charity. Thanks to the boys and to Mrs Thomas, Mrs Brown, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Tarling who accompanied them.

The school's annual Carol Service migrating back to an ecclesiastic setting after a gap of fourteen years celebrated the feast of St Nicholas. The beautiful chapel of Chigwell Convent was the venue as the Schola decamped to the organ gallery at the back and the choir occupied the sanctuary at the front to create an antiphonal effect as two choirs sang towards each other. Perhaps the youngsters in the sanctuary found managing the pages of music without the attendance of their senior mentors rather difficult, but the sweet quality of the singing was as radiant as the reading of the texts was clear.

The Christmas Term ended with all the charm of the nativity production in which the 3 to 7 year olds

combined effectively to retell the story of Christmas. The quality of the acting was matched only by that of the ensemble singing. As ever, all the boys performed splendidly with notable solos from a large number of pupils. **Ethan Akinola** deserve special mention for taking the part Mary so eloquently and a particular well done to **Samuel Pratt** who took on the role of Joseph due to the illness of **Louie Tillbrook**. Well done to **Mrs Anthony** and her team.



School Choir in full song

In addition:

Reception and Kindergarten visited Father Christmas in one of his pre-Christmas hideaways at Willows Farm

Parents' Meetings took place within the school.

Christmas Jumper Day was enjoyed by all.

Class Christmas parties duly took place and Father Christmas toured the school much to the joy of all

concerned.

The results of the Christmas Bazaar in November were reported by PTA Treasurer **Mrs Keray** as takings of £7,450.72, a remarkable result demanding congratulations all round.

Figures celebrated success in English with a cinema trip organized by Mrs Boulton.

Pre-Prep 1 won the competition for the class with the most library books borrowed during the last term.

Early 11+ Independent School Results:

Hearty congratulations to **James Buckley and Oscar Whitely-John** who have been awarded places at New Hall School.

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Rudiments all the best success as the entrance exam season begins in earnest on January 7th.

January Events

The Lent Term calendar follows this newsletter. **Please note that Schola and Choir do not begin until the week starting 23rd January.**

Tuesday January 3rd	Staff Training Day Optional Rudiments Study Morning
Wednesday January 4th	Pupils return Collective Worship led by Mr Nicholson anticipating the Feast of the Epiphany 10.30 a.m. Breakfast Club, After School Club and Supervised Homework restart
Thursday January 5th	Bi-weekly rugby rota restarts with Ruds Rugby Elements swimming restarts Pre-prep 2 soccer restarts
Friday January 6th	Bi-weekly rugby rota restarts with Prep rugby

	Under10/Under11 Squad Soccer restarts
Saturday January 7th	Chigwell 11+ exam
Monday January 9 th	French Clubs recommence this week Under 8/Under 9 Squad Soccer restarts
Tuesday January 10 th	String Orchestra restarts 8.00 a.m. Staff Curriculum Meetings commence 3.20 p.m. P.T.A. Meeting 7.45 p.m.
Wednesday January 11 th	Mass with Fr Waller 10.45a.m. with readers from throughout the school (Assembly at 10.30)
Friday January 13th	Under 11 rugby v Brentwood
Saturday January 14th	Forest 11+
Monday January 16th	Governors' Meeting 7.30 p.m. City of London Boys' 11+
Tuesday January 17th	Forest Under 11 Swimming Gala – departure 3.15; expected return: 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday January 18th	Figures led Mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m.
Thursday January 19th	Under 9 A and Rugby v. St Edmund's 2.15 p.m. Mr Nicholson attending Catholic Independent Schools Conference in Oxford
Friday January 20th	Mr Nicholson attending Catholic Independent Schools Conference in Oxford
Saturday January 21st	Bancroft's 11+
Monday January 23rd	Mr Nicholson accompanying Rudiments boys to St Edmund's College 11+
Tuesday January 24th	Rudiments commence weekly badminton and trampoline programme at Redbridge Sports Centre

	Schola recommences
Wednesday January 25th	Rudiments led mass - Feast of the Conversion of St Paul: with Fr. Selvini 10.30 a.m. Choir recommences
Thursday January 26th	No after school rugby (Mr Bleasdale absent)
Friday January 27th	Under 9 A and B soccer v. Chigwell Mr Nicholson to Chair of Governor's Visitation Day at St John's Buckhurst Hill
Saturday January 28th	Normanhurst 11+
Monday January 30th	Staff Appraisal Week 1: Mr Nicholson undertaking lesson observation and staff interviews in no teaching week.

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to: **James Morgan, Albie Mitchell, Romeo Malik, Syed Shah, Chase Edgar, Sachin Malhi, Rilee Bennett, Teddy Gardiner, Michael Barrett and Yonni Levy.**

P.G.M. Nicholson

Lent Term Calendar and Homework Club booking form overleaf ...

Date	Event
JANUARY	
Week 1 Cycle A	
Tuesday 3rd	Staff Training Day Rudiments optional revision morning
Wednesday 4th	Pupils return 8.30 a.m. Assembly in preparation for Feast of the Epiphany 10.30 a.m. Breakfast Club, After School and Homework Clubs commence
Thursday 5th	Elements swimming commences Weekly business staff meetings commence 8.15 a.m. Pre-Prep 2 after school soccer commences Figures and Rudiments bi-weekly rugby commences – see published rugby timetable
Friday 6th	Feast of the Epiphany Prep and Elements bi-weekly rugby commences – see published rugby timetable Rudiments/Figures squad soccer commences
Saturday 7th	Chigwell 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations
Week 2 Cycle B	
Monday 9th	Prep and Elements squad soccer commences Prep and Figures French commences
Tuesday 10th	String Orchestra commences 8.30 a.m. Staff curriculum meetings commence 3.15 p.m. P.T.A. Meeting 7.45 p.m.
Wednesday 11th	Assembly at 10.30am, Mass with Fr Waller 10.45am, with readers from throughout the school. Annual external finance audit
Thursday 12th	Annual external finance audit
Friday 13th	Annual external finance audit Under 11 rugby v. Brentwood 2.15 p.m.
Saturday 14th	Forest 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations
Week 3 Cycle C	
Monday 16th	City of London 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Exams Governors' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 17th	Interschool Swimming Gala – Forest School 4p.m.
Wednesday 18th	Figures led Mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m.
Thursday 19th	Under 9 and Under 8 rugby v. St Edmund's Prep 2.15 p.m. Mr Nicholson departs for Catholic Independent Schools Conference (CISC) in Oxford

Friday 20th	Mr Nicholson attending CISC conference in Oxford
Saturday 21st	Bancroft's 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations
Week 4 Cycle A	
Monday 23rd	St Edmund's 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations
Tuesday 24th	Rudiments Badminton and Trampolining commences Schola commences 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday 25th	Rudiments led Mass with Fr Selvini 10.30 a.m. Choir commences 3.15 p.m.
Thursday 26th	Mr Bleasdale absent
Friday 27th	General subject reports to be submitted to Mr Nicholson Under 9 soccer v. Chigwell Mr Nicholson day visit to St John's Buckhurst Hill
Saturday 28th	Normanhurst 11+ Scholarship and Entrance Examinations
Monday 30th	Staff Appraisal and Monitoring Week I – Mr Nicholson not teaching
FEBRUARY	
Week 5 Cycle B	
Wednesday 1st	Elements led Mass with Fr. Selvini 10.30 a.m.
Thursday 2nd	Candlemas Day
Friday 3rd	Under 10 A and B Soccer v Brentwood Tbc PTA Quiz Night
Week 6 Cycle C	
Monday 6th	Subject Leaders' Work Scrutiny Week
Tuesday 7th	Local Heads' Meeting Avon House School
Wednesday 8th	Garnet House led Mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m. Ruds visit to Pizza Express in Loughton Mr Nicholson delivering lecture to trainee teachers St John's School
Tuesday 9th	Under 9 Rugby v St Aubyn's
Friday 10th	Under 11 and Under 10 rugby v. St Aubyn's General reports issued (Reception – Figures) Half Term commences 3.15 p.m.
Saturday 18th	Issue of local entrance examination and scholarship results
Week 7 Cycle A	
Monday 20th	Half Term ends 8.30 a.m.
Tuesday 23rd	IAPS Hockey Tournament – Haileybury College Under 11 A soccer v Chigwell
Wednesday 22nd	Prep led Mass with Fr Selvini 10.30 a.m.
Friday 24th	Under 11 and Under 10 rugby v St Edmund's Prep
Saturday 25th	Schola singing at Jumbulance Mass celebrated by cardinal Nichols at Westminster Cathedral
Week 8 Cycle B	
MARCH	
Wednesday 1st	Ash Wednesday, Figures led Mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m. World Book Day – visit of author James Nichols Under 11 and 10 rugby v Duncombe 2.45 p.m.

Friday 3rd	Under 9 rugby v Duncombe
Week 9 Cycle C	
Monday 6th	Staff Appraisal and Monitoring Week II – Mr Nicholson not teaching Governors' Visitation Day and Finance Meeting Choir singing at Barnardo's Concert at the Barbican
Wednesday 8th	Southwell House led Mass with Fr Waller 10.45 a.m. Ski Trip parents' Meeting 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 9th	Kinetic Theatre Productions: <i>Robin and the Withering Wood</i> Under 9 rugby v St Aubyn's 2.45 p.m.
Friday 10th	Under 8 chess v Brentwood Under 10 soccer tournament at Brentwood Under 9 soccer tournament at Forest
Week 10 Cycle A	
Monday 13th	Open Morning for both 3+, 4+ and 7+ entry
Wednesday 15th	PP2 led Mass Under 11 Woodford Green Prep Soccer Tournament from 1.00 p.m.
Thursday 16th	Under 11 cricket trial 3.15 p.m.
Friday 17th	Under 9 cricket trial 3.15 p.m.
Saturday 18th	Ski trip departs
Week 11 Cycle B	
Monday 20th	External 7+ Assessment Week Trustees' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 22nd	PP1 led Mass with Fr Waller 10.45 a.m.
Saturday 25th	Ski Trip returns
Week 12 Cycle C	
Monday 27th	Inter House Soccer 1.00 p.m. Rudiments general subject reports issued
Tuesday 28th	Inter House Rugby 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday 29th	Passiontide Service 10.30 a.m. Term ends 3.05 p.m.
APRIL	
Wednesday 19th	Pupils return for Whitsun Term 8.30 a.m.

Homework Club Sessions (PrePrep2-Ruds)

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Lent Term 2017

From Wednesday 4th January 2017 – Wednesday 29th March 2017

(not including half term holiday 13/02/17-17/02/17)

All sessions are £5.00 on the day (space permitting) or as discounted below, if pre-booked and paid for by the end of the first week of term.

Pre-Booking Form – Homework Club Lent 2017

I would like my sonclass.....
to attend homework club.

Please tick below, indicating which day/s you would like your son to attend.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays

One session per week - £45 for Lent term
Two sessions per week – £90 for Lent term
Three-five sessions per week - £135 for Lent term

I enclose a cheque for £ (payable to Loyola Preparatory School)

Signed (parent)



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