



EATON HOUSE THE MANOR PRE-PREP NEWSLETTER



October 2011

It is hard to believe that we have already been back at school for almost seven weeks. Our new boys have settled in extremely well and have mastered the art of raising their caps, shaking my hand and saying 'Good Morning,' not an easy feat when you are only four or five years old! I know they are enjoying themselves from the comments they make to me, including 'That was sensational,' said by one boy on his way back to class from the nature garden. It is wonderful to be able to harness their enthusiasm and energy so that they can get the most out of the curriculum.

Older boys have adapted to the higher expectations and extra responsibilities of their new year groups and are continuing to work very hard. It is lovely to see the boys developing so many new skills and I hope you enjoy reading about what some of them have been up to!

Mrs Cawthorne

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday, 9th November - Individual Photographs
- Friday, 18th November - Long weekend (**school closed**)
- Thursday, 24th November - Parents' Evening (**no clubs**)
- Friday, 25th November - Christmas Concert 9.00am
(Ensemble and Singers, not choir)
- Thursday, 1st December - Kindergarten Nativity 11.00am
(boys may go home afterwards)
- Tuesday, 13th December - Carol Service at Holy Trinity
2.00pm
- Thursday, 15th December - End of Term **12 noon**

KINDERGARTEN BOYS



The KGs have settled quickly and have been enjoying all the new opportunities school brings to them! They have had lots to learn about the school routine but are paying attention to the school rules and trying their best to earn points for their houses.

The boys have formed new friends in their own classes, and in other year groups. The Year 3 boys have taken the KGs under their wings and have made sure all boys are happy at lunch and play. The Autumn term is a longer term and all of us look forward to what the second half will bring, with exciting things like the Nativity Play and a trip to the Polka theatre!

Miss Caroline

HOUSEBOARD COMPETITION



We had some amazing entries for this competition. The boys excelled themselves with fascinating facts, brilliant models and eye-catching pictures about different types of weather. All the houseboards look wonderful and I do hope

you will have a chance to admire them. As usual, it was a very difficult decision to make but Stirling are this term's deserving winners—well done indeed!

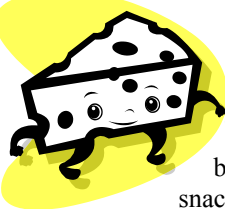
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE



As part of their history topic this term, Year Two are learning about Florence Nightingale.

The boys were lucky enough to have a talk from Oscar Seyfried-Herbert's granny, Mrs Ferguson who is a Nightingale nurse, which is what nurses who have been trained at St Thomas' are known as. 'It was really fun because we pretended to be ill, used bandages on each other and had medicine which was actually chocolate!' Charlie Edwards 2C

MORNING SNACKS



Please could I ask you to consider very carefully what you give the boys for their mid-morning snacks.



Some boys are bringing rather large amounts of food into school. The children only need a little food to tide them over until lunch and any snacks should be healthy ones.

Half a sandwich, raisins, yoghurt bars, cereal bars, cheese and crackers, dried or fresh fruit would be suitable items to include. The sandwich bag itself does not have to be very big either but it should be named clearly. The boys do not have to have a drink, as they may go to the water fountain.

Please also remember that nothing containing nuts or made in a factory which uses nuts should be sent into school. Do read packets carefully to check that the product is nut free.

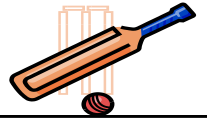
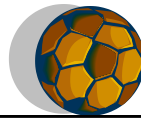
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AMUR LEOPARD ADOPTION



We support a number of charities in the Pre-Prep and raise money for many local and world-wide causes. We have also decided to adopt an Amur leopard to help this endangered species and to teach the boys about conservation. The Amur leopards live on the borders of China, Mongolia and Russia and there are only 35 left in the world! Mrs Cawthorne

SPORTING SENSATIONS



U8 Ashdown House Football Tournament

The autumn term sees the boys back into football squads. Each Monday and Thursday lunch time the 2s and 3s attend a 35 minute skill session. Their enthusiasm is overwhelming and they continue to work hard to improve.

The 3s have played numerous tournaments at Sunningdale, Ashdown



U8 Ashdown House Tournament Team

House, Summer Fields and the Adams Memorial Cup.

Their success has been varied with Summer Fields being their most successful tournament. They made the semi finals, finishing 3rd overall out of 16 teams. Throughout the term thus far their form has been scratchy but I can sense bigger things are just around the corner!



U8 Football v Eaton Square



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The 2s have only played the one fixture this term and won all three matches. They have shown enormous potential and I look forward to many more victories.

Mr B

MUSICAL MARVELS



The Pre-Prep were in excellent voice at the Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church on Clapham Common.

The choir sang a rousing rendition of Harvest Praise and it was lovely for the boys to be participating in a service with children from the Girls' School and the Prep School.

Mrs C



STAFF NEWS



Many congratulations to Mark and Clare Barnes who produced a gorgeous little baby boy, Finlay, at the end of the summer holidays. Baby, mother and Mr Barnes are all doing very well!

You may also like to know that Miss Thea, who used to teach in Year 3, got married to Charlie last Saturday in Richmond. It was a wonderful occasion and they had a very special wedding cake made out of different types of cheese!

A very quiet Finlay Barnes—just like his father!

HAVE A GREAT HALF-TERM BREAK!