



High March School Bulletin

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From Mrs Gater:

With all the filming going on in school this week, I think we should rename High March Elstree Studios! Right across the school, Staff have been taking on the role of directors, camera operators and editors as the Christmas productions and events take shape – I am sure the children will love sharing the recordings with you over the Christmas holidays. We are especially grateful to St Mary's and All Saints Church, who allowed Upper School to go along in small groups and record parts of the Carol Service in that wonderful space.

As ever, I am very grateful to all the Staff for making these lovely Christmas events happen whilst also keeping the girls focussed on their learning.

As I write, the smell of Christmas lunch is wafting through Junior House, the sounds of happy children are ringing around the building and Christmas lights are twinkling just outside my door – I feel all warm and fuzzy on the inside!

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Congratulations to the following Junior House Stars of the Week:

NC	Nicolas
RB	Cosima
RD	Millie
1L	Arabella
1M	Seanna
2GS	Maya
2HN	Molly

Congratulations to the following Upper School Stars of the Week:

3E	Ella Chloe
3G	Poppy
4C	Elsie Alana
4W	Alexa
5BH	Caroline Siri
5MN	Charlotte Eva Erica
6G	Charlotte
6K	Isabella Hannah

House Points

**The winner of the House Cup will be announced in
Prayers on the last day of term**

Notices

Extracurricular Swimming

The extracurricular swimming for Junior House has now finished for the term. The Upper School swimmers have their final lesson on Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th December.

The coaches report that the children have made fantastic progress this term in their extra-curricular swimming lessons. We hope they have enjoyed them, and if you have any specific query, do email swimming@highmarch.co.uk.

Next term's lessons recommence on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th January.

As you are aware, Miss Lizzie is retiring after 10 years as part of the extracurricular swimming team. Tuesday is her final day; if you would like to send her a message, please email it to swimming@highmarch.co.uk and we will collate and pass them on.

Year 6 Aquatic Fit and Fun

Neil Bailey Swimming will be running a chargeable Aquatic Fit and Fun swimming session on Friday evenings from 6 -7 pm, now that lockdown no. 2 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 a few places still available to strong swimmers in Year 6. Please email swimming@highmarch.co.uk if your daughter would like to join these. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Ledborough Lane parking

The final STP plea of 2020 – please do NOT park on the yellow lines, block the driveways or perform three point turns in Ledborough Lane or Sandelswood End at either drop off or pick up. It is not only dangerous but in many cases in contravention of the Highway Code. The School Office and the STP Team spend a lot of time placating irate road users and our neighbours. Our own parents have also complained about other parents “idling”, namely, sitting in their cars outside School or in the School car park with their car engine running. We are an Eco School and work hard to enable our community to live and work in a pleasant environment. Please help us to protect the health of our children, parents and staff, and of our precious planet !

National Tree Week 28th November – 6th December.

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season, November to March each year. As an Eco and neighbourhood School, High March is co-operating with and supporting our local community of Sandelswood End residents who are working with Beaconsfield Town Council and Buckinghamshire Council on a tree planting initiative to improve the environment and the amenity. We hope that you will see the fruits of these labours in the Spring of 2021.

Yuletide Message from our School Crossing Patroller Team

The SCP Team has had a delightful term, the elements and pandemic restrictions notwithstanding, due, in the main, to the wonderful manners of the High March girls who rarely fail to greet our patrollers with a charming “Good Morning” or a polite “Thank you; have a good day!” Their cheery smiles are really the best possible start to a dank wintry morning. So many more families are walking, cycling or scooting to School and this really warms our cockles!

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 has a team of Sixth Form girls making the blankets to help those in need this winter. To hear more about this project, see [The Crisp Packet Project on Vimeo](#)

Upper School Equipment

We have been very grateful that the girls have remembered their own equipment and refrained from asking to borrow items from one another this term. As the holidays would be a good point to re-stock pencil cases, we thought it might be useful to remind parents of everything the Upper School girls need. Apart from their ruler, items should all fit into a single pencil case. Girls should also bring a pair of simple headphones/earbuds to use in conjunction with the school iPads. These should not be expensive and should have a traditional 3.5mm headphone jack.

Items required:

- 30cm ruler
- 3x pencils
- Ink Pen and spare cartridges (or spare ink pens)
- A Sharpener, rubber and a pair scissors
- A glue stick
- A set of colouring pencils and a set of fine liners
- A protractor and a maths compass

Social Group Notices

Tea Towel Memory Keepsake

The children's self-portraits look absolutely amazing! These tea towels will make a great memory for years to come. Or make a lovely Christmas present for the grandparents! Junior House and Upper School have created their own designs. Gentle reminder to purchase your tea towel through Classlist by Wednesday 9th December.

Christmas Hampers

To stay with 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! Ticket sales close on Tuesday 8th December at 8 pm and the draw will take place on Wednesday 9th December under the watchful eye of Mrs Gater.

[Click here to buy your raffle tickets!](#)

22% Cashback For High March - 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. They are printed with water-based inks and are fully recyclable. Any purchases which 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>