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The Week @NotreDameCobham

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Huge excitement in the Prep
playground this week as the great
unveiling of the beautiful mosaic



project took place. Miss D'Aprano
counted us down and with the help
of Miss Dean, revealed the beautiful
piece of work which has been the
result of a huge collaboration of
every child from Early Years to Year
6 and the Prep staff, under the
guidance of Mosaic artist Karen
Parry. Do take a look at it on the
Sports Hall wall in the Prep
playground.



Click on the photo to see the full
gallery of the work from start to
finish!



Chaplain's Corner—
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As part of our
celebrations to mark
the Year of Mercy
declared by Pope
Francis, Bishop
Richard invited all
Secondary Schools in
our Diocese to take
part in a Pilgrimage
to Arundel Cathedral.

Mr Newman and I led girls
representing the Chaplaincy Team
and the team of servers and many of
the Chaplaincy Reps as we travelled
to Arundel and spent time walking
together.

Common in many religious traditions,
a pilgrimage is a meaningful journey
to a sacred place and provides the
opportunity to step back from our
busy lives and 'be' rather than to 'do'.
Jesus would have been familiar with
the yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem
required of Jews of his time living in
Palestine.

On the Feast of St Philp Howard, it
was appropriate to walk to the
cathedral (thankfully not all the way
from Cobham!) where his remains
are buried. At Mass we heard about
his conversion and persecution he
suffered because of his faith – a truly
inspirational man.

The senior school choir conducted by
Mr Black and accompanied by Mrs
Shaw and Miss D'Aprano led the
worship beautifully (full report on page
4) and Mrs King and Mr Madigan
joined us for Mass. Thank you girls for
being such wonderful ambassadors for
Notre Dame!



Mrs Harrison, Chaplain



Senior Netball Tour

Good luck to the senior netball
squad on their tour to Malta! Do
follow the sports twitter account for all
updates:

[@NotreDame_SPORT](https://twitter.com/NotreDame_SPORT)



Year 8 Numeracy Day at Windsor Racecourse



It was a fun-filled day at Windsor Racecourse for 15 Year 8 students who attended a Numeracy Day on Monday 17th October. The girls had a behind-the-scenes tour of the racecourse including the weighing room, changing rooms, sauna, parade ring and stables. There were measuring, weighing and estimating tasks taking place throughout, which culminated in watching the horses race to the finish line at great speed (up to 35mph)!

Here's what some of the girls had to say:

- my favourite part was watching the horses race
- I found out there were eight furlongs in a mile
- I thought the day was great fun and I learnt a lot about weight and distance
- I never knew Maths was used so much in the everyday world!



Mrs Breame (Head of Mathematics)

Early Years' Harvest Service

Early Years enjoyed their very own special Harvest service with our Chaplain Mrs Harrison. Thank you for your generosity!

Click on the collage to see the full gallery



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Rag Week



This final week marking half term has been one like no other. ND Festival for RAG Week 2016 has been hugely successful! Fundraising events ranged from 'pick and mix sweets', to ice cream and hot chocolate; yet many of the girls will declare the ND





Foam Party the most enjoyable event which took place on Wednesday. Girls were dancing to music whilst being immersed in bubbly foam, taking pictures and sliding across the field.



RAG Week has enabled the Prefects to raise a healthy **£1,519.30** for Stem4, our chosen charity which raises awareness for teenagers with mental health issues, and to prevent their conditions from developing in the early stages. ND Festival has been unique, enjoyable and friendly; girls from different years laughing together as they sponged teachers, enjoying the music and the festival vibes commencing at break and lunch times and seeing the sixth formers dress up to match the day's theme. Today marks the final day, and we aim to raise another £300 for Stem4 with Krispy Kreme donuts and the highly anticipated McDonalds lunch.



Finally, I wish to thank all parents for contributing to our charity event, as without you, the week would not have been half as fun and successful as it has been!
Anna Scott Deputy Head Girl



MUSIC BOARD

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■ Infants News

It's that time of year again when the infants begin singing about dancing camels, disco stars and shepherds rounding up their flocks! Please keep learning your words and singing your songs over half term girls.

Mrs Bryant

■ Prep News

ABRSM Exams

We now have confirmation from the ABRSM exam board that practical music examinations will be on Tuesday 6 December. There will be a rehearsal day in the week preceding the exams. Letters will come out after half term detailing exam times and exam fees which will be added to your school bill, and any additional accompanist's fees. If you need to discuss your examination date or time please contact Mr Black or Mrs Shaw.

Mrs Shaw

■ Senior News



Yesterday the Senior Choir lead the service in the first ever Secondary Schools' Pilgrimage held at Arundel Cathedral. The Mass and pilgrimage walk was for the solemnity of St Philip Howard, the patron saint of the cathedral. There is a statue and a stained glass window of St Philip who is often depicted with a dog by his side. 500 years ago, Catholicism was outlawed in this country and St Philip was imprisoned for his faith and placed in the Tower of London. He was however allowed to take his trusty



companion with him, hence the dog is normally pictured with him.



The girls sang beautifully in the service and the Bishop and senior clergy all praised their performance. Thank you girls, and also parents for dropping them off at 7.30am! Special thanks go to Mrs Shaw, Miss D'Aprano, Mrs Harrison and Mr Newman for all their help.

Mr Black

■ DANCE

■ Pictured below are Ella N and Tilly R Yr1 private ballet, who have been working so hard learning swaying and spinning with their ribbons.



■ Ballerina of the week is Olivia B 4GW

Mrs Thomas





DRAMA

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Prep

Reception & Year 2 have all been given their scripts for the Nativity.

Please help your daughters to learn their lines over the half term break.

Miss Fletcher

Senior

Twelfth Night

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this excellent production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

Click on the collages to see the full photo gallery.



Miss Graham



READING MATTERS @NDS LIBRARY

Prep Library News

Visit by Award-Winning Author, Matt Haig – 9th November

The countdown to this special event is now well underway and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Matt to Notre Dame. If you missed the news last week, Matt Haig will be visiting us to tell the girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 about his latest book, 'The Girl Who Saved Christmas'. This is the second adventure in the series by this number one bestselling author and Blue Peter Book of the Year Award winner and sounds wonderful. The first book in the series, 'A Boy Called Christmas' received wonderful reviews last year. The event will take place in the Montaigne Theatre and we will be joined by pupils from Rowan, Duke of Kent and Coworth Flexlands Schools.



Thank you to those who have returned book order forms and payment already and a reminder that pre-orders have to be returned to school by **Wednesday 2nd November** please. There will be a small supply of books for sale on the day but on previous author visits we have run out of books so pre-ordering will avoid possible disappointment.

Book Fair

Many thanks for supporting the Book Fair on Tuesday. It was a great success and we will be ordering lots of



new books for both our library and the classrooms. The girls were all very enthusiastic about the range of books and it was lovely to see them choosing and enjoying both fiction and non-fiction titles.

Mrs Thompson

Senior Library News

The Short Story

The short story has been described as 'one of the most exciting and important literary forms' (Book Trust) and there are many reasons why it continues to appeal to readers, irrespective of age and genre preferences ...



'At their best they are a whole world in miniature, they are like perfect small gifts.' (Alexandra Pringle - Editor in Chief Bloomsbury)

'The short story is something that can be read in an hour and remembered for a lifetime.' (Benét)

'In our busy lives, a short story offers the perfect antidote – it's the equivalent of listening to a single track of music instead of a whole album.' (Elizabeth Day - Pindrop)

'It is technology that has cemented the short story's popularity this century. Suddenly, after years out of the cold, the short story finds itself the perfect fit for our attention spans and our mobile devices.' (Sam Baker, Daily Telegraph)



In anticipation of **National Short Story Week** (Monday 17th November to Sunday 23rd November) we have re-launched the short story section of the Library and in Library classes have been reading selected short

stories and writing reviews. We have also acquired new titles such as *19th Century Short Stories* – a collection of classic short stories including supernatural tales by Charles Dickens and Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes Mysteries. The stories have been described as 'relevant now as they were when they were first written'. (Oxford University Press)

Short Story Competition

To celebrate **National Short Story Week**, we will be running a short story competition for Years 7 – 9. The theme will be 'winter' (guidelines to be published after half term) and there will be some fantastic prizes for the winning submissions!

Mrs Finch

SPORTS BOARD



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Opro

Opro are returning to school on **Monday 7th November** to take impressions for mouth guards for the senior girls. However those prep girls who missed out last time are welcome to get their impressions taken. If you would like this service please order online at www.opro.com

U9A and B Hockey v Downsend

Well done to the U9 girls who played wonderful hockey against Downsend on Monday 17th. For the ND girls this was their first game of the season! They played great hockey and showed a huge amount of potential! The girls can't wait to start hockey in PE next half term as well as use the wonderful new AWP.



Inter House XC

Well done to all the girls who took part in the Inter House cross country this week. These are the individual winners from each year group. Full house results to be announced in Assembly on Friday 4th November.

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Reception | Orla S | Heidi G | Olivia K |
| Year 1 | Isla FdM | Jamie K | Elisia C-J |
| Year 2 | Lucy D | Valentina S | Hannah R |
| Year 3 | Scarlett S | Sabrina C-J | Lexi T |
| Year 4 | Lila R | Ciara S | Steph W |
| Year 5 | Sophie L | Darcey D | Isabella A |
| Year 6 | Daisy P | Emily S | Maddy S |



Fixtures for next week

- Monday 31st October – U11A-D Netball v Halstead @ ND 4:20pm
- Tuesday 1st November - U10A and U11A Hockey v MHS AWAY 4:30pm
- Wednesday 2nd November – U10A –C Netball v Feltonfleet 4pm @ ND
- Saturday 5th November- Year 4 Netball Tournament @ Oaken Lane 9-12pm
- Monday 7th November – U9A and B Netball @ ND 4:30pm
- Thursday 10th November- Gala v Rowan @ ND
- Friday 11th November- Year 3 Netball @ Bishopsgate School AWAY 3:10pm

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

Swimmer of the Week

1W – Dolphins – Natasha M

1W – Starfish – Jamie K

Please note that next half term we have three home Swimming Galas.

- 10th November v Rowan – Yr 3,4,5 & 6
- 17th November v St Hilary's – Yr 3,4,5 & 6
- 1st December v Manor House – Yr 3,4,5 & 6

Letters inviting swimmers to take part will be sent out for the Rowan Gala after Half Term, but if you are swim squad please be aware you may be asked to swim on these dates.

Mrs Jones



SENIOR

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Netball

Last Thursday the U13 A + B netball teams had matches away against Kingston Grammar School. Both teams played very well and secured pleasing wins, the A team winning by 13 goals to 8 and the B team by 11 goals to 1.

Inter-House Cross-Country

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the annual House cross-country competition last week. The top three in each year group received medals in their Year Assembly:

Year 7

1st – Katie C (Montaigne)

2nd – Poppy P (Lestonnac)

3rd – Lulu W (Montferrant)

Year 8

1st – Verity P (Eyquem)

2nd – Katie G (Lestonnac)

3rd – Anja L (Montaigne)

Year 9

1st – Sophia G (Montaigne)

2nd – Bella T (Eyquem)

3rd – Sofia B (Lestonnac)

Special congratulations to Sophia G in Year 9 for achieving the fastest time overall in the three year groups – she ran the three laps of the course in 9.21 minutes.



Swimming Gala v Sutton High

On Monday Notre Dame's U12 A&B, U13 A&B, U14 A&B and U15 A&B swimming teams swam against Sutton High. It was an exciting gala with many races being very close. The overall result was Notre Dame scoring 136 and Sutton High scoring 104.

Swimmers of the night:

U12: Anya M;

U13: Tessa P;

U14: Emily H;

U15: Rosie S

Hockey

In readiness to start Hockey later in the term: Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 pupils require Hockey socks, shin guards, astro trainers, and a mouth guard. Hockey sticks are compulsory for Yr 7 & 8. All good sports shops should assist you with the choice of stick suitable for the player (depending on height).

Mouth guards can be bought cheaply and self-moulded or more comfortable personalised OPRO dentist moulded service costing a minimum of £39.00 will be available and done in school on Monday 7th November. See details on www.opro.com and book directly in advance via the website.

[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Marsh



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Golf Day

What a wonderful day we had at Foxhills in glorious sunshine. Everyone really enjoyed playing the fabulous course. The competition for Best Team was very close with two teams finishing on 81 points and a count back was required with 'Foxhills Fillies' pipping the 'Finale Fore' on the back nine. The men's individual stableford was won by Cliff Roe who won a round at Wentworth and the Ladies winner Diane Gilmore will be enjoying a round at St George's Hill soon. Both prizes were kindly donated by parents of Notre Dame. We would also like to say a very big thank you to the kind sponsors of the event, Holroyd Howe, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Blomster Designs, Imperial Caviar and Alleycatz.

Click on the image to see the full gallery from the day!



Christmas Gift Fair Brochure Competition

All pupils will be sent home today with an entry form for designing the front cover of the Christmas Gift Fair brochure.

All entries are to be submitted (via Class Teacher or to the Office) by Monday 31 October.

Please could you ask the girls to complete their designs and bring them into school (making sure their name and class is on each entry form). All entries can then be put in the FoND tray in reception.

Many thanks for your help and support.

Anna and Joslyn

Upcoming FoND Events

Friends of NOTRE DAME
invite you to their annual
Christmas Gift Fair 2016
Friday 11 November
11.30am-5.30pm
Over sixty stalls offering festive gifts & seasonal specialities
Christmas Raffle • Lucky Dip • Tombola
Christmas Puddings • Panettone & the Christmas Café
Start your Christmas Shopping Early!
Adults - £2.50
OAPs - £1.50
Children Free
Raffle draws at 4pm

COBHAM AVORIANS CC
Firework Night
Saturday 5th November
6pm: Bar and gates open
6.30pm: Bonfire lit
7.30pm: Display starts
BBQ Stalls Mulled Wine
In Advance: Adults £6 u18 £4 u5 free
(At the Gate: Adults £7 u18 £5 u5 free)
Convent Lane, Cobham KT11 1HB

EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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This week Butterflies Class had great fun making their own bread rolls



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 21—28 Oct inclusive—HALF TERM

31 Oct—4 Nov Y12/13 Assessment Week 1 **ND6**

3 Nov Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.30—6.30pm **Snr**

4 Nov FoND Muffin Day—Flower Theme **School**

5 Nov Fireworks at Avorians with FoND **School**

5—7 Nov A level Geography Fieldtrip **ND6**

7 Nov Safe Drive Course **ND6**

8 Nov Whole School Open Morning 9—11 am **School**
Rec—Year 6 Parents' Evening 4pm—8pm **Prep**

11 Nov FoND Christmas Gift Fair 11.30—5.30pm
in Sports Hall **School**

14 Nov Alternative date for Rec-Y6 Parents' Evening
4-5.30pm **Prep**

16 Nov Year 8 Latin Trip to Butser Farm **Snr**
Year 12 Visit STEM Careers Exhibition **ND6**

18 Nov FoND Year 7 & 8 Disco **Snr**

21 Nov Feast Day Mass 10.30am—all parents welcome
Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30—6.30pm **Snr**

25 Nov First Performance of Oliver! 7pm **Snr**
Year 12 Snr Maths Challenge at Surrey University **ND6**

26 Nov Matinee and Evening Performance of Oliver! **Snr**

30 Nov—9 Dec Y11 Mock GCSE Examinations **Snr**

2 Dec Infant Nativity 9.30—10.30 **Prep**

3 Dec FoND Movie Afternoon **Prep**

6 Dec Year 12/13 Parents' Evening 4.30—6.30pm **ND6**

8 Dec Early Years Christmas Celebration from 9am **NDEY**

9 Dec Year 8 Parents for Coffee & Mince Pies 8.45am **Snr**

12 Dec Prep & Senior Carol Service—evening **School**

13 Dec End of Term at 12 Noon **School**

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)