



# High March School Bulletin

Week 13 27.11.20

## From Mrs Gater:

Thistle House Day - what a brilliant end to the week! It was lovely to see everyone dressed in their home clothes (party clothes in some cases, I'm sure!) and, at Upper School, enjoying fun activities at break and lunchtime organised by our super Thistle House Captain and Vice-Captain, Alexa and Kate. Saying goodbye to the girls on the gate this afternoon, I was really impressed by the fabulous mug designs created. Lots of fun and raising money for two super charities, Brainwave and Helen Douglas House, chosen by the girls themselves.

With just under two weeks to go until the end of term, I was excited to see the Christmas Trees appearing in School this afternoon and cannot wait until Monday morning to see them in all their splendour – I know the children will love them too, as the magical Christmas feeling spreads around the school. Warmest wishes for the week ahead.

### **Congratulations to the following Junior House Stars of the Week:**

NC	Ruby
RB	Grace
RD	Nevaeh-Rose
1L	Annabelle
1M	Clara
2GS	Rose
2HN	Isabelle

### **Congratulations to the following Upper School Stars of the Week:**

3E	Astrid Annabel Evani
3G	Karman Annabelle Poppy
4C	Mollie Juliette
4W	Freya
5BH	Eva Sophia Lucia
5MN	Elizabeth Inez Annabel
6G	Ishani Vaishali
6K	Tansy Katherine Jessica

### **House Points**

Daffodil	1034	Rose	931
Shamrock	979	Thistle	1122

## Staff Notices

**Mrs Ana Ridley**, our wonderful Receptionist, has decided to retire at the end of this term. She has worked at High March for the past nearly five years and is well-loved by parents and Staff for her ever helpful and welcoming approach to her role. Ana will be very sorely missed by us all as she heads off to spend a little more time with her family and Penny, her adorable new puppy – we wish her all health and happiness. We have carried out a robust selection process to find Mrs Ridley's successor in this important role and we hope to announce the new appointment next week.

**Mrs Lucy Brushwood-Smith**, currently the Classroom Assistant in RB and formerly in Year 3, has decided that she would like to develop her career in teaching and will be leaving at the end of this term pursue this goal. Lucy is an excellent Classroom Assistant, and I am sure will go on to be a superb Teacher. We wish her the very best in her new adventure. Ms Deborah Woodward will be taking on the role of Classroom Assistant for RB in January.

**Mrs Zoe Maloney**, Classroom Assistant in Year 3, has been eager to move back closer to her family for some time and has finally decided to take the plunge! Another superb Classroom Assistant, Zoe will be missed by all her colleagues in Upper School and especially the Year 3 Team – we wish her lots of luck with her house move and every success in the future. Miss Alicia Edge will join Year 3 as Classroom Assistant in January.

**Mrs Liz Robinson**, after ten years as a dedicated Extra-Curricular Swimming Assistant, has decided that it is time to hang up her fit flops and retire from High March at the end of this term. Liz has helped more girls locate uniform and united more socks with their owners than we have had hot dinners! We thank her for her loyalty and wish her well spending more time with her family and enjoying other pursuits. Liz's position will be taken, with effect from January, by Georgia Ruddock. Georgia has experience of our pool already having worked for both Woodrow House and Neil Bailey Swimming.

## Notices

### Year 6 Aquatic Fit and Fun

Neil Bailey Swimming will start to run chargeable Aquatic Fit and Fun sessions on Friday evenings from 6 -7 pm, subject to Government advice, when the current lockdown is lifted. This will involve a dedicated lane coach running a session aimed at good quality swimming with a twist of fun, away from the pressures of competitive swimming. There are 10 places available to strong swimmers in Year 6. Please email [swimming@highmarch.co.uk](mailto:swimming@highmarch.co.uk) if your daughter would like to join these. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Those who have been allocated a place will be notified and should then confirm by making payment direct to Neil Bailey Swimming (details will be supplied).

### JRSO Logo Competition

The JRSOs are running a competition to design a Road Safety logo for their noticeboards at Upper School and Junior House. At Upper School entries should be handed into the JRSOs, Katie 6K and Connie 6G or to Mrs Stevenson. At Junior House please hand them into the Office. The closing date is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### Upper School Car Park

You are reminded that the Upper School car park is closed to parents until 5.15pm. This will remain in place until Easter. Please respect this request, as we are not physically able to close the car park. This is done for the safety of the girls now that it is dark at pick up time.

### Aylesbury End & Station Road Resurfacing works

There has been a slight delay to the start of the resurfacing work between the Old Town roundabout down to Station Road. The works will be during daytime only between 7:30am and 6:00pm each weekday. **You should expect disruption on the School run unless you walk, cycle or scoot if you are able!**

### **Touch Typing in the Christmas holiday**

The typing sessions during the holidays are listed before. Please use the links below to book. The sessions will take place in the Upper School Computing Suite.

#### **Year 2 - 11:00 - 12:15 - £20**

<https://tinyurl.com/y52la7cf>

Friday 11th December

Monday 14th December

Wednesday 16th December (this is an extra date, confirmation will be given nearer the time)

#### **Year 3 and 4 - 9:00 - 10:45 - £25**

<https://tinyurl.com/yxv8yn8y>

Friday 11th December (now full, but I am running a waiting list)

Monday 14th December

Tuesday 15th December

#### **Year 5 and 6 - note different times - £25**

<https://tinyurl.com/y2prsedr>

Tuesday 15th December - 11:00- 12:45

Wednesday 16th December - 9:00 - 10:45

### **Crisp Packet Charity Project**

High March is supporting the Beaconsfield High School Head Girls and Deputy Head Girls' (both Deputy Head Girls are High March Alumnae) Crisp Packet Project. The Crisp Packet Project turns the cleaned packets into insulating blankets and sleeping blankets for the homeless. Please collect your used crisp or similar packets, open them out flat and wash them. These can be stored in a cardboard box or envelope and brought into School once the restrictions are lifted. We shall let you know when this will be! We will then donate them to Beaconsfield High who have a team of Sixth Form making the blankets to help those in need this winter. To hear more about this project see [\*\*The Crisp Packet Project on Vimeo\*\*](#)

### **One Can Trust Charity Donations**

The One Can Trust provides emergency food parcels to people in crisis in our community. At Harvest earlier this year, the Junior House donations were given to the One Can Trust. As of week ending 10<sup>th</sup> November, the One Can Trust has supported 544 local people with 46% of these being children. There is a real possibility that once schools finish for the holiday and free meals stop, this number may rise.

Currently, the Trust is collecting and distributing hampers so they are accepting Christmas goods and produce. The greatest need is for fresh produce and they would be very grateful for either cash donations to support them in purchasing fresh fruit and vegetables or some fresh produce donations.

If you would like to help this very worthy cause, we have arranged for crates to be located as follows where you/your child may leave donations.

Nursery and Reception – in front of the entrance gate to the swimming pool

Year 1 and 2 – just inside the gate at Sandelswood End

Year 3 and 4 – in the Atrium

Year 5 and 6 – under the covered way

Thank you in anticipation for any help you can give.

## **SOCIAL GROUP NOTICES**

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your families are all safe and well.

With the current climate, we have had to re-invent our activities for this Autumn term. The Social Group is pleased to offer a number of initiatives and we would really appreciate your support as this is the only fundraising we are able to do whilst adhering to social distancing.

### **TEA TOWEL MEMORY KEEPSAKE**

This week, all the children have made a unique piece of creative artwork in drawing a self-portrait. These will be printed on a tea towel which will make a great memory for years to come, or make a lovely Christmas present for the grandparents! In order for the portraits and names to be visible, a separate tea towel has been created for Junior House and Upper School. Even the teachers and Mrs Gater have joined the drawing sessions. Please look out for the announcement via Classlist which will allow you to purchase your tea towel(s) in 2 easy steps. There will be separate announcements for Junior House and Upper School.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

To stay within the festive spirit, our Christmas raffle will take on a different twist this year. We have 2 amazing hampers to be won: a Champagne Hamper and a Gin Hamper. Tickets can be purchased electronically through Classlist. If you buy 2 tickets, your name will be entered twice. The more tickets you buy the bigger the chance of winning!

### **NORTHBROOK FUNDRAISING**

Please take a look at the Northbrook Fundraising website. They sell lovely wrapping paper (Christmas and generic), cards, accessories, toys, baubles etc. All paper is manufactured in the EU and is sourced from FSC (Forestry Stewardship Council) certified suppliers, from sustainably managed forests and is recyclable. They are also printed with water-based inks and is fully recyclable. Any purchases that go through the High March link will generate 22% cashback for the Social Group. Please feel free to share this link with families and friends. Please type in High March in the beneficiary code and click apply.

Purchase link: <http://www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk/highmarch>

Due to the fundraising restrictions many schools and charities face, Classlist has just announced they are not charging any admin or processing fees which is clearly very welcome.

As ever, we thank you for your generous support.

The Social Group