



**Newsletter 119**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

### **Chair of Governors**

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to wish you a very enjoyable break over the Easter holidays. After such a busy term, I'm sure the children will enjoy the chance to relax.

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 girls and boys on excellent results in their senior school exams and pre-tests. All of the children worked hard and deserve their successes. Our Year 8 boys sit their Common Entrance exams next term – they are well prepared and I know they will do well. Mr Malam will include some more details regarding senior school destinations in his report.

It's been another busy and eventful term at TPS: School Productions, School Trips, visits from authors, music events, Mind Sports, House Chess, Cross Country, Sports fixtures to name but a few – I sometimes wonder how it all fits in!! The TPS Twitter feed has been doing overtime.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and an enjoyable time with your family and friends.

**Harry Bates**  
**Chair of Governors**

### **Headmaster**

I too would like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils on both their results and how well they have applied themselves in their school exams and pre-tests. Appropriately the term has finished this week with a theatrical flourish with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils performing "Ye Ha!" with such energy, enthusiasm and skill. Last week we were treated to an exhilarating Year 3 and Year 4 production of "Splash". My thanks to Miss Maddison, Mrs King and Miss May in particular, who have worked so hard to ensure such enjoyable and successful productions. On the musical theme, one of the most memorable events of the term was our Music Play Day which culminated in the whole Prep School coming together with staff to create a vibrant version of the song "Africa"!

There have been lots of other notable events and successes this term both in school, in the swimming pool, at the chess board, on the cross country circuit, on the hockey pitch and on the rugby pitch. There have been some great individual and team performances. I managed to catch up with our U10 rugby team earlier this week and witnessed a convincing winning performance from our A team and an extraordinary see-saw game from our B team. The B team eventually winning courtesy of a mesmerising, maze-like Elvyn try in the last minute to secure a dramatic 9-8 win.

This week also saw the U11 A team coming back from 4-1 down at half time to draw 5-5. "A remarkable performance full of skill, courage and sheer collective team desire" said Mr Edwards.

A couple of impressive individual performance's worthy of a mention; Freddie B's run in the Middlesex cross country and Hannahli F's competitive performance in the Epsom cross country event.

On the academic front I would also like to congratulate Riley S and Hassan M who were awarded prestigious bronze medals in the National Primary Maths Challenge bonus round.

This week we also learnt of four pupil's shortlisted for prizes in the Richmond Writing Competition. Congratulations to Olivia, Alex, Oliver and William.

Thinking skills have been much on our minds this term with our Mind Sports Week proving very popular again. We have also been holding finals in our Olympic Mind Sports in preparation for the defence of our National title at the forthcoming Think Tank Finals in April. We were also delighted to have both an U11 and an U9 team qualify for the National Schools Chess semi-finals in May.

One other great annual event is Book Week which has once again enthused the pupils with some really interesting author visits, dressing up day and the usual varied mix of exciting book events. As you will know Mrs McCarey has taken over running the library from Mrs Main this term but Mrs Main did take a break from her grandmotherly duties to come and join us for some of the author visits.

### **Parents' Committee**

Finally a special plea to all our parents. The school benefits enormously from the wonderful activities which the Parent's Committee run every term. Quizzes, fireworks and the summer fair are just a few of the great events which we all benefit from so much. None of this can take place without the commitment and effort of a number of parents who have taken on the responsibility of running the Parent's Committee and being involved in the organising of these great school events. Currently the Parent's Committee are desperately in need of help with several parents stepping down this year after being involved for many years. We would be very grateful if any parents would like to consider getting involved in any way please do read the Parent's section of this newsletter and contact Gill Warms if you would like some more information.

### **Destination Schools**

We are delighted to be able to congratulate our Year 6 girls on their excellent senior school exams results once again this year. Their chosen destination schools are listed below:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESTINATION SCHOOL</b>
<b>Alice</b>	Sir William Perkins School
<b>Amelia</b>	Sir William Perkins School
<b>Beth</b>	Gumley House
<b>Emily</b>	Kingston Grammar School
<b>Hannahli</b>	Epsom College
<b>Isabella B</b>	Notre Dame
<b>Isabella H</b>	Notre Dame
<b>Juliette</b>	St Richard Reynolds

<b>Keziah</b>	Surbiton High School
<b>Madelaine</b>	Sir William Perkins School
<b>Nikita</b>	The Green School
<b>Olivia</b>	Notre Dame (Art Scholarship)
<b>Paloma</b>	Surbiton High School
<b>Poppy</b>	St Catherine's, Twickenham
<b>Rhea</b>	The Lady Eleanor Holles School (English Prize)
<b>Shyann</b>	The Lady Eleanor Holles School
<b>Xanthe</b>	Surbiton High School

Our girls have received a number of scholarship offers, of which we are also very proud, including:

Hannahli – Notre Dame academic and sports scholarships

Olivia – Notre Dame Art scholarship

Rhea – Sir William Perkins School academic scholarship and Surbiton High School academic scholarship and LEH English Prize

Destination schools for our Year 8 boys will be included in a future Newsletter once they have completed their Common Entrance course. I would also like to congratulate our Year 6 boys on their strong academic performance and for parental interest and encouragement, their destinations are still being finalised but I thought I would give a flavour of our Year 6 boys' results in their senior school exams from previous years: (2016 and 2017)

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>OFFERS RECEIVED BY YEAR 6 TPS BOYS 2016 &amp; 2017</b>
ACS Cobham	1 offer
Cranleigh	1 offer
Eton	1 offer
Halliford	3 offers
Hampton School	17 offers
Harrow School	1 offer
Kings College, Wimbledon	1 offer
Kingston Grammar School	10 offers
Radnor House	5 offers
Reed's	8 offers
St George's, Weybridge	14 offers
St James's, Ashford	6 offers
St John's, Leatherhead	2 offers
St Paul's School	1 offer
Tiffin Boys	4 offers
Westminster School	1 offer

### **Whole School Information**

#### **First Day of Summer Term 2018**

Please note that Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April is an INSET day and so the school will be closed to all pupils for staff training. The first day of the Summer Term is **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**, with Registration at 8.30am as normal.

## **Clubs - Summer Term 2018**

The on-line booking system for Summer Term 2018 clubs will be **open for reservations on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April**. To avoid disappointment please do log-on and book as soon as you are able to.

Log-on details have been sent home via email to all Year 1 to Year 8 families.

Clubs will commence again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The only exceptions are Typing's Cool and Little Star Writing which will start in the first week back.

## **Summer Fair 2018 'Tropical Beach Party'**

Summer Fair preparations are now underway and you will read more about this in the Parents' Committee section later in this Newsletter. There is an exciting competition for the pupils. Templates have been handed out to Pre-Prep. Prep pupils should let their imaginations run wild!

## **Invoices and Payment Schedules**

The invoices and payment schedules for the Summer Term should be emailed/sent out to parents by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. If you have not received anything by this date, please let Mrs Churchman know via email: [accounts@twickenhamprep.co.uk](mailto:accounts@twickenhamprep.co.uk)

FOR PARENTS OF SUMMER TERM LEAVERS – please note that there will be a further invoice at the end of the Summer Term which will refund the pupil deposit and charge for any Summer Term “extras”.

## **Fee Schedule 2018/19**

A letter from Mr Harry Bates, Chairman of Governors, and a Fee Schedule will be sent later today to all current parents (except Year 6 girls and Year 8 boys) and to parents of pupils joining TPS in September 2018. Please contact the School Office if you do not receive this.

## **Summer Term Menus**

TPS Summer Term menus will be circulated to all families the first week back after Easter.

## **National Young Writers' Awards 2018**

This year Explore Learning is celebrating real life heroes from firefighters and paramedics to teachers and parents. If your child is between the ages of 4 - 14 and feels inspired by the topic, he/she is encouraged to write a story about a hero in no more than 500 words. Please submit entries online, using the following link: <https://www.explorelearning.co.uk/national-young-writers-awards/>

## **Open Morning 2018 - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

This year's Open Morning will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12noon. As usual we would like Years 6 to 8 to act as ambassadors and help show prospective parents round the school. After Easter other pupils will be invited to assist on the day with demonstrations and classes.

## **Summer Term Class Assemblies:**

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>5S</b>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>1H</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May:	<b>1M</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June:	<b>3M</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	<b>Year 8 Leavers Assembly</b>

Parents are warmly invited to join us and attend their child's class assembly from 8.55am until 9.15am. Breakfast is available from 8am and coffee from 8.30am in the Dining Room.

## Public speaking competition 2018

### Who can enter?

Any pupil from Year 4 to Year 8.

### How do you enter?

You must prepare a short speech on a subject – no more than five minutes. You will be able to choose the subject from the list given below. There is a Year 4-Year 5 and a Year 6-Year 8 competition and we hope to have a healthy representation from each year group.

### The main competition

Each class will have a representative who will speak on one of the offered subjects in the Final. The Final will take place after school on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. Finalists will be asked to speak for no more than 5 minutes on their chosen subject. Please note that this is a **speaking** competition, power point presentations will not be permitted. Judging will take into consideration audience response and clarity of argument and speech.

**Those who want to be considered for the Final should inform their tutor on the first day of term, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. There will be time allocated during tutor times in the first week of term for the selection process.**

### Subjects

Please choose **one** of the following subjects to speak on:

- *Due to human rights abuses, England should boycott the 2018 Football World Cup in Russia.*
- *The time is now right for a new referendum on the UK membership of the European Union.*
- *There should be no exams for children in schools until they are at least 16 years old.*
- *It is more important for children in the UK to learn Chinese in school rather than French.*
- *VAR isn't a suitable technology to use in Football.*
- *The tide of plastic waste engulfing the world represents 'a planetary crisis'.*

## Prep

### Year 4 Parents' Evening: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 5.30pm-7.30pm

The rescheduled Year 4 parents evening will take place on the 19th April. Please note that there are no allocated appointments on this Parents Evenings, which take place in the School Hall, so parents may need to queue to see some staff. A meeting should last approximately five minutes. This is not the occasion for very long conversations with staff, separate longer appointments with tutors were scheduled for this week. Should you require additional longer appointments, please discuss this with the relevant staff member.

***Pupils are NOT expected to attend with their parents***

## PMC Bonus Round Results

This term, we had four students in Year 6 that were invited to take part in the National Primary Maths Challenge 'Bonus Round'. These four students were high scoring Gold certificate winners from the earlier round. The challenge was demanding but fun and required superb problem solving skills. Congratulations to Hannahli F, Hassan M, John S and Riley S for taking part. Extra special congratulations to Hassan & Riley who won a prestigious Bronze award!



## Richmond Young Writers' Awards

Thank you to all those children who submitted an entry into the Richmond Young Writers' Competition. We wish to congratulate four children whose work has been shortlisted for a prize. Their written pieces will be performed by a group of actors at the awards ceremony on Sunday 15th April at The Exchange in Twickenham.

Olivia M (Y6) - Les Jardins des fruits, Alex H(Y6) – Untitled, Oliver G (Y7) - The Autumn Show, William P (Y7) - The Werewolf

## Meet the Senior Schools

**Thursday 26 April 6.30pm-8.30pm, St Matthew's Church, St Petersburg Place, London W2 4LA**

Choosing a senior school is a big decision, which is why it's best to do as much research as possible before making your choice. 'Open Your Eyes to Boarding' is an opportunity to discover what modern boarding has to offer your daughter. Together, you can meet face to face with representatives of 25 top UK boarding schools for girls. The event, brought to you by the Girls' Schools Association, is being held at St Matthew's Church, W2 4LA on Thursday 26 April at 6.30pm till 8.30pm and will include Head Teacher discussion/Q&A panels on key topics of interest, plus plenty of opportunity to talk one-to-one with school Heads. You and your daughter will also be able to see what a typical boarding school bedroom looks like, and talk to current students.

"Boarding today offers tremendous choice and opportunity," says Vivienne Durham, Chief Executive of the Girls' Schools Association. "This event will give you a flavour of the different sizes, ethos and locations of schools as well as how you can make boarding work for your individual family, with options such as flexi and weekly boarding, as well as full boarding."

[Click here](#) for further information and to book your place.

## Pre-Prep

### Well done Pre-Prep!



The children are very excited to have reached the end of term! We are very proud of their efforts and achievements and look forward to seeing them refreshed at the start of the summer term.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter from the Pre-Prep staff. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful Easter break and that the children take the opportunity to have a few lie-ins so Mummies and Daddies can too!



## Spring



We are continuing to learn about spring, new life and growth in Pre-Prep assemblies. Should the children wish to bring in a picture/spring artefact, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Fox will be very pleased to add it to the Pre-Prep display.

## Summer Uniform

We are looking forward to the warmer summer weather and would like to remind you that children can wear summer uniform if the weather is appropriate when we return to school. **Please do remember that girls should only wear white socks with summer dresses and not tights.**



## Pre-Prep Games

Teachers will send a letter at the start of term outlining any timetable changes. We would like to remind Year 1, that they **will not swim** next term and will revert back to Games and wearing Games kit on Mondays. Year 1 pupils should wear full uniform on Fridays though. Similarly, Year 2 **will not swim** on Thursdays but will have Games instead and should continue to wear their Games kit on that day.

Do remember that if your child has pierced ears, the earrings must be removed or covered with surgical tape for lessons. This should be sorted at home before school please.

## Summer Weather



We will be speaking with the children regarding sun safety in assembly and in class. You may wish to pop into the school office at the start of term to purchase a school sun hat which provides good shade and neck protection from the sun.

**Don't forget to stock up on the 'Once' variety of sunscreen so the children have good protection for the warmer weather.**

## Bicycle and Scooter Safety

We are glad to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. However we ask that you please assist us in looking after our children and their younger siblings.

All parents and children using bikes and scooters **MUST** dismount at the first gate and walk their wheels up the driveway before parking in the racks. Similarly, we ask that there is no scooting or cycling in the playground or in the driveway on the way out. Thank you.



## EYFS

We are asking the children to talk about places they visit in the local area, i.e. the petrol station, Post Office, supermarket, chemist. Many cannot explain what we do in these places. Please take two photographs of places you go to and send them in. If your child wishes to write a sentence to go with each photograph, then we would love to read it with them. There is no expectation that children should write though. Please send the photographs to school in book bags by Wednesday. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## Year 1



Year 1 have been learning about money this week. We have consolidated our recognition of the different coins and have been

making amounts in various ways. It would be helpful for the children to practise making amounts for different totals. Perhaps you could encourage the children to make amounts using the least number of coins or to make amounts using a given range of coins.



Year 1 had a most enjoyable trip to Wisley Gardens on Wednesday.

## Year 2



Please do check in your child's reading folder to find out about the exciting model-making challenge the children have been set over the Easter holidays. We look forward to seeing them in the first week back. If you are stuck for ideas, there are plenty of pictures online of varying degrees of difficulty and timing.

The children are very excited that they have started to learn the 2x, 5x and 10x tables! Please do encourage them to recite these at home. There are some lovely songs available on CD and on You Tube which the children would enjoy should you wish to add another dimension to their practice of this essential skill.

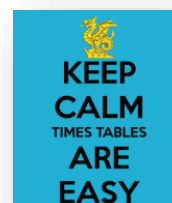
Some examples:

2x [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K\\_Dr5n4rMRy](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_Dr5n4rMRy)

5x <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7Jo26EyoYg>

10x <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCJug1WlYJs>

There are many different songs available but do look for ones that have the x2, x5 and x10 in the middle of the number sentence rather than at the start.



## Library

### Birthday Books

Does your child have a birthday in April? Would they like to mark the occasion by donating a book to the school library? This is a very popular scheme whereby your child presents their special birthday book to the school during our Friday celebration assembly. All children are welcome to make a donation.

There are so many good books being published now, I always have an extensive wishlist! So please email me for a copy to avoid duplications.

When your child brings the book into school I will arrange a special birthday book plate in the book. The children then present the book to the school during the Friday celebration assembly. We hope you will join in with this scheme to provide the library with some wonderful new books.

Mrs McCarey, School Librarian

[library@twickenhamprep.co.uk](mailto:library@twickenhamprep.co.uk)

## House



### House Hockey Report

On a very chilly Friday afternoon just before half term, the Year 3 and 4 girls headed out to Surbiton to play in the annual House Hockey event. The girls were very enthusiastic to play for their house.

With two pitches adjacent to each other, we were able to have all four teams playing together. The Year 4s were a credit to themselves in the way they led their houses and supported the Year 3s in both a positive and guiding manner. All of the matches were played in a competitive and enthusiastic manner.



There were impressive moments of passing and attacking drives and some strong defensive play.

All teams played hard giving their very best, with Wren coming in final position, Faraday and Garrick came joint second, with Wolsey being triumphant.

Thank you to the umpires for guiding the games smoothly and also to the supportive parents who cheered from the side-lines.

## **Chess & Mind Sports**

### **IAPS Chess**

This year the IAPS chess finals will be held at Twickenham Prep! All those playing have been notified. A reminder that the dates are Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Mind Sports Teams**

After an extremely competitive process with some nail-biting and exhilarating matches the two TPS teams for the National Finals on April 28th have now been selected.

Abalone – Suryaksh T, Theo K

Checkers – Rizwan S, Oscar P

Octi – Ali S, William P

Quoridor – Jasper B, Max C



## **PE, Games & Sports**



### **EPSOM CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all the runners who competed at the Epsom Cross Country. A tricky course with plenty of undulation but all the pupils showed determination to finish. A special mention to Hannahli F for finishing 18<sup>th</sup> in a very competitive race.



### **FATHERS & SONS FOOTBALL**

On this snowy Saturday morning, true grit and determination pushed both sides through freezing conditions. The dads got off to a great start and lead 3 -1 at half time. The boys rallied however in the second half and an exciting final minute saw a late equaliser from Gabriel with the last kick of the game. Final score fell at 5-5. Well played!

Thank you to all those who supported in the snow.



### **YEARS 3-8 CRICKET - SUMMER TERM**

All the boys in Years 3-8 will be playing cricket in their Games lessons during the Summer Term. Please find listed below the things that they will need:

- Year 3:** Boys may wear either their white polo shirt or a TPS cricket shirt with either their white PE shorts or plain white cricket trousers.
- Years 4 to 8:** Boys must wear cricket whites, this must include the TPS cricket shirt.
- Years 5 to 8:** For hygiene purposes boys should also have their own groin guard/cricket box.

Those boys wearing cricket whites must wear their TPS cricket shirts which are available to purchase from Stevensons. Please ensure that trousers, jumpers, socks and trainers are all plain white! Any layers worn under shirts must also be white.

Boys are welcome to bring in their own bats and gloves for Games lessons but due to difficulties storing large bags, could full kit please be restricted to fixtures only. The school has an ample supply of pads, gloves, helmets etc. for the boys to use when training.

Please could parents encourage children to practice their throwing, catching, batting and bowling over the Easter holiday.



### **YEARS 3 & 4 EARLY MORNING CRICKET CLUB - THURSDAYS**

During the Summer Term Mr Doughty will be running a Years 3 and 4 Early Morning Cricket Club on Thursday mornings from 8.00am until 8.30am. There is no need to sign up, pupils may simply turn up and play but must arrive by 8am. Pupils should not bring their own bats to the club.



### **YEAR 7 SQUASH - SUMMER TERM**

Boys in Year 7 will continue to play Squash on Monday afternoons during the Summer Term and should wear their white PE kit and trainers that are clean and have non-marking soles.



### **YEAR 8 FOOTBALL - SUMMER TERM**

Boys in Year 8 will have Football training sessions during the Summer Term on Monday afternoons.



### **RUGBY SPRING TERM SECOND HALF TERM REPORT**

The TPS Rugby season has had a fair few interruptions due to the erratic and unpredictable weather from rain to snow to icy pitches. But this has not dampened the boys' spirits as in quite cold temperatures, they have still give 100%. Despite the disruptions, all boys managed to play some matches against good opposition.

The U8 and U9 boys continue to show great enthusiasm and tenacity which has earned some excellent team results. The U9s performed very well against Hampton Prep and Bishopsgate showing determination, grit and teamwork! The U8s also performed well against Hampton Prep showing endeavour and perseverance.

The U10 and U11 teams enjoyed a positive season despite some weather induced cancellations. The U11s put in a strong performance against Bishopsgate showing physicality and finesse in equal measure. The U10s have shown equal enthusiasm and skill playing some very entertaining rugby. After a tough, narrow defeat to St George's, they rounded off their season with an emphatic performance against Surbiton.

The 1st XII Rugby team continued to show promise. After a tough first match, they dusted themselves off and put in two outstanding performances against St Philips and Bishopsgate. They ran the ball with skill, demonstrated excellent decision making under pressure and scored some well-earned team tries.

All the boys have been excellent throughout the term, really working hard and improving all the time!

#### **Sports' Awards**

Congratulations to the following boys for receiving the Sports' Award this second half term: Ollie B, Alexander B, Max C, Ben W, James C, Freddie B, Suryaksh T, Nicholas A, Lagan GM and Ben F.



### **YEARS 5-6 ROUNDERS - SUMMER TERM**

As the summer season approaches, girls are encouraged to practise batting, catching, bowling and throwing over the Easter holidays. If parents do wish to purchase a Rounders ball Years 5 & 6 use a regular Rounders ball but a tennis ball will work as well for hand-eye coordination practise!



### **YEARS 3-4 CRICKET - SUMMER TERM**

We will be introducing Girls' Cricket to Years 3 and 4 on a Friday afternoons after Easter in the Summer Term. Following on from the success of the England Women's Cricket Team last summer, we want to be at the forefront of providing girls with a sport that is more accessible within the local area with various clubs, as well as paving a pathway towards playing county level and even higher.

Girls are reminded that the following kit needs to be worn for both Rounders and Cricket:

White trainers, white socks (above the ankle NOT trainer socks), purple skort, purple collared sports shirt. All girls will be asked to leave the school premises wearing their tracksuit top/fleece, and on cooler days a full tracksuit.



### **Hockey Spring Term Second Half Term Report**

We have enjoyed a short but very busy half term of hockey and cross-country. The girls have shown a maturity in both skills and match play demonstrating an improvement across all year groups and TPS continues to grow in strength as a hockey school. Special thanks to Mrs M, our wonderful hockey coach, from whom the girls have learned so much. We look forward to the summer term and the exciting introduction of cricket in the lower school.

## **U11**

Early on in the half term the girls played Staines Prep where the A and B team's much improved hockey skills were on display. The A team displayed fantastic defensive play ensuring only 1 goal went in, but unfortunately it wasn't to be for Twickenham Prep, although not from want of trying! The ball spent most of the match in Staines Prep's goal end and although it looked like we nearly scored an equaliser at the last minute, luck was against us and it skimmed past the post for the umpteenth time that afternoon. The B team were up against a team of boys as well as girls, our girl's aggression and determination were on show and the tackling was fierce from both teams. Unfortunately our teams were not victorious, but lessons were learnt and both the A and B team could hold their heads high at the end of the day.

The final match of the season was against Bishopsgate, both the A and B teams played with great determination and grit, defending their goal and driving forward in attack. At the end of the matches our B team were rewarded with a 1:0 victory and the A team were narrowly beaten 1:0 in a very even sided match. Overall a fantastic end to the season.

## **U10**

In the glorious spring sunshine during the final week of the term the Year 5 girls travelled to Staines Hockey Club to for a match against Bishopsgate. Both the A and B team games were closely fought, with our girls displaying good passing, tackling and dribbling skills. The A team managed to score two goals in the second half to win 2:1. Although the B team had more possession of the ball in their game they narrowly lost 0:1. Overall a good to end the season.

## **U9**

The U9s have worked hard this term to further improve their skills, endurance and speed. They have focused on tackling and increasing the length and strength of passing. They excelled during the House Hockey tournament in both attitude and leadership, being dynamic and confident.

## **U8**

Through rain, hail, sunshine and rainbows the U8s played their final game of the season against very determined Claremont sides. The U8 As played with good skills and teamwork but lacked the aggressive edge that their competitors had, resulting in a loss. However their ability to defend and regain possession kept the game competitive. The U8 Bs worked hard to gain possession from a strong side and were persistent in their attitude. Despite the loss they will have gained valuable match experience and showed an improvement in their skill levels.

## **Sports' Awards**

Congratulations to the following girls for receiving the Sports' Award:

Lower School – Alice M, Scarlett Q, Chloe BK and Charlotte C

Upper School – Olivia M, Shyann P, Hannahli F, Anushka R and Alice McN

We are proud of the progress all the girls have made this season and look forward to extending our growth as a hockey school next year! Keep tackling!

## Parents' Committee News

Please send all bulletin submissions to Francesca Crutchfield at [tpsnews1@gmail.com](mailto:tpsnews1@gmail.com) by midday on Tuesdays for inclusion in the following Thursday's bulletin

Dear Parents

At the end of the Summer term, after three years running the Parents Committee together, myself, Marcus Webster (Treasurer) and Karen Paterson (Secretary) will be stepping down from our roles.

Over the last two terms we have sought to recruit a new team to take over these roles, wanting to give our successors the opportunity to shadow us during 2017/18 to make the transition smooth.

I am disappointed to inform you that, as of the end of the Spring Term, no-one has stepped forward to take our places and therefore with effect from the end of the Summer term, unless this changes, the Parents Committee will cease to continue. This means there will be no second hand uniform sale, fireworks evening, Christmas event, quiz night, cake sales or Summer Fair for the next school year.

I've outlined on the following page what the roles involve and we would love to hear from anyone interested in taking them over and continuing to keep the Parents Committee work, supporting the school and running social, fun events for pupils and parents alike, going on for many more years.

Regards

Gill Warms

*This year's Summer Fair is going to be a*

# *Tropical Beach Party!!!*

**We are inviting Pre-Prep and Prep pupils to help us decorate this year's Fair with some amazing Party Parrots and some Fabulous Flip-Flops!! A nice activity for the Easter holidays! The closing date for entries is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**



Pre-prep will receive a Party Parrot template in their book bags, but are welcome to create their own too. There is a box in the shared area to

hand them in to.

Prep are being challenged to design their own pair of Fabulous Flip-Flops! They can draw and colour their design, design and make their own pair, or buy a pair to decorate themselves! It is up to them!

There is a box in the Office to hand them in to.



### **Dates for your diaries**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Cake Sale (theme TBC)

Next Parents' Committee meeting

## Parents Committee Roles

### Secretary

- Arranging PC meetings, taking minutes of meeting and follow up actions from other members
- Ensuring all events are legally covered by insurance/licences, risk assessments and signage to ensure insurance is valid
- Ensure that licences and insurances are renewed
- Work with the school to notify residents of forthcoming events
- Liaising with class reps to ensure enough volunteers to run events
- Acting as a point of contact for class reps through the year
- Update PC pages in school brochure

To find out more contact Karen Paterson [tpspc.secretary@hotmail.com](mailto:tpspc.secretary@hotmail.com)

### Treasurer

Managing the financial affairs of the parents committee including:

- Maintaining records of all money incoming / outgoing at PC events
- Preparation of cash floats for each event and subsequent collection, counting and banking of proceeds.
- Ensure invoices / expense claims submitted to Parents Committee are paid in a timely fashion (via Online Banking).
- Preparation of Second Hand Uniform commission cheques.
- Present finance summary to PC meetings.

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### PC Chair

This role could be split into two Deputy chair roles rather than managed by one person

- Chair PC meetings
- Meet with Headmaster each term to discuss PC activities and how the money raised can support the school
- Liaise with teaching staff regarding PC events
- Meet with Deputy head and Pupil Council to agree Parent Committee Charities (bi-annual)
- Point of contact for new parents
- Recruit team members
- Work with PC volunteers to agree events for the year and dates
- Provide support to event organisers

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