



## Dear Parents

## Another Spectacular Start to Soccer Season



Well done to our Under 11s who entered the Chigwell tournament, playing 6 games, drawing 1, winning 5 and scoring 12 without conceding any and then went on to win the Forest Plate the following week. Well done to the Under 9s for winning their first match against Woodlands 3-0.



## Other News

I am so grateful to all the staff who gave up an evening to speak at our class parents' evenings over the last month. I also am very grateful to all the parents who attended. It always is good to provide such opportunities at the start of a new school year and the sense of partnership between home and school is cemented in the process.

The celebration of Roald Dahl's centenary was a great success with several



manifestations of such characters as Willy Wonker, the B.F.G. and even James with his giant peach and an extraordinarily bearded Mr Twit enlivened the day – and hopefully enticed more boys to access his books.



Figures travelled to the Kingswood Centre in Norfolk for their annual team building bonding residential trip. Mrs Anthony, Mr Hatzar and Mrs Lawless looked suitably well-worked upon their return and I sincerely thank them for their time and commitment.

## October Events

Please note the following significant events over the next month...

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kindergarten parent meetings this week
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<p>Tuesday 3rd</p>	<p>Individual (and brothers') school photographs. <b>Please can all pupils come to school in full uniform (including blazers) and not in PE kit?</b></p> <p>Under 10 A and B soccer v. St Aubyn's 2.15pm, return 4pm.</p> <p><b>No Schola after school</b></p>
<p>Wednesday 4th</p>	<p><b>Elements</b> led Mass in honour of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi with Fr George Smulski 10.30am</p> <p><b>No Choir after school; Schola instead</b></p> <p>Rudiments individual parents' meetings to discuss secondary transfer 4.00 – 8.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Thursday 5th</p>	<p>Miss Roddy absent</p> <p>Interviews for new head: Day 1</p> <p>Rudiments individual parents' meetings to discuss secondary transfer 4.00 – 8.00 p.m. (Please note that Mr Nicholson will not be attending this meeting as he is delivering a First Communion talk at St Thomas')</p>
<p>Friday 6th</p>	<p>Miss Roddy absent</p> <p>Mrs Payne attending Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Course</p> <p>Interviews for new Head: Day 2</p> <p>National Poetry Day – visit to school of professional poet</p> <p>Pre-Preps' After School Activities (P.O.W.) 3.15 - 4.30pm</p>

Saturday 7th	Under 10's St Edmund's Soccer Tournament from 8.30am
Sunday 8th	Under 11's New Hall Rugby Tournament from 11.00 a.m.
Monday 9th	Reception 1 parents' meetings during this week  Elements and Prep history field trip to Windsor Castle ( <b>departing 8.45am</b> )
Tuesday 10th	Ursuline Sisters Kathleen and Maureen visiting school 9.30am  Pre-Prep 1 trip to Royal Gunpowder Mills  Under 10 rugby v Bancroft's, KO 2.15pm
Wednesday 11th	<b>Pre-Prep 2</b> led Harvest Mass with Fr Michael 10.30am <b>Donations of dry or tinned groceries for St Thomas of Canterbury's distribution to the homeless greatly appreciated.</b>
Thursday 12th	Mrs Payne on SEND course (Autism)  Rudiments to St Edmund's College Taster Day  Under 9 and B soccer v. St Edmund's 2.30pm
Friday 13th	Under 11 soccer v St Aubyn's KO 2.30pm  <b>Pre-Preps' After School Activities (P.O.W.) 3.15-4.30pm instead of 20th</b>
Monday 16th	Pre-Prep 2 to Royal Gunpowder Mills
Wednesday 18th	Prep led Mass with Fr. Selvini 10.30am at which their Bibles will be presented. Feast of St Luke

	Staff undertaking statutory child protection training
Thursday 19th	Under 11 England Schools Football Association Small Schools Tournament from 8.15am
Friday 20th	Under 11 rugby v New Hall  Half Term commences  (Pre-Preps' After School Activities (P.O.W.) cancelled; Mr Nicholson has an engagement in Cambridge after school).
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Return from half term

## Birthdays

A very happy birthday for October to: **Jayan Patel, Vion Puvaneswaran, James Whitehead, Zach Garfield, Cillian Gowers, Zareb Rizvi, Adam Tsang, Ciaran Brett, Julius Miller, Tami Unuefa, Bobby Pope, Arthur Johnson, Micah Chukwu, Louie Tillbrook, Dean Sheikh, Maximilan Kennedy, Sebastian Courtney, Jayan Yogadeva, Jack Ceconi, Jun-Le Shukla, Noah Hovell, Frank McGowan, Ryan Kearney, Edmund Chu, Saravanan Kadamban, Felix Courtney, Freddie Ashton and Naren Yogadeva.**

## Finally

It was a great joy when my daughter Sophie bought in Theo to meet the boys last week. Whilst printing Theo's photo with Arthur and Raymond, this also is a great opportunity to welcome Mrs Quirk's new grandson Harley as another infant member of our extended community.





With best wishes,  
P.G.M. Nicholson





