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Important Dates this Half-Term

(These are mostly in *bold italic* in the Calendar)

January

- Sat 26 Chess Tournament—Cancelled
Wed 30 Forum for Year 2 Parents—Arts Hall—7 'til 8pm

February

- Tues 5 Years 7 & 8 Evensong for Ash Wednesday—Chapel -5.40—6.20pm
Handwriting Forum for Pre-Prep Parents—Arts Hall—7 'til 8pm
Fri 8 EHA Quiz Night
Mon 11 Year 4 Parents' Evening—Old Library—5.30 'til 7.30pm
Tues 12 Chamber Concert—Arts Hall—7 'til 8pm
Wed 13 Year 7 Parents' Evening—Old Library—5.30 'til 7.30pm
Thu 14 Pre-prep Grandparents' Day—Arts Hall—9am
Sports Team photos
- new date: Berkshire 'A' League U9 + U11 Chess v Polehampton (a) (depart 2.00pm – return 4.00pm)

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Important Dates



ADDITIONAL DATES:

Thursday 14th February Berkshire 'A' League U9 + U11 Chess v Polehampton (a) (depart 2.00pm – return 4.00pm)

Friday 7th March Berkshire Junior Chess U9 + U11 'A' v Ridgeway (Away),
Depart 3.30pm Return 6.00pm

England v. Wales at Twickenham—THE RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW HERE!

Paul Orechoff has two pairs of tickets for the above match on Saturday 2nd February (kick-off 4.30pm). These tickets will be raffled, so see PJO, or come to reception to buy a £10 raffle ticket. Proceeds will go towards the football tour which is planned for the Summer.

Whilst at Sports Matches - Code Of Conduct For Parents/Carers

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Leave the coaching to the Coach and enjoy supporting your child's efforts.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.

Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.

Use correct and proper language at all times.

BERKSHIRE CHESS TOURNAMENT

We apologise for any inconvenience, but due to illness, tomorrow's Chess Tournament has been cancelled.

IMPORTANT—AGAIN ABOUT DRIVING!

We are all affected by the frustrations caused by the road works near the school, however, we would ask that you don't skip the queue from the Crowthorne end by driving on the wrong side of the road to get into the school entrance. Doing this poses a great threat of collision with those coming out of the school exit. Please be patient—your children are in safe hands at school if you are a few minutes late.

PARTICULARLY PRE-PREP

Let's Get Creative

The Pre-Prep have launched their 'Let's Get Creative' writing board. It is a celebration of the children's creative writing and their enjoyment of writing. The work will be changed regularly and will reflect a range of genre. Some of the work will be first drafts/attempts and will therefore not be word perfect but will show the effort and creativity put into that piece.

The children will be rewarded for their place on the board in our Chapel assembly.

Please do come in and see the selection of writing appearing on the board. Well done to Megan Ross and Melanie Dickin who were the first children to show their work.

*Claire Rhodes
Literacy Co-ordinator*

Notices



Matron asks:

Please do not give your child any form of medication, whether pills, medicine, creams or any treatment to bring to school. All medications are kept in the surgery, out of the children's reach. No child should be in possession of this in school, so please do not give them anything to keep in their pockets/lockers. Any such item will be confiscated if found.

New School Mugs

Many of you will have used our new school mugs at match teas. We do have some for sale, so if you would like one, please ask in the School Office.

Uniform

The website shows the uniform lists for the Michaelmas and Lent Terms. Please be aware that the uniform lists for the Summer Term will be posted on the website before the half term holiday. We will let you know when it is all in place.

Eagle House Show Jumping Team

Mrs Hamilton-Fairley (the team manager) informs us that there is a Show Jumping competition during the Easter holidays, date to be confirmed and she invites those who may be interested to a trials day during half term. This would take place on Wed, Thu or Fri of half term depending on her racing commitments. Please let her know if you would be interested in/ capable of jumping a 2 foot to 2 foot 3" course. Teams are made up of 4 with the best 3 scores to count and you can enter more than one team.

Please contact Mrs Hamilton-Fairley on mobile 07798 577761 or email address mouse@hamilton-fairley.co.uk Get in touch with if you would like your child to be considered for the team.

EAGLE HOUSE ASSOCIATION

“BRAINIACS QUIZ NIGHT”

Friday February 8th

7.30pm in the Arts Hall

£10 for a team of 8 or £2 per person

*Bring your own picnic supper
We will be selling beer, wine and*

Notices

EHHA



I thought this could go under 'Achievements' because I think the parents achieved a great deal, being faced with Maths for an evening! (Ed.)

Does It Add Up?" – the post mortem

"I have fifteen parrots sitting in a cage with six on the bottom perch, five on the middle perch, and four on the top perch. How many parrots do I own?"

The evening began with Douglas Buchanan (Head of the Mathematics Department) illustrating rote learning in mathematics which many parents will have experienced in their schooling and its limitations. "Learning multiplication tables by rote is like learning a play script and it is difficult to pick up the thread if a cue is forgotten" and this was supported by the writings of Tall and Gray (2007) from Warwick University. They say, " ...

Actions are repeated until they can be performed automatically without conscious thought. Good for standard problems but to solve novel problems, connections need to be made to develop a more flexible form of knowledge .."

Douglas Buchanan then gave an outline of why different strategies were offered to the pupils to aid them with their calculations and he referred back to the work done by Tall and Gray on mental compression. "

The mechanism by which information is held in an economical manner relies on a phenomenon that we term compression.

To work through some process or idea from several approaches allows the brain to have a mental perspective of the situation. Once understood you can file it away, recall it quickly and use it in as a step in some other mental process.

The overwhelming message is that powerful learning arises from compression of sophisticated knowledge into thinkable concepts that enable the learner to make links that lead to powerful ways of thinking in more complex situations. ..."

The role of the mathematics teacher is to encourage mental compression by introducing several strategies in one topic. The approach to mathematics is foreign to many parents and many may think the modern approach is a dumbing down process but the department feel there is a much better understanding of mathematics and because of this the lessons are a happier place. Teaching the children the formal approaches of the past does not help their progress but leads to confusion and the evidence will be found in the prep work. To help their children, parents must not introduce formal formats such as long division and long multiplication.

The evening finished with workshops on the four operations and problem solving and these were hosted by Lynn Berryman and Helen Brice.

The department would like to thank all the parents who attended the evening event and any feedback will be most welcome. Three documents which were given out during the forum can now be found on the website following this link: www.dcbeagle.com/mathforum.htm.

The answer to the parrot puzzle is six. The others are on higher perches!

Achievements!



PRE-PREP BADGE WINNERS

Friday 18 Jan	Worker	Helper
Nursery	Oliver Heywood	Max Tennant
R1	Lucie Donnelly	Harry Owton
R2	Harry Jones	Guy Porteous
1R	James Clarke	Ryan Becker
1W	Megan Ross	Henry Saxby
2B	Toby Robinson	Jamie Lunnon
2T	Zara Anichebe	Theo Izzat

Playground Award	Toby Robinson
Golden Table	Amy Stewart, James Ellwood, Eleanor Sherlock, Claudia Robinson, Hannah McClelland, Jamie Lunnon, Charlie Perry, Poorvi Kundu
Kingfishers	20
Robins	19
Jays	21

Well done to
Poonphat Yoovidhya
and
Jin Seoung Hong
both of whom were awarded Boarding Ties this week.

Achievements!



FOR ALL MATCH REPORTS AND TEAM BLOGS, FOLLOW THIS LINK AND CLICK ON THE TEAM YOU WANT:

<http://www.eaglehouseschool.com/fixtures.htm>

**BOYS HOCKEY v. Caldicott – Wed
23 Jan**

1st won 4-1
2nd lost 1-0
3rd VII lost 2-4
4th VII lost 0-4
Colts A won 2-1
Colts B won 4-0
Colts C won 2-1

**GIRLS HOCKEY v. Dolphin – Wed
23 Jan**

U12 lost 1-0
U11A won 4-0
U11B won 4-1
U10B drew 0-0

CROSS COUNTRY – SAT 19 JAN

U13 Girls - Ella Higham, Emily Holbert

U13 Boys - Saxon Coop, Dominic Hill, Tom Johnson

U15 Boys - JJ Dewes, Felix Fowler, Cameron Henderson, Nikolai Malyguine

The Cross Country season traditionally starts for us with this fixture at Wellington. The two age groups that we enter allow our best cross country runners the chance to compete against schools from all over Berkshire. The courses through the woods and around the sports fields at Wellington are tough but the runners tend to enjoy the flat terrain.

U13 Girls Race: Ella and Emily were our Year 7 runners and out of a big field they ran well, keeping to the front of the pack as they entered the woods. Ella pushed out and managed to hold her position, finishing a brilliant 12th place, and Emily, in her first race for Eagle House, ran a very good 2.5 kilometres and finished 26th. A great effort from the girls to start off our afternoon.

U13 Boys Race: Our three Year 7 boys are a talented group of athletes and they did not disappoint. Tom, Saxon and Dominic set off with pace and were at the front of the pack. Tom soon found the front position and opened up a lead from all the other runners - apart from one who was to stay with him throughout the race. Saxon and Dominic pushed hard to work up through the runners and they were determined to tackle the 3.5 kilometre distance with real grit. Tom kept his lead until the course opened up on the fields again. He allowed his opponent to take pole position and then in the final 200 metres he opened up and came home to finish first. What a fantastic achievement! Saxon was not far behind and finished 5th and Dominic came in 16th. This was a real show of talent from the boys and Tom ran the perfect race.



Match Results



U15 Boys Race: Our four Year 8 boys were running against a lot of Year 9 boys and there was no doubt the 4.5 kilometres were going to be hard going. I am very impressed with the fighting spirit that a lot of our runners have this season and these boys are a good example of this. They all set off well and soon Felix was comfortably in the top 20. Nikolai, Cameron and JJ were running together and found a good pace in the middle of the pack. Felix kept his position and came back onto the fields with power. He finished the race in 17th place which is a superb achievement. Although the other three boys were 58th, 60th and 64th their running and effort cannot be faulted. This team deserve great praise and their running bodes well for the season. Well done team - a performance to be proud of.



Match Results

FOOTBALL v. Caldicott Wed 23 January

U8A won 4-1

U8B lost 1-0

U8C won 1-0


WEEK COMMENCING 14 January 2008—Week 2

Parents are warmly welcomed to events shown in bold italic

Timings and locations of sports matches are listed in the Calendar and on the school website under 'News & Events' - 'Sports Fixtures'

Only changes to those published details will be noted in this newsletter.

	<i>Start</i>		<i>Finish</i>
JAN			
Sat 26		<i>Chess Tournament—Cancelled</i>	
		EXEAT	
Sun 27		EXEAT	
Mon 28		Squash match v. Charters	
	1.40	School Council Meeting—Library	
Tue 29		Maths Conference for visiting teachers	
Wed 30		Boys Hockey matches v. Parkside	
		Girls Hockey matches v. St Piran's	
		Netball matches v. The Oratory	
	7.00	<i>Forum for Year 2 Parents—Arts Hall</i>	8pm
Thu 31		Section Judo Semi-final	
	2.00	Year 6 Inter-School Maths Challenge	4pm
		Netball & Football matches v. Bishopsgate	
FEB			
Fri 01			
Sat 02		Netball Tournament at Queen Anne's	
		Girls Hockey matches v. Hall Grove	
		Boys Hockey matches v. Dragon	

This Week's Diary

Lent Term

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Monday

Lyonnaise Sausages, New Potatoes, Broccoli Florets

Vegetable Sausage Lyonnaise

Fruit & Jelly

Tuesday

Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding, Roasted Potatoes, Parsley Carrots

Yorkshire fill with Vegetables

French Apple Tart & Custard

Wednesday

Seafood Paella, Warmed Pitta, Broccoli Florets

Vegetable Paella

Fruit Yoghurt Pot

Thursday

Pasta Bar, Crisp Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn

Chocolate Mousse

Friday

Baked Market Fish, Chips, Petit Pois

Aussie Pie

Fruit Crumble & Custard

Remember! Hot soup is great for warming you on these damp windy days. There are always Baked Potatoes and the Salad Bar providing alternatives to the hot meals. Also, fresh fruit is at hand if you don't fancy a pudding.

Weekly Menu



Suppers this week:

Mon: Breaded Cod Goujons, Sauté Potatoes, Peas
Banana Smoothie

Tues: Assorted Filled Baguettes, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad
Chunky Kit Kat

Wed: Smoked Bacon & Cheese Potato Bake, Sweetcorn
Fresh Fruit

Thurs: Chinese Takeaway!

Fri: Traditional Cornish Pastie, Mashed Potatoes, Baton Carrots
Crème Caramel

Remember that Fresh Fruit is always available.

*The Lion,
The Witch
&
The Wardrobe*

*... the book comes alive
at the Wilde Theatre
18 & 19 March*

Boarding

Narnia