



Ashdell News February 2012

Well done, to all Prep 4 who sat Entrance Exams recently. We are still waiting to hear the final results from Westbourne and Mount St Mary's College. In the meantime we are delighted with our three Sheffield High School scholars- this success means we will **finish school at 12 noon on Friday 1st June**. P4 enjoyed a celebration Tea Party with me on Monday afternoon.



Since their Entrance Exams P4 have enjoyed a few German Taster Lessons, all being well they will experience some Spanish lessons before they leave Ashdell.

All Prep girls are involved in our production of **Charlie & the Chocolate Factory** at the end of this term. Auditions for **Macbeth** will be held at the end of this month, your daughter may be singing "All things Bright and beautiful" or learning audition scripts over the half term holiday!

We are pleased to welcome **Miss Ritchie** to join the staff team from February, She is employed to help in Snowdrops in the mornings, as lunchtime/playground helper and After School Care Assistant on three afternoons. Mrs Jackson will be helping with After School Care on the remaining two afternoons. Mrs Partington will continue to take overall responsibility for the girls in After School Care after 4pm.



Since the start of term **Pre Prep 3** had an enjoyable day visiting the Fire Museum and the new Fire Station as part of their "Great Fire of London" Topic. **Prep 1** girls attended a "Music in the Round" concert at the Crucible Theatre; **Prep 1 and 2** spent a morning at Weston Park Museum to reinforce their topic on the "Greeks" and **Prep 3 & 4** brought the Tudor Period to

life by enjoying role-play and the use of factsimile artefacts. To fit in with the overall drama of the day the girls wore costumes for the relevant period in History. This practical and hands-on experience will help the girls to remember the Tudors.



If you are coming for a chat and cup of coffee at one of the forthcoming **Parents Forums** then you are very welcome however, if you are intending to raise an issue please could you submit your question, or query, to me (via the office) 24 hours before the meeting.

FOA have continued to be busy this term. The Disco was thoroughly enjoyed by girls and parents, plans are well under way for the Ball in March and Mrs Richardson and Ms Gowers are very efficient with library cataloguing!

I am happy for girls who are Rainbows, Brownies or Guides to wear their Girl Guiding uniform to school on **Thinking Day** (22nd February) if the girls wish to do so.

On Friday 23 March **PP1, PP2 and the Friday morning Snowdrop's children** are taking part in an animal themed assembly. You are cordially invited to join us at this special event in the Balfour hall at 8.50 a.m.

Booking forms are coming in for our **Easter Holiday Club**. If you are still intending to use this facility please could you let me know as soon as possible in order that the staffing ratios are compliant with regulations. Thank you.

Finally, Pre Prep girls should not be bringing any money to school unless parents have a formal letter from teachers, "Tuck" is for Prep Girls only.

Anne Camm

Diary Dates until end of Spring Term

Fri	3	8.40am P3 Assembly
Tue	7	Safer Internet Day
Fri	10	8.40am P2 Assembly Half Term Begins
Tues	21	PP visit Ranmoor Church 3pm Pre Prep Parents Forum
Wed	22	"Thinking Day" 3pm Prep Parents Forum
Fri	24	8.40am P4 Assembly
Tue /Wed	28/29	Birkdale Festival Adjudications
Thur	1 March	World Book Day P4 IAPS Netball, Worksop College
Fri	2	8.40am P1 Assembly 4.40pm SISTO Concert
Sat	3	P3 Netball Tournament SHS
Sun	4	P3 & 4 Homestart Concert, Ranmoor Church
Mon	5	Book Fair
Wed	7	PP1 visit Manchester Airport
Thur	8	P1/2 Rivers Day
Fri	9	P4 QM Sports Tournament, York
Sat	10	P4 Pop Maths
Mon	12	Science Week begins
Tue	13	7pm Birkdale Festival Concert
Wed	14	7pm Birkdale Festival Concert
Thur	15	David Shepherd Day
Fri	16	8.40am PP3 Assembly P3/4 Netball v Westbourne
Sat	17	P4 Netball Tournament SHS FOA Ball, Baldwins Omega
Mon	19	4-6pm Pre Prep Parents' Evening
Tue	20	4-6pm Pre Prep Parents' Evening
Thur	22	6.30pm Swimming Gala, Heeley Pool
Fri	23	8.50am Snowdrops & Pre Prep 1 and 2 Assembly 2pm-6pm Open Afternoon
Mon	26	Prep Grades released to Parents
Tue	27	4pm - 6pm Prep Parent/Teacher Clinics
Wed	28	1.15pm- 4.15pm P3/4 Hockey v Westbourne , HSBC grounds
Thur	29	6pm Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
Fri	30	12 noon Term finishes