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The Week @NotreDameCobham

Advent Service for Parents

This will take place at 9am Tuesday 6 December followed by refreshments.

The service will last not more than 30 minutes, and is a quiet moment in the busy season before Christmas to join together to light a candle and to pray for your own children.

All welcome

Operation Christmas Child



On Tuesday, 270 shoeboxes were delivered to the local warehouse for checking and transportation abroad as part of the Operation Christmas Child project. Very many thanks for all your filled shoeboxes and fillers. If you paid the delivery fee online don't forget to check in the New Year where your box went!



Cardinal Hume Centre Donations

Please could senior girls keep bringing in donations for the Cardinal Hume Centre – warm hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries and non-perishable foods – thank you.



Chaplain's Corner— Follow us on twitter @NDS_Chaplaincy



As we enter the season of Advent, during which we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth, it is common for children to have an Advent calendar. The first printed Advent calendars were produced in 1908 in Germany by Gerhard Lang and distributed by a newspaper to its readers. Lang was inspired by one that his mother had made for him which featured 24 coloured pictures attached to a piece of cardboard. Waiting for something, as we are for Christmas, is possibly at odds with the instant society in which we now live. The

internet has revolutionised access to each other and to things and made immediate outcomes possible as should we want to, we are able to buy, communicate, travel, work and study 24/7. All this can be convenient but has it may be made us not appreciate things in the way we would if we had to wait for them? The Jews waited centuries for their promised Messiah. Maybe this Advent we can take a bit of 'time out' to wait and to consider what for us Christmas really means

Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

Miss D'Aprano's on the Radio!

Senior librarian Mrs Finch co-presents the Just Women Show at Brooklands Radio with Ivana O'Brien. This week she seized the opportunity to interview Miss D'Aprano about her book. The program will be going live next Tuesday 1—2pm and Thursday 8—9pm. A podcast will be available after that and the link will be tweeted.



UKMT Senior Team Challenge



Last Friday, four Year 12 girls (Jacqui, Cordelia, Ella and Deep) took part in the United Kingdom Mathematical Trust regional team challenge at the University of Surrey, Guildford. Twenty schools participated and the girls worked through three invigorating rounds of mathematical problem solving. Team tactics, pair work and lateral thinking were all incorporated. Although we cannot publish any of the main competition questions, below are some of the 'warm-up' questions which the girls solved. If you would like to have a go at them and e-mail me your solutions, I can let you know if you are right! Please e-mail sbreame@notredame.co.uk Well done to our senior team for taking part and enjoying the experience.

Mrs Sarah Breame
Head of Mathematics

Warm-up Questions:

- 1) If 25 bits and 14 bots are worth the same as 46 bits and 11 bots, how many bits to the bot?
- 2) Four circles of radius r have their centres at the vertices of a square of side $2r$. What is the ratio of the area enclosed but outside the square to the area between the circles (approximate π as $22/7$)?
- 3) The length of a cuboid is increased by 10%, its width is decreased by 30% and its height increased by 20%. What is the effect on its volume?

Economics and Business Studies Competition

This week the Sixth Form economics and business girls made a presentation to the Bank of England in the Target 2.0 competition



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ND6 Had a WICKED Time!

On Thursday 24th November, the Sixth Form travelled up to London to see the production of 'Wicked' The Musical. We enjoyed dinner before the show with our friends and then re-joined the group to enter the theatre to take our seats. Upon seeing our seats, we were amazed at how close to the stage we were, and even more amazed that Miss Harber had seen the show 15 times! For some of the Sixth Formers this was their first visit; for some their 11th but all enjoyed. Many of the Sixth Formers loved discovering the story behind the much-loved musical the Wizard of Oz, and how the two witches evolved into the two contrasting characters from the original story. The response from the audience at the end of the production was astounding, with much discussion from everyone about the characters and which students represented them best. Overall, it was a 'wicked' trip and we would like to thank Miss Harber, Mrs Franco, Miss Graham and Ms O'Keefe for accompanying us on the trip.



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Year 7 and 8 PGL trip June 2017

We are delighted with the huge interest in PGL from Year 7 and 8 – the trip is now FULL with 85 students signed up! The final list has been displayed on the **STAFF ROOM** door so please check your name is there. Any problems please speak to Miss Evans or Mrs Bantin (email rbantin@notredame.co.uk)

More information will be sent out nearer the time of the trip.



Food & Nutrition—Follow us on twitter:

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GCSE Food Study

Primary Research for the GCSE Food Study.
Testing foods to analyse their sensory properties



Y10 have been investigating Vitamins and Minerals. Playing games designed by themselves



Mrs Anderson

Year 7 Tea-ology

So this week saw the TEA-ology group come to its conclusion after a full and packed term of meetings. TEA-ology is a weekly meeting for year 7 students to explore current news stories which have some connection to religion, ethics or philosophy all over a good cup of tea. It is exciting that the group is at the good mercy of news that has not yet happened and at times the topic of discussion could be less than 24hrs old. It's true to say that some weeks were little more than storms in a TEA cup! The topics covered this year have ranged from the Trump-Clinton election, Islamophobia and Black Friday. The club finished with its final meeting and Christmas party in which games and cups of tea were flowing. As their TEA-cher (last joke I promise) I am always so impressed at how in tune the girls are with current affairs and

their sensitive way of handling somewhat controversial issues. I hope the 14 girls who attended regularly enjoyed it as much as I did.



Mr. T. Newman, Head of Theology



Science—Follow us on twitter:

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Year 7 Model Cells

Year 7 had two weeks to complete a biology project on making a model cell – either a plant cell, animal cell or specialised cell. They had free creativity in making their model.

They all produced such good models, some were cake models of cells, others used clay and one group even used her mother's yoga cube!

Various teachers came to look at the models and prizes were awarded for the best three.

Ms Foskett



Year 7s and their model cells plus another picture of the three that won the three prizes.



MUSIC BOARD

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Prep News

Carol Service

You are all warmly invited to our Whole School Carol Service on Monday 12 December at 7pm in the Sports Hall. All girls in Years 3 to 8 will be involved as well as the Notre Dame Singers, Chamber Choir and Senior Orchestra. Prep girls should arrive and go to their form rooms at 6:15pm. Refreshments will be available for parents from 6:15pm outside the Sports Hall. Girls should be dressed in winter uniform with tights, blazers and feast day ribbons.

Christmas Rehearsals for Instrumentalists

Ensembles performing in the Carol Service include: Percussion Club, Flying Strings, Fledgling Strings (Year 3 and up only), Concert Band, Brass Group, Flute Group. Girls should bring in their instruments for rehearsals on the following days:

- Wednesday 7 December
- Friday 9 December

Lestonnac Choir Trip to Sunrise Senior Living, Esher

Yesterday the Lestonnac Choir sang carols beautifully to the Residents at Sunrise Senior Living, Esher.



Christmas Soirees Tuesday 6 December

Mr Mitchell and Miss Porter will be giving Christmas Soiree concerts for their pupils on Tuesday 6 December. The guitar concert will be at 2:10pm and the Flute concert will be at 4pm. Parents are very welcome to attend. The concert will be in the Chapel.

Mrs Shaw

WHOLE SCHOOL—ABRSM

A final reminder that the ABRSM exams are taking place in school next **Tuesday December 6th**. Please make sure your daughter is fully prepared for her examination and please double-check that she remembers to bring everything with her on the day: instrument, exam music, music for the accompanist, a printed sheet with the title and composer's name for each piece beforehand.

Best of luck to everyone!

Senior News

OLIVER

Was a huge success with three stunning performances given by everyone involved!

The acting, solo singing and chorus song and dance were all superbly polished and the girls were clearly enjoying every minute of the show. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Graham, Mrs Gilhespie, Mr Rowland-Roberts and especially all of the staff and students involved behind the scenes. I was really proud of you all and I look forward to next year's show.

Light Up a Life

This Sunday will see the choir singing at the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher as part of the Light Up A Life service to be held there.

Choir members are to arrive by 3.00pm and parents are welcome to watch the service that starts at 4.30pm. We should all be finished by approximately 5.00pm. Thank you.

Carol Service

Only just over a week to go until this year's carol service and I look forward to a very special evening. I really appreciate the time and effort your daughters have been putting into their preparations and the joyous singing in store with the various choirs and instrumental playing in the orchestra. The carol service starts at 7.00pm on the 12th December. *Mr Black*

DANCE

Year 6 Private Ballet Girls in their Character Skirts



Ballerinas of The Week are Year 1 for their wonderful dancing in the Nativity!





DRAMA

Follow us on twitter: [@NDS THEATRE](https://twitter.com/NDS_THEATRE)

Prep

Bravo to the cast and crew on a wonderful Infants production of 'It's Strictly the Nativity'



Click on the collage to see the full gallery on Flickr

Miss Fletcher

Senior



'Consider getting Yourself' an 'Oliver!' DVD?

Just a reminder that if anybody would like to purchase a DVD of the Senior School's production of 'Oliver!', these are available via the Drama Department. Please see Miss Graham, Mr Rowland-Roberts or Miss Gilhespie to collect an order form.

Senior LAMDA News

Mrs Treherne and Miss Graham would like to congratulate all their Private Drama students who did so well in their LAMDA exams in November. You will be presented with your certificates next term after the next examination session in February.

If you are being entered for the next examination session, which is just before the February half-term, this is now a reminder before the last two weeks of term to check with your teacher that you have copies of all your pieces and the relevant theory so that you can use some of the time in the Christmas holidays wisely to prepare.

Happy learning!

Miss Graham and Mrs Treherne



READING MATTERS

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Prep Library News

Chatterbooks Club

This week's meeting had a festive feel as we browsed our library collection of books on a Christmas theme. We also imagined we were giving a book as a Christmas present to some well-known book characters and tried to match each of them to a suitable title. There was much discussion as the girls decided on the perfect book for Hermione Granger, Horrid Henry and Mr. Stink among others.



This was the last meeting of this term due to the visit by the Olympic hockey medallist next week and the carol service on 12th December. However we will have a bookish Christmas celebration during one activity break very soon. Watch this space girls!

Hedgehogs and Squirrels in the Library

Every Wednesday the boys and girls in the nursery arrive in the library full of enthusiasm and get straight down to the serious business of choosing the best book to take home. They also have their favourites for story time. Every child probably knows Peck,



Peck, Peck by Lucy Cousins off by heart now but they still say 'again!'

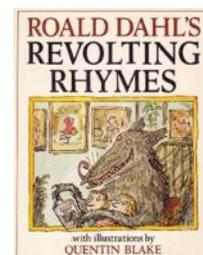


Dahl at Christmas

News just in! A brand new animated version of Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl will be shown on BBC1 on Boxing Day with the second half being shown on 27th December.

Awful Auntie by David Walliams is also due to be shown this Christmas. Any more information about book related treats on TV this Christmas will be included in the next Friday mailing.

Mrs Thompson



Senior Library News

Books for Christmas

The Duke of Edinburgh Girls have been busy in the Library decorating a Christmas stand which they want to fill with festive and nostalgic books and DVDs. So far we have identified Christmas cookbooks, *The Oxford Book of Christmas* and the *New York Times* bestseller *Let It Snow* (John Green). We will be stocking up the stand with existing and new books to enjoy over the Christmas holidays.

So what's new on the shelves this Christmas?

In *First News* this week there is a section on 'Cracking Christmas Reads' for children. They include:

Geek Girl – Head Over Heels (Holly Small)

Ruby Redfort: Blink and You Die (Lauren Child)

The Fox and the Ghost King (Michael Morpurgo)

Ned's Circus of Marvels (Justin Fisher)

Cogheart – Peter Bunzl

Winter Magic (Curated by Abi Elphinstone)

A beautiful and classic anthology of frosty, magical short stories from acclaimed children's writers such as Michelle Magorian, Berlie Doherty, Lauren St John and Katherine Woodfine, and edited by author Abi Elphinstone. An unmissable, enchanting treat of a collection that will be enjoyed for years to come, by readers



For Teens/Young Adults, these books are listed on many popular sites as the 'must reads'.



And for Adults ...

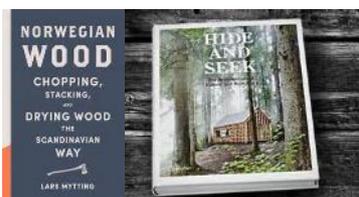
Apparently the year's biggest book trends involve **Hygge** [hoo-ga]

(n.) the absence of anything annoying or emotionally overwhelming; taking pleasure from the presence of gentle, soothing things



Cabin Fever - Rediscover Your Wild

Still on the Scandinavian theme – last year's release *Norwegian Wood* has been accredited with driving up sales of books relating to the chopping, stacking and drying of wood as well as prompting 'cabin fever'. If you are interested in reading about cabins, treehouses, sheds and stacks, you will not be short of choices this Christmas!
Mrs Finch



SPORTS BOARD



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U11 A and B Netball v St Catherine's, Bramley

Well done to the U11 girls from both schools who braved the near freezing temperatures on Tuesday evening to play netball. Both ND teams played well and worked hard throughout the games, showing determination and good team work. Well done to St Catherine's who won both games.

Clubs Next Week

Please note that no after school sports clubs will be taking from Monday 5th December- Tuesday 13th December.

Monday 5th December



We have Hannah MacLeod coming to ND from 3-5pm to run a Hockey session for Year 5 and 6 girls. Hannah was part of the GB ladies Hockey Team who won Gold in Rio this summer. If you could return the reply slip, which is on Firefly ASAP to confirm if you daughter is able to take part in this session.



Fixtures in January 2017

- 16th January 2017 – Year 4 (All girls) Hockey v Surbiton @ Hinchley Wood
- 16th January 2017- Year 5A Netball v Surbiton @ Hinchley Wood
- 20th January 2017- Yr3 Hockey v Twickenham @ ND 3pm
- 23rd January 2017- U10A & B Netball v MHS (AWAY) 4pm
- 24th January 2017- U11A & B Netball v MHS @ ND 4pm
- 26th January 2017- GALA v St Teresa's (AWAY) 4:00pm
- 27th January 2017- Yr3 Hockey v Twickenham @ (AWAY) 3:15pm
- 28th January 2017 – U10 A Netball Tournament @ Rydes Hill School
- 30th January 2017 – U11 A and B Netball v Surbiton @ ND 4:15pm
- 31st January 2017 – U10 A and U11 A Hockey v MHS and Tormead 4:15pm

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

Swimming

There will be no Afterschool Swimming Clubs next week. The Afterschool Swimming Clubs will re-start on Thursday 12th January for Year 5 & 6, and on Tuesday 17th January for the Infant Swim squad and the Year 3 & 4 Swimming squad. Our first Gala of the New Year will be Thursday 26th January 2017, it is an away Gala at St Teresa's for Year 3,4,5 & 6.

Please try to keep up your swimming fitness levels over the holidays. Have a lovely Christmas.

Mrs Jones



ND Girls Help Their Netball Team to The Top!

Year 5 girls Alice, Ashleigh, Mia S and Olivia are all playing for Fetcham Hawks and are unbeaten in the U11 B division in the Mid Surrey League. They play High 5 netball.



After winning both games last weekend it looks like they are going to be top of the league!

<http://www.midsurreyjuniornetball.com/copy-of-u11-division-a>

New recruit Thea has just joined them too. Good luck with the rest of the season girls!

EVO Hockey Training Camps

EVO Hockey has some events taking place over the coming school holiday. They have some excellent opportunities for young players to receive world-class hockey coaching, learning from top coaches including senior and junior internationals. These include top international players from the northern hemisphere, southern hemisphere and Asia, as well as junior internationals recently returned from the Junior World Cup.

Coaches include Olympic & European gold medallist [Susannah Townsend](#), 200+ cap London 2012 Olympian [Dirkie Chamberlain](#) & 169 cap Pakistan international [Adnan Zakir](#).

Learn more and book at:

www.evo-hockey.com/xmas-newyear-hockey

EVO HOCKEY
2 Day Hockey Camp
 Reigate, Surrey
 Players aged 6-17 years
21-22 December 2016
 Outfielders & Goalkeepers
 All abilities welcome

Coaches at this event include:
 Dirkie Chamberlain (200+ caps South Africa)
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 Adnan Zakir (169 caps Pakistan)

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 Reigate, Surrey
 Players aged 6-17 years
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2 & 3 January 2017
 Outfielder sessions
 Goalkeeper sessions
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Personal hockey training with top coaches, including senior & junior internationals.
 Improve technique, build confidence, learn & develop skills.

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Swimming Gala against Sir William Perkins School

On Monday Notre Dame's U12 A,B,C,D & E, U13 A, and U14 A swimming teams swam against Sir William Perkins School. It was a great gala with some races being very close across all age groups. The overall result was Notre Dame scoring 82 and Sir William Perkins School scoring 62.

Thank you to Fenna, the swimming assistant, who was a massive help to the U12 swimmers making sure they swam in the correct race.

Swimmers of the night:

U12: Amelia A; U13: Niamh K; U14: Hala W

Year 7 & 8 Sponsored Swim 14-18th Nov 2016

Congratulations to these girls in Year 7 and 8 who swam the highest amount of lengths in this years sponsored swim.

Year 7

Katie C – 95!!; Anya M and Poppy P – 76!!; Lotty G 71!!

Year 8



Niamh K - 87!!; Maya G – 82!!; Verity P – 79!!

Year 7 Activities Netball Christmas Tournament

For the last two Wednesdays the Year 7 netballers have taken part in an internal Christmas Tournament in their activity time. It has been lovely to see the strength in depth within the year group and the good netball and sportsmanship on display. Congratulations to all the girls who participated, the results were as follows:

- 1st – SNOWFLAKES
- 2nd – SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS
- 3rd – REINDEERS
- 4th – CHRISTMAS CRACKERS
- 5th – ANGELS



[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Marsh



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Quiz Night!

It's time to get your teams ready for this popular annual event—Quiz Night!

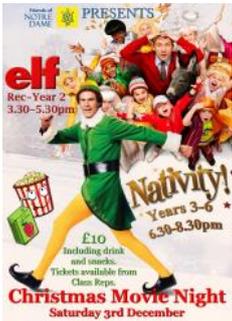
Date: Friday 27th January

Click on the poster to book your place! Alternatively, please visit the FoND Upcoming Events Page on the school website.



Current amount of supporters: 41

Donations to date: £498.87



Christmas Movie Night

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at Christmas Movie Night tomorrow!

KITCHEN CORNER

Award Winning Team ND

Congratulations to Mandy and her team on winning the Holroyd-Howe award for the highest cake sales for Millie's Trust



EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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This Week Squirrels and Hedgehogs have been reading the story Stickman. We went on a stick hunt to find some sticks to make into Stickmen for an art activity. The children had great fun finding them!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30 Nov—9 Dec** Y11 Mock GCSE Examinations **Snr**
- 3 Dec** FoND Movie Afternoon and evening **Prep**
- 6 Dec** Christmas Concerts:
Guitar (Mr Mitchell & pupils) 2:10-2:50pm
Flute (Miss Porter & pupils) 4-4:45pm
Year 12/13 Parents' Evening 4.30—6.30pm **ND6**
- 8 Dec** Early Years Christmas Celebration from 10am **NDEY**
- 9 Dec** Year 8 Parents for Coffee & Mince Pies 8.45am **Snr**
- 12 Dec** Prep & Senior Carol Service—7pm **School**
- 13 Dec** End of Term at 12Noon **School**
- 14—20Dec** ND6 Ski Trip to Austria **ND6**
- 5 Jan** Staff Inset Day
- 6 Jan** Staff Inset Day
- 9 Jan** Year 7 Entrance Examinations
- 10 Jan** TERM STARTS **School**
- 19 Jan** FoND Meeting 9—10.30am **School**
Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.30—7pm **Snr**
- 23 Jan** Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.30—7pm **Snr**
- 25 Jan** Year 7 Parents' Coffee Morning 8.45—9.45am **Snr**
- 26 Jan** Prep School to Polka Theatre 9—12.30pm **Prep**
- 27 Jan** Official Opening of the New AWP **School**
FoND Quiz Night 7pm **School**
- 31 Jan** Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.30—7pm **Snr**

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