



The Pilgrims' Way

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Senior Games on Saturdays

A gentle reminder: collection time on Saturdays for boys in **Year 6 and above is at 1530**. Of course, if a boy is in a match, collection time is later: for a home match it is usually from 1620 on, for an away match it will be later – the exact time depending upon the location of the fixture.

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Year 4 and 5 Games this Saturday

There are squad practices for **all year 4 and 5** this Saturday. **Collection will be at 1420**.



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Year 8 in the Woods



The boys from Year 8 spent a most enjoyable and instructive day at the Beaulieu Development Centre on Wednesday. The sun caressed, the woods welcomed, the instructors gently guided and encouraged and the boys shone. All seemed to have matured to the extent that they listened, discussed and acted as effective teams rather than ineffectual individuals. And this was necessary if they were to cope with the diverse courses and challenges which had been prepared for them. My most sincere thanks to the excellent team from Beaulieu and to the four staff who accompanied them: Miss Kelly, Mr Prescott, Mr Neil and Mr Friend. GH

Year 5 on the Field

The big question over the summer may have been shall I busk or shall I wash cars or shall I mow the lawn or shall I simply be even more charming to the grandparents? And all of this in order to raise funds for the Year 5 Camp. Whatever the answers, all seemed to be well prepared for what appeared to be a most wonderfully busy and happy and harmonious camp. Visitors to the field were greeted by perfectly pitched tents, splendid team work and the sight of boys and Mr Wrigley and Miss Beric at ease with life in the raw. The leaders from World Challenge Organisation had nothing but praise for the boys and felt confident that there would be much sleep on Tuesday night. One wonders why!



Please could any outstanding, raised monies be brought to school ASAP.

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Welcome!

We welcome several new staff to the school this term. Firstly, in fact, we welcome back Jo and Norah Mason to the boarding house after an absence of seven years! Jo will be teaching Year 5 as well as coaching games and Norah is teaching Junior Science and Pre-Prep PE. We hope they will be as happy to be back as we are to have them!

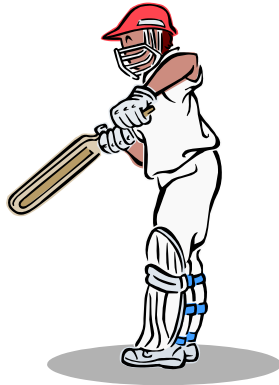
We also welcome back Anne Erasmus to be a Year 3 teacher—we must be doing something right if these teachers are willing to return!

As a genuine first-timer Paul Bryant has come from Suffolk to be the RS teacher and we welcome him and his wife Jessica and daughter Emma most warmly.

Finally, another return, Freddie Lindsay, an OP, has come back to be a Gap student until Christmas and we hope he will be very happy.

Cricket Pads

It would seem that a boy may have taken home the wrong cricket pads at the end of the Summer term. Angus Robinson went to collect his from the appropriate shed and found they had gone. A thorough search of the school over the Summer has not revealed them. So please could you search your cupboards, nets, pitches, sheds. The pads are clearly marked with Angus' initials – AR. Many thanks.



Summer Uniform

Quite a number of boys are enjoying the fact that summer has belatedly arrived. Until half-term it is quite alright for a boy to wear summer uniform – polo shirts and no ties. Let us hope for balmy days!



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Men Only Tennis Tournament

Lucy Whittome has asked us to publicise this highly popular tennis tournament which is now in its second year. It is to be held at Kingsgate Tennis Club on Sunday 20th September starting at 9.30 a.m. & is raising funds for the Royal Marsden



Cancer Research into Neuroblastoma which is a horrible & very aggressive childhood cancer. The tournament takes the form of a round robin & all standards are very welcome. Families are welcome to join with picnics for lunch & it's a good fun family day! All enquires to whittome@ukgateway.net. Entries close next Tuesday.

Matches v Durlston Court

Next Wednesday sees the first football matches of the term against Durlston Court, a friendly prep. school on the South Coast at Barton-on-Sea.



Maps are available at the front office. Why not combine the matches with a day at the seaside?

Last Night of the Proms

Mrs Webster would like to draw your attention to the fact that, if you are able to watch the Last Night of the Proms, Alison Balsam, the wonderful trumpeter is performing, and she is based here in Winchester!



Good News!

We recently heard that William Docherty, the head quirister, has reached the final of the BBC Radio 2 Young Chorister of the Year competition. This will take place during half-term at St Paul's Cathedral and we wish him every success.



Together with Philip Normand, a chorister, William took part in the Edington Music Festival at the end of August in Wiltshire. This festival brings together choristers from several choirs to sing together with the men. They both had a wonderful time.