



Girls' Newsletter - 13th December 2023

Key Dates.....

Wednesday 3rd January - Inset Day (school closed)

Thursday 4th January - Spring Term commences

Monday 8th January - Extra Curricula Activities commence

A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week everything felt calm a little more calm after the festivities of Friday's Christmas lunch and parties, though of course Years 3 – 6 were busy getting ready for their Carol Concert. And how lovely was that. I will confess to it being one of my favourite events of the year - our community coming together to tell an age-old story. The girls sang so well and with enthusiasm, tackling some very challenging pieces. I thought the readers and soloists really rose to the occasion, making sure that they were clear and heard. Thank you to Ms Myall and Mrs Kimber for preparing the girls, and to all staff for helping to make the event run smoothly. Thank you also for your generosity with the retiring collection, your donations have raised just over £240 for "Legacy Croydon Youth Zone"

The name the Elf competition was a success, the elf was in the entrance hall for quite a long time whilst the girls decided on an appropriate name. He has now gone to Reeva K who won the "Name the Elf" Competition with the name Bobby. Congratulations, Reeva, we hope it is a good elf and not one who gets up to mischief!

I had the joy of visiting the nursery at Purley and watching the pre-school nativities, such a delight to watch the children performing and seeing those who will be part of our girls' family next year. It amazes me how much children develop year on year, but these Early years are the most striking- and we see that with our Reception Girls who have come such a long way since September.

Our final assembly was a delightful celebration with Headteacher's Commendations and the Cumnor Values certificates being presented. As well as various sporting accolades, notably the interhouse netball trophies where the Year 3 and 4 trophy was won by Red House and the Year 5 and 6 was won by Blue House. Some of the more eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed our (ahem) "deliberate" mistake of the date at the bottom of some certificates being October rather than December.

After last week's appeal, the food bin for Purley Food Hub was overflowing with goodies and Mrs Mearke has a very full boot of things to deliver. Thank you so much for your kindness, making a difference to local families. You are brilliant!

Thank you to all pupils and parents who have kindly given me Christmas gifts, I have been very disciplined and put them under my Christmas tree ready for the big day.

Please join me in Thanking all our staff who, everyday, help your daughters to be their best self in so many ways.

Reminder that term begins on Thursday 4th January and clubs will begin week beginning 8th January. Please note the change of swimming days for Years 4 and 5.

Have a fabulous holiday – please make sure that you, and your daughters get some “down-time” reading, going out, playing, generally recharging!

Wishing you, and all those you love, a Christmas season that fills your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.

With my best wishes to you all.

Amanda McShane

This week at the Girls' School.....

Reception

This morning Reception were visited by some poets. Year 6 came to read us their wonderful poems they had written based on The Night Before Christmas. The girls really enjoyed listening to them, and look forward to writing their own in a few years time!







CHRISTMAS DINNER!





















Sport.....

Inter House Netball 2023

Interhouse Netball

Over the last few weeks of this term the prep girls competed in the Inter House netball competitions during their games afternoons. The competition was fierce but played with an excellent spirit and all the girls were able to show the valuable experience they have gained on the court from their matches and tournaments. The results are listed below:

Year 3 & 4

1st Place **Red**

2nd Place **Green**

3rd Place **Blue**

4th Place **Yellow**

Year 5 & 6

1st Place **Blue**

2nd Place **Green**

3rd Place **Yellow**

4th Place **Red**

Mr Ogilvie-Bull

Director of Sport

