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The Week @NotreDameCobham

Staff Farewell

This week we say farewell to two long standing members of the Notre Dame community: Mrs Julie Russell and Mrs Caroline Singleton.

Mrs Russell has been a very valued member of staff and we are sad to be saying goodbye to her after 18



years. She has done a sterling job in the front office and we will miss her. We are very pleased though that she will be popping back in to help us out if we need staff cover in the admin team.

Mrs Singleton arrived at Notre Dame in 1996 as a transition teacher in our Early Years department. During her 21 years



she has taught almost every year group and has given excellent service to the school. She is famous for her 'flip



flops' and great sense of humour. She will be greatly missed by us all! Mrs Singleton leaves us to embark upon the next phase in her life—a very well deserved retirement. She

embarks in true Mrs Singleton style on a backpack adventure around Thailand this weekend!

Have fun Mrs S and we look forward to hearing all about your adventures when you pop back to see us!



Chaplain's Corner—
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A thought for Valentine's Day.....

Ten ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:9)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Prove without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:17)

Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

Reggie Dabbs

On Friday 24th Feb we are excited to have the opportunity to host Reggie Dabbs in the senior school as part of his tour of the UK. Reggie is one of the most sought after motivational speakers in

America. From being a "problem" to an unwed teenage mother who later gave him away for adoption to her high school



teacher, Reggie inspires students with his story and helps teenagers meet their problems head on and overcome the many obstacles they face today. With a humorous and engaging style, Reggie addresses students on the choices each of them has to make when faced with issues such as drugs, alcohol, identity and other pressing issues that are faced by young people. Most of all, Reggie drives home the fact that "You can never change your past, but you can change your future!", leaving both students and teachers with the tools to create a positive atmosphere cultivated by collaboration and mutual respect.

Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

Half Term

Have a wonderful half term everyone and we look forward to seeing you all well rested!

NUMBER DAY – FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY



Last Friday the Notre Dame community enjoyed a 'Number' themed muffin in support of National Number Day, to raise money for the NSPCC.

In the Prep School we had not only some magnificent costumes, but also fun number-day themed activities in the classroom through the day; from Nursery to Year 6, the girls enthusiastically involved themselves in shape and number games. It was great to see so many excited about numbers. A special mention needs to go out to Mrs "Queen of Hearts" Singleton and her class of Hearts, as well as all of the other amazing costumes.



In the Senior School many became Mathionaires, solving a sequence of problems without any mistakes to reach 1,000,000 points. Others took part in a treasure hunt with winners Samar and Darya in Year 11 taking the top prize.

In total we managed to raise nearly £400 for the NSPCC.

Thanks to all for making the event so successful and enjoyable.

*Mrs Sarah Breame (Head of Senior Mathematics)
& Ms Jenn Coverhill (Head of Prep Mathematics)*



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Year 5 Science Day

Did you know that boys are 300% more likely to receive a science toy for Christmas than girls? We are trying to buck that trend at ND and the scientists of the future arrived at Notre Dame full of ideas and enthusiasm on Wednesday. The girls completed two tricky practical challenges and a quiz. First they designed a marble run and then they designed a rocket! All participants did amazingly well and were so focused – it was brilliant to watch! Competition was fierce but The Study Prep came out on top with a fabulous high flying rocket and Coombe Hill got a special mention for being so close to the top!





Food & Nutrition—Follow us on twitter:
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GCSE Food Practical Examination

Well done to our talented GCSE students Sarah, Lia and Rhianna and on preparing an excellent array of mouth-watering dishes!



Mrs Anderson



Computing—follow us on twitter:
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E-Safety advice from the Digital Leaders

It is important to think about our behaviour and the choices we make when sharing images online. The digital leaders recommend the following when posting images and videos online:

Think before you post.

Ask yourself the following ...

1. Who will see this post when I post it and who could see it in the future?
2. Will everyone understand the image or could it be misleading?
3. If it was about someone, would you say it to their face?
4. If your post went viral would you be happy?
5. Are you happy for this to be part of your digital footprint?

What can we do if we see something online that worries or upsets us?

Report and block offensive images, messages or users

Report any unwanted contact to your:

- Parents
- Teachers
- School Nurse

Online at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

It's important for us to play our part and take positive action by reporting things so they can be removed more quickly; not just for ourselves but for anyone else using that service.



From the Digital Leaders & ICT Sixth form prefects

Year 6 CPR Skills

Year 6 have been learning about emergency First Aid and this week they practised CPR on the Annie Dummies! Thankfully, no lives were lost!



Reception Enjoy a Chat with our Chaplain

Mrs Harrison our school Chaplain talked to Reception about the types of celebrations that happen in a church. This linked to our current RE topic. The girls were very enthusiastic and loved seeing the dresses that her daughters wore as children.





MUSIC BOARD

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■ Prep News

■ Wilbur and The Web

Congratulations to the cast of this production on their beautiful singing!

■ Faith and Music Assemblies

4GW will be kicking off our first Faith and Music assembly on Friday 24 February.

5M will be following this with their assembly on Friday 10th March.

Musicians should come to the Chapel at 8:30am with their instruments, music and piano accompaniments. Parents are welcome at 9am.

■ Childrens' Trust Concert Lestonnac Choir Sunday 5 March

Lestonnac Choir will be performing at the Children's Trust Concert at St John's School, Leatherhead, on the afternoon of Sunday 5 March. Online Permission Forms have been posted on Firefly and sent out via In-Touch. If you have not yet replied, please do so.

Mrs Shaw

■ Senior News

Welcome to our last newsletter for this half-term, and what a busy half-term it has been!

■ **Orchestra** The Senior Orchestra performed in assembly this week. They played two orchestral overtures, each by the Italian composer Gioachino Rossini :- "The William Tell Overture" and "The Barber of Seville". Orchestra has grown in size since September and now comprises 8 violins, 3 cellos, 4 flutes, 4 clarinets, oboe, alto saxophone and percussion. If you would like your daughter to join orchestra then please ask her to come along and speak to me directly, or just send me an email stating her name, instrument and approximate standard.



■ **Musician of the Week** Sarah K (Year 8) is developing into a really talented and versatile performer. She plays violin, piano, bass guitar and is a very keen singer performing in both musical theatre and opera. She is a keen member of the school's orchestra and both the NDS and chamber

choir. She also attends stagecoach in Wimbledon having performed the part of Joseph, in their production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. She was one of Fagin's gang in the school musical Oliver and is currently working on her performance in the production of Singing in the Rain.



■ **House Music Festival** – (see Power Point on Firefly Senior Music Page)

Please encourage your daughter to get practising for this House event.

The House Music Festival this year is being held on March 29th in the Gym. Each of the four houses are to rehearse a group item consisting of the following medley of songs: We're all in this together, Beat It, Don't Stop Me Now and We are the Champions.

There is also a soloists' section where anyone can volunteer on an instrument or voice performing one prepared piece. These solo items will be auditioned in heats before the day of the final and the best singer and best instrumentalist from each house will be chosen to represent their house in the final. So please encourage your daughter to get practising a solo song or a solo piece on their instrument; I am very happy to play any of the piano accompaniments where required. They will have until the week before the 29th March to get ready, so best of luck!

Mr Black

■ DANCE



■ **Ballerina of the week** Patricia Class R.

This week Reception have been having great fun dancing and making pretty positions with coloured feathers.





DRAMA

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

Prep

Wilbur and The Web

Wow! What a FANTASTIC show! Well done to our talented Year 3 and 4 on an outstanding performance of Wilbur and The Web!



Click on the collage to see the full gallery on Flickr

Miss Fletcher



Senior

Case 401: For Your Ears Only

For their Unit 3 Devised Drama performance, the Year 13 Drama & Theatre Studies students have created a fast-paced, satirical physical comedy in the style of The 39 Steps.

Case 401: For Your Eyes Only is a pastiche of a cold war spy thriller. Set in the offices the British Secret Service in the 1950s, when inequality in the workplace was commonplace. Bright trainee Frances Reed finds her hopes for exciting missions dashed, as inferior male agents are promoted above her to get all the plum assignments, but uncovering a dastardly Russian plot to steal a powerful new explosive from Professor Hoffman's laboratory puts all Reed's ingenuity to the test as she takes on the world, her superiors and Gladys's custard buns to foil the plot and uncover the secret identity of the mole within MI5...

The devised drama performance will take place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March at approximately 7:30pm as the second half of a double bill, after the Year 10 Scripted Showcase in the Montaigne Theatre, which will start at 6:30pm. Please come along and support our talented GCSE actors in Year 10 (at 6:30pm) and Y13 at (at 7:30pm) for what will be a very entertaining and diverting evening of theatre.

Miss Graham

Drama & Theatre Studies Year 13 Students
present an original play

CASE 401

FOR YOUR EARS ONLY

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th March at 7:30pm
Montaigne Theatre

"The British Secret Service?

• they've got more moles than a Scottish cricket pitch..."



Case 401 script deemed necessary for viewing only for [redacted] four personnel, list overseen by [redacted]

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READING MATTERS @NDS LIBRARY

Prep Library News

Chatterbooks Club

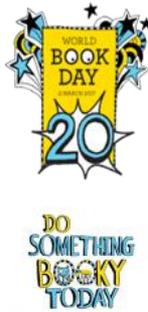
Almost a full complement of members arrived this week to test their book knowledge by doing some on-line quizzes and games. The Title Dash proved a big success with our best against the clock being twelve titles known. Well done girls!



As part of our countdown to World Book Day the girls also made their own Bookworm Bookmarks. If you would like to have a go yourself a template, instructions and a video showing you how to do it can be found on Firefly under the Library – News section. Alternatively you can visit the [website](#) direct.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

As mentioned in last week's mailing the pupils in the Prep School are invited to dress up as a favourite book character on World Book Day. We are hoping that the girls will gain as much as possible from this event and would like each child to know the title of the book, the author and a little about the character they have chosen please. The girls have been poring over books in the library looking for inspiration and it would seem that this is a way to get them talking about the characters they know and love the most.



A reminder that the girls will be having a normal timetable on the day itself and this includes both PE and swimming. Please bear this in mind when planning costumes as the girls may need to get in and out of them speedily! Thank you.

International Book Giving Day

International Book Giving Day takes place on 14th February each year. The focus is on encouraging people worldwide to give a book to a child on this date. There are different ways you can join in:



- 1) gift a book to a friend or family member,
- 2) leave a book in a waiting room for children to read
- 3) donate a book to a local library, hospital or shelter or to an organization that distributes used books to children in need internationally.

To find out more about this initiative please visit the official [website](#)

Mrs Thompson

Senior Library News

Do you believe everything that you read in the news and online?



In this week's edition of *First News*, there is an article about 'fake news'. This is a term which has been hitting the headlines recently and it describes 'news pieces written by organisations, that aren't necessarily true and are intended to sway a reader's opinion of something'. This week, MPs launched a parliamentary enquiry into the growing number of fake news stories.

The latest National Readership Survey figures show that 36.3 million adults (GB) consume popular daily news brands across print and digital – that equates to 70% of GB adults (15+). There has also been a +142 uplift on the print reach by digital (includes PC, laptop, mobile and tablet).



During Library sessions after half term, students from Years 8 and 9 will be looking at the format and content of broadsheet and tabloid newspapers (complementing curriculum work based on analysis of non-fiction texts). In small groups, we will be comparing articles from broadsheets and tabloids by examining layout, structure, language, audience, tone, bias, message and personal preference. We look forward to some interesting interactions and debate.

Mrs Finch

SPORTS BOARD



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Surrey Netball Tournament

Well done to our U11 A Team who competed in a tough Surrey netball tournament at Guildford this week. The standard of play was extremely high and the girls improved with every game! Lots to work on girls!



Fixtures After Half term

- 20th February-U10A and U11A Hockey v MHS @ ND 4pm
- 21st February- U11A-C Netball Triangular v Rowan and Downsend @ ND 2:45pm
- 23rd February – U9 – U11 Danes Hill Cross Country 9am-12pm

- Sunday 26th February- U9, U11 + SNR Manor House XC Competition 10am

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

Swimming Gala v Halstead

Congratulations to all the girls who took part in the Swimming Gala against Halstead last week, I am so proud of you all. We had a few girls missing due to illness and Halstead have some very strong swimmers so the pressure was on!

As I watched you swim girls I could see the effort you were all putting in, each swimmer gave 100%. Lexi, Stephanie and Gracie all swam when they weren't feeling their best and I was so impressed with the whole Notre Dame team effort.

The Year 2 girls that swam up in the Year 3 team were outstanding, all three girls set new records. The Year 2 swimmer of the night was Ella H, she was over 4 seconds quicker in her backstroke than she had previously swam. Grace P managed two new records for Front Crawl and Lucy D also set a new PB for her Front Crawl. In year 3 nearly the entire team set new personal records. The Swimmer of the night for Year 3 was Mia Lily, taking nearly 3 seconds from her Front Crawl time and setting a new PB for breaststroke. Rachel G deserves a special mention for reducing her front crawl time by 2 seconds. The Year 4 team were outstanding, Alexia and Ciara also swam up in the Year 5 team. Alexia was the Year 4 swimmer of the night and Mia S had a great gala with new Front Crawl and breaststroke times. In year 5 the swimmer of the night was again Sophie K, setting new Backstroke, Front Crawl and Butterfly PBs. A special mention goes to Hannah V for taking over 1.5 seconds off her breaststroke time. Finally in Year 6, Halstead had a very strong Year 6 and our girls had to dig deep! The swimmer of the night is split between the two captains Darcey and Emily, not only did they both set new personal records they did a great job helping the younger inexperienced swimmers and motivating the whole team. Thank you so much girls – great job. Thanks again to my amazing parent helpers.

It is such a pleasure to watch the girls perform as they did on Thursday night, trying so hard for their team mates and their school, the final result was Notre Dame 133 – Halstead 117.
A Very Proud Mrs Jones

Swimmer of the week

No Year 2;
1W – Dolphins – Rachel J; 1W – Starfish – Matilda R

Please note the Inter-house Swimming galas will take place during lesson time after half term. This will involve all the girls from Yr 2 to Yr 6. I would like to encourage all girls to take part in these Galas as all swimmers will receive certificates and house points for their house.

Notice of Swimming Galas for the next Half Term

- Monday 13th March – Yr 3,4,5 & 6 A team invitational swimming Gala at GHS – Normally starts about 1pm
- Thursday 16th March – Home Gala against St Teresa's – Yr 3,4,5 & 6 4pm

Mrs Jones



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Swimming Gala against St Catherine's, Bramley

The U12 A,B,C,D&E teams, U13 A&B teams and U14 A&B teams swam on Monday against St Catherine's. All the teams from across the age groups swam really well with some U13 races being extremely close. U12 finished with Notre Dame scoring 22 and St Catherine's with 43. U13 finished with Notre Dame and St Catherine's scoring 29. U14 finished with Notre Dame scoring 29 and St Catherine's scoring 24. The overall results were Notre Dame 80 and St Catherine's 96.

Swimmers of the night:

U12 Lulu W; U13 Helaina K; U14 Hala W

Well done girls!

Netball

U15 v Claremont

Last Thursday the U15 netball teams had good matches against Claremont School. The A team were involved in a very closely contested match and ended up drawing 9 goals all; the B team enjoyed a comfortable victory, winning 17 goals to 4.

On Tuesday this week the same girls had an away fixture against Caterham School. Caterham proved to be very strong and won both games but the ND players can be proud of the effort and determination that they displayed.

U12 v Caterham

U12 Netballers enjoyed great home matches v Caterham this week with two wins and 2 losses! A 8-15, B 2-14, C 16-9, D 31-0



Hockey

U13 v Manor House

What a great first match and a 3-0 win to ND! Eva M Yr 7 was MVP, great teamwork!

[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Marsh





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Would like to invite you to our

Mothers' afternoon tea



Friday **24 March**

1.30 - 4pm

Prep Sports Hall



♥ **£15 per person** ♥

Includes glass of fizz and traditional afternoon tea

fabulous prizes to be won
in our raffle



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— book an individual place
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**Friday 7th July
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to Camp?**

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for the **daddy / daughter** campout!



EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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The Clever Caterpillars at Forest School had fun climbing the logs, kicking the leaves and jumping in muddy puddles!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 20 Feb** Y11 MFL Speaking Assessments **Snr**
- 21 Feb** Y9 Reflection Day **Snr**
- 24 Feb** Faith and Music Assembly—4GW **Prep**
Y12/13 Reflection Day **ND6**
Reggie Dabs talks to Senior girls **Snr**
- 28 Feb** Y12/13 Higher Education Eve 7—8.30pm **ND6**
Y11 Reflection Day **Snr**
- 2 Mar** World Book Day **Prep**
Y8 Parents' Evening 4.30—7pm **Snr**
- 3 Mar** Y9 Careers Day **Snr**
- 5 Mar** Lestonnac Choir Children's Trust Concert at
St John's Leatherhead **Prep**
- 7 Mar** Open Morning 9—11am **School**
- 8 Mar** A2 and Y10 Drama Performance 6—9.30pm **Snr**
- 9 Mar** Y7 & 8 Latin Reading competition at
Charterhouse **Snr**
Y5 Parents Evening Invitation only 4.30—6pm **Prep**
A2 and Y10 Drama Performance 6—9.30pm **Snr**
- 10 Mar** Y8 Geography Fieldtrip **Snr**
Faith and Music Assembly—5M **Prep**
- 13 Mar** Y12 Higher Education Fair at Surrey University **ND6**
- 14 Mar** Rec - Year 6 Parents' Evening 4.30—8pm **Prep**
- 15 Mar** Year 2 End of Infants Assembly & talk with
Miss D'Aprano 9—10.30am **Prep**
- 17 Mar** A Level Geography Fieldtrip **ND6**
- 22 Mar** Y11 Drama Performance 6.30—9.30pm **Snr**
- 24 Mar** Mother's Afternoon Tea **Prep**
- 29 Mar** Easter Gifts **Prep**
Prep Spring Concert—evening **Prep**
- 30 Mar** End of Term
- 31 Mar—6 April** Year 5—8 Easter Ski Trip to Alpendorf
[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)