



Dear Parents,



Term begins with burst of Easter creativity

April Headlines

Given the Easter holidays, in school terms April was rather a short affair.

The interhouse rugby took the form of a tag tournament (not involving tackling or scrumming) which allowed more boys from Elements upwards to take part. The result was free flowing attacking rugby



from all house teams. In the end, Southwell came through as champions. Southwell of course also are our reigning soccer champions.

Our first sports fixture of the term – cricket v St Aubyn’s featured the start of the precociously talented Prep boys **Aditya Singh and Zareb Rizvi** in the first team. The match ended in defeat, but we scored a commendable seventy-two runs. Meanwhile our sports curriculum extended with the commencement of the tennis programme with Elements and sailing in Rudiments.

As pictured overleaf, term began with the display of a rich variety of Easter hats which was celebrated in our first assembly.

At the beginning of term, we were delighted to welcome as new pupils: **Alexander Chandra-Pool, David Esan, Max Garfield, Leonidas Karras and Thomas Edwards.**

Forthcoming Events for May

Monday 1 st May	Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 2 nd May	Annual General Meeting of the P.T.A. After many years as Chair of the P.T.A., Gerry Scannell is stepping down. The school owes him a major vote of thanks for leading the P.T.A. in its support of a momentous amount of fund raising. We intend to use this opportunity to elect in its entirety a new committee including Chair, Secretary and Treasurer who will preside for the next twelve months. It is worth pointing out that should there be a need for a vote, only those attending the meeting will be able to take part. The meeting starts at 7.45 p.m. and will take place in the school hall.
Wednesday 3 rd May	Owen House led liturgy (time tbc) Kindergarten and Reception 1 and 2 outing to Paradise Wildlife Park
Thursday 4 th May	Mrs Brown and Mr Nicholson attending St Edmund’s College Dinner for Prep and Primary School Heads from 7.00 p.m.
Monday 8 th May	Rudiments Key Stage 2 SATs Week commences Bikeability (cycling proficiency training) commences in Figures (each morning until 10 th May) P.O.W. Club after school
Tuesday 9 th May	Under 11 Soccer v Woodford Green Prep School 2.15 p.m.
Wednesday 10 th May	Elements led Mass in honour of Saints Philip and James with Fr Waller 10.45 a.m. (Assembly 10.30am) Under 11 Cricket v Duncombe 2.00 p.m.
Thursday 11 th May	Mr Nicholson and Mrs Rosario were due to attend Brighton College Conference on the possible effect of Brexit on independent education but this has been cancelled due to the forthcoming General Election.



Friday 12 th May	<p>Class photographs – <u>all pupils should wear school uniform (not sports kit) to school including (from Reception 1 upwards) blazers please.</u> Opportunities will be provided to order and purchase photographs later in the term.</p> <p>Interview Day for new Reception post.</p> <p>Under 9 Cricket v. Forest 2.15 p.m.</p>
Monday 15 th May	<p>Half of Rudiments visit to Hampton Court</p> <p>School exam week commences. (Please note that standardised testing for progress in maths and English will already have taken place). See below.</p>
Tuesday 16 th May	<p>Ben Twomey (sports student) on work experience until 18th May</p> <p>Under 11 Soccer v. St Aubyn's</p>
Wednesday 17 th May	<p>Figures led liturgy for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima (time tbc)</p> <p>Under 11 cricket v Brentwood 2.15 p.m.</p>
Thursday 18 th May	<p>Under 9 cricket v St Aubyn's</p>
Friday 19 th May	<p>Under 11s depart for Under 11 ESFA National Football Finals at Stoke City F.C. 11 a.m.</p> <p>POW Club after school</p> <p>P.T.A. Irish Dancing 7.00 p.m.</p>
Saturday 20 th May	<p>Under 11s playing in national soccer tournament: Stoke F.C. as reigning district champions</p>
Monday 22 nd May	<p>Rudiments Activity Week commences – trip to Houses of Parliament</p>
Tuesday 23 rd May	<p>Ben Twomey (sports student) on work experience until 25th May</p> <p>Half of Elements to British Museum</p>
Wednesday 24 th May	<p>Garnet House Liturgy (Time tbc)</p>
Thursday 25 th May	<p>Figures to taster day at Brentwood School</p>
Friday 26 th May	<p>Figures outing to St Paul's Cathedral</p> <p>Under 11 cricket v Chigwell</p> <p>Half Term commences</p>
(Monday June 12 th)	<p>Half Term ends</p> <p>P.O.W. Club after school</p>



Exams

May 15th is the commencement of our official end of year examination season although standardised testing will have taken place already. From Pre-Prep 2 upwards, subject prizes at Academy Evening are awarded to the individual pupils who gain the highest mark in the respective exams. The Class Cup and Academic Achievement awards are presented to the boys who come first, second and third in the class when all of their exam marks are added together.

Up to the class of Pre-Prep 2, the precise timings of individual exams are flexible, although they will take place during the two weeks from May 15th. Teachers will give pupils due warning and will provide suggestions for revision. From Elements upwards a formal exam timetable is followed which will be issued shortly.

Birthdays

Happy May birthdays to:

Samuel Pratt, James Mutlu, Regan Creasey, Jake Mackaill, William Thompson, William Alden, Jack Adshead, Max Humphrey, Laurence Hall and Michael Dong and further congratulations to Michael Spaltro on the arrival of his new baby brother, Leo.

With all good wishes,

P.G.M. Nicholson