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The Week [@NotreDameCobham](https://twitter.com/NotreDameCobham)

ND Top in Surrey!

We are delighted to announce that Notre Dame Senior School was the best-performing school in the county in 2017, based on the Government's Attainment 8 measure.



Notre Dame Senior School students gained 66.3 points per pupil based on this measure. For comparison, the national average is 44.6

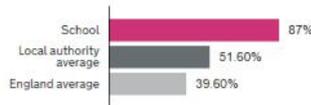
Attainment 8 score ?



87% of the pupils at Notre Dame Senior School also got a strong pass in the new 1-9 grading system for both English and maths.

The national average is 39.6%.

Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs ?



According to national figures, one in eight of England's secondaries fell below the Government's minimum standards in 2017.

Click on the image of our GCSE girls to read the full article



Chaplain's Corner—
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Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
Candlemas 2nd Feb

The Feast of Candlemas, which is celebrated, on the 2nd Feb, is also known as the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. This is forty days after Jesus was born and as was the Jewish Tradition Mary & Joseph took the Child to the Temple to present Him and give thanks to God. Simeon told Mary that a sword would pierce her heart and she would suffer. This did not stop Mary responding to what God had



asked her to do. (See Luke 2:22 – 38).

This is the day when traditionally the candles to be used in Church services throughout the year are blessed. The use of candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II, instituted this day as a day of prayer for men and women in consecrated life. It is also the day that St. Jeanne de Lestonnac, our foundress went to her heavenly home.

Thus, this day is one for reflecting about our lives and to give thanks for this wonderful gift. It is a day to think of how Jesus is always there to guide us even in the darkest times, because He is the Light of the world. It is a day to remember the courage of St. Jeanne who founded the Company of Mary Our Lady, which today is still dedicated to the education of young people. We also remember all our Sisters throughout the world who live this consecrated life.

Sr. Patricia Grady
Acting Chaplain

Thought For The Week





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Year 1 Visit to the Guildford Toy Museum

Our girls had a wonderful trip to the Victorian Toy Museum and Schoolrooms in Guildford this week. They learnt a lot about what life was like for Victorian children and were able to play with many interesting old toys. They really enjoyed writing on slates and making paper hats in the school rooms.



Y10 Reflection Day

The first thing we did was watch a spiritual film called 'The Mission'. It was based on a true story, about a man who had murdered his brother, and was a slave trader, who would capture members of the Guarani tribe, in Paraguay. He soon realises his mistakes and turns to God for help. Prior to this, we had a research task in PSHE to find out more about the Guarani tribes and Jesuits. This helped enormously and the film was very enriching. After this, we broke off into different groups to discuss what we had seen. Each group came up with very intriguing ideas. We then read a Bible passage about Jesus and the Chains. This helps us to understand that Jesus knows what it is to be held in Chains. He was able to overcome the power of chains by His Death & Resurrection and is there to help us to be free from their hold over us.



Each one of us thought on how to cut our chains and how we might live our lives without fear. Paper chains were made, each written with our different problems and fears, which were then put at the foot of the cross. Multiple chains were then made, labelled with what makes a good friend. Soon after, we all went into the chapel to reflect on our day and think about what we had taken part in. Sister Patricia handed out pieces of paper, so we could write our names and how we can improve our friendships. One by one we went up to the altar to lay them out and reflect on what we had written; it made each of us feel better about ourselves, and gave us a good sense of how to lead better lives. Thank you to Sister Patricia and all the staff involved in the day. *Niamh M 10 SBr*



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Year 12 Reflections of Cardinal Hume visit

The Cardinal Hume Centre enables people to gain the skills they need to overcome poverty and



homelessness. The Centre welcomes people from all backgrounds in line with Cardinal Hume's founding ethos of offering sanctuary. Every person who comes to the Centre has different needs so the Centre offers a comprehensive response on one site helping people can make informed choices about their future. The Centre helps people with CV writing skills and work experience or helps them return to the education system, depending on what they want to do. Recently two young people living in the hostel, received job offers at Coca Cola and Channel 4.

Here are some of the reflections of the students who visited the Centre

"Chelsea and Westminster makes you think of expensive housing so it was surprising to find out that there are many people in those areas who are homeless."

"We sorted the food bank area and realised the sad truth about the food bank is that by the end of the next week it will be empty as there is more demand than they can supply."

"This was a valuable experience and it was amazing to see and be a part of the tremendous work that they do. Many of us are seriously considering going back in the summer and Easter to volunteer for a week or two, as the experience was inspiring."

"When we visited the Centre, I was incredibly touched by the dedication and commitment of the volunteers. It seemed as though we had stepped into another world completely different from the privileged one that we all know."

Mrs Franco



Languages—Follow us on twitter:
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Spanish Exchange Students

I recently attended the Spanish Exchange. In my opinion, it was a very valuable experience where my Spanish skills were much improved. I enjoyed greatly sharing our culture and traditions, such as the food we eat with my partner. They visited London twice and, gathering from their huge gasps and wide eyes, I am sure they found it very interesting!



I am very happy that I chose to take part in this school trip and I am looking forward to travelling to Spain. ¡Adiós!

Clara L

Year 3—an Epic Week!

What a great week the Year 3's (and Ms Parker and Miss Boyd) have had!

In science, the girls have been exploring forces and magnets. They tried and tested almost everything in the science lab so we headed outside to the playground, where they went on the hunt for more! Apologies to the teachers that got their jewellery tested to see if they were magnetic too!

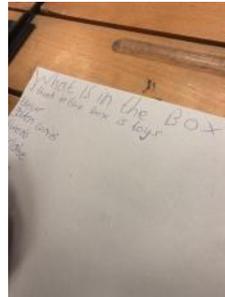
In other subjects the girls have been flying high in English exploring the Greek legend of



Icarus and Daedalus, putting their times tables to the test with multiplication and problem solving in maths, finalising their designs for their Roman shields in art, while in TASK they are delving back



in time to explore what could be inside an ancient Roman box!



Year 7 English Ballads

Mrs Chislett's Year 7 group were studying Ballads and as part of their assessment had to write their own poem conforming to the rules of the Ballad Form including tragic subject matter, controlled rhyme and rhythm etc.

Here is a poem written by Elizabeth A 7CJ

Be Bold

To be different is to be scared,
To be scared is to be lonely,
I would love to have a friend someday,
I wish that could be if only.

Now I am done with trying,
I have started crying,
On the outside I'm smiling,
But inside I am dying.

My inner self is frightened,
I go on deceiving,
The mask I wear fools them all,
Everyone believing.

I am in a cold, dark space,
Letting it confine me,
But I'm stronger than I think,
For it won't define me.

The moral of my story,
We all crave attention,
But it is not always nice,
We just fear rejection.

So just keep in your mind that,
It's ok to make objections,
Bad will pass, good will come,
There's no such thing as perfection.

Mrs Chislett



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■ Prep News

■ Save the Date!

Lestonnac Choir will be attending the Surrey Schools Concert in aid of the Children's Trust at St John's School, Leatherhead on the afternoon of Sunday 4 March. The concert itself will be from 2pm to 4pm and there will be a rehearsal beforehand. Further details will be sent out by InTouch with a permission form as soon as our rehearsal time is arranged.

■ Faith and Music assembly

Congratulations to 5H for their lovely Faith and Music assembly this morning. 5H's assembly was on the theme of 'Our Mission: Sharing God's Love'. Well done to all the girls who played and read so beautifully.

The next Faith and Music Assembly will be 5K's assembly on Friday 26 February at 9am. The theme will be 'Giving and Receiving'.

■ Prep Spring Concert

The following ensembles are preparing music for the Prep Spring Concert on Thursday 22 March in the Theatre. Please save the date for this musical extravaganza. Girls will also need their instruments for the rehearsal day on Wednesday 21 March.

- Lestonnac Choir
- Bordeaux Choir
- Flying Strings
- Fledgling Strings
- Concert Band
- Brass Ensemble
- Cheeky Cellos
- Djembe Clubs
- Flute Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble
- Percussion Club
- Samba Clubs
- Ukulele Club (Junior)
- Music Maestros

Samba and Djembe Clubs

Wednesdays Week A

4W—Djembe Club A—**8.20** in the Music Room

Y6—Samba Band A—**10.30** in the Summer House

Wednesdays Week B

Y3 & 4GW Djembe Club B—8.20 in the Music Room

Y5 Samba Band B—10.30 in the Summer House

Mrs Shaw

Senior News

■ Ji Woo

Ji Woo P joined Notre Dame in 2017 and has made vast improvements with her piano and violin playing. She is currently working towards grade 8 piano and she is performing works by Scarlatti and Mozart. She is also a keen member of orchestra playing the violin with confidence and style. She is looking forward to studying music at GCSE next year and working her way through more grades on the violin, piano and in music theory. We wish her the very best in her studies.



■ House Music Festival coming up on March 7th

Each year the four houses compete in music and song in an active and fun atmosphere. There are two sections a 'solo section' and a 'group item' featuring everyone from that house. The event is to be held in the senior gym on Wednesday March 7th. If your daughter would like to sing or play an instrument in the heats then please ask her to sign her name on the sign-up sheet displayed on the Senior Music Notice Board. The joint item will feature songs by Beyoncé, Zara Larson and Lady Gaga. It was a great event last year and I am looking forward to a splendid and well-spirited competition this time. Please encourage your daughter to sign up.

■ New Theory Club

A new club is starting on Monday lunchtimes designed to improve your daughter's learning about any aspects of music theory. If she is preparing for the ABRSM Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, or Grade 5 theory then this is the perfect place to be. If she is an absolute beginner then no problem, please send her along and we can get her started in a fun and relaxing way! We meet on Monday at 1.30pm in Music Room 1.

Mr Black

■ DANCE



■ Ballerinas of The Week

Coco and Millie (Y4)



■ Silver for Mia



Congratulations to Mia S (Y5) who won a silver medal at last weekend's Woking Festival of Dance for her song and dance solo 'My Favourite Things' from The Sound of Music.

■ Silver for Mia-Lily

Congratulations to Mia-Lily (Y3) for winning Silver in her acro dance duet at Woking Dance Festival.



■ Pirates v Mermaids

The Year 3 & 4 Production is next week, everybody will need to have ballet shoes. Don't forget to bring them in!

Mrs Thomas

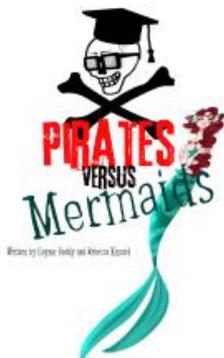


DRAMA

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Prep

Year 3 & 4 production



The Montaigne Theatre

7pm on Thursday 8th February 2018.

Girls should be back in school at 6.15pm. Please park in car park 4.

On arrival they should make their way to their classrooms where a teacher will be waiting for them.

Parents refreshments in the Montaigne studio.

Ahoy there shipmates! Year3&4—rehearsing hard for Pirates v Mermaids. Aarr!!



Miss Fletcher

Senior

Twisted Tales

Rehearsals for this year's Lower School Production "Twisted Tales" are well underway! This promises to be an excellent production.

Miss Graham



READING MATTERS

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Prep Library News

National Storytelling Week 27th January - 3rd February 2018

Organised by the **Society for Storytelling** www.sfs.org.uk this event is celebrated all over the country in many theatres, museums, schools and storytelling clubs and enjoyed by all ages. A good storyteller conjures up imaginative and exciting tales – sharing folk stories, legends, fairy tales, dragons, storms at sea, the list is endless! Storytelling is a traditional and important way to help children learn, improving reading and listening skills as well as increasing their knowledge of language. So look out for an event near you and start thinking up your best tales now!

1st February: Harry Potter Book Night



<https://harrypotterbooknight.com>

Possibly one of the most magical nights of the year - this event celebrates Harry Potter's Fantastic Beasts, the mythical creatures at the heart of the series. In the world of wizarding a Magizoologist studies magical beasts such as Bowtruckles, Flobberworms and Hippogriffs. More information is available at <https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com> where a map shows events taking place near you (and around the world).

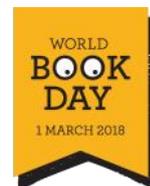
The **Harry Potter: A History of Magic** exhibition is at the **British Library** from January until February. You will see early drafts of JK Rowling's books as well as beautiful medieval manuscripts and ancient books of apothecary and herbalism. Perfect for children aged 9 and over.

The Book Trust has a **What to Read After: Harry Potter** feature by Emily Drabble, for children aged 10 and over, who have read *Philosopher's Stone* and *Chamber of Secrets*, and need book ideas until they're old enough to read the rest of the series. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/whats-happening/blogs>

1 March 2018: World Book Day

We hope you have your costume ideas ready... because **World Book Day** is coming! Put this date in your diary as we look forward to celebrating books and reading on World Book Day. There will be many events all day at school for the children to enjoy books and get excited about reading. More details next week!

Mrs Hughes



Senior Library News

The Reading Cloud is a fantastic new online reading community designed to engage students, parents and librarians in reading for pleasure.

It uses the very latest technologies to really capture the imagination of students, linking real and virtual reading experiences to drive up literacy standards and develop core reading skills.



During Library sessions, the Year 7s have been familiarizing themselves with the new Library Information System - the Reading Cloud. As well as advanced search facilities – the system has some excellent features, which include:

- A word of the day
- A fact of the day (did you know that kangaroos cannot walk backwards!)
- Videos from featured authors
- Star Book Reviews
- What's trending at Notre Dame
- Recommended reads based on previous book choices
- Most popular books (at Notre Dame and the wider community)
- Links to the Notre Dame Library Twitter feeds

The Year 7s have had fun creating their own avatars, linking up with friends and creating their own home libraries.



Students can use the Reading Cloud to search for any of our Library resources including books, DVDs and Web Links and we encourage its use to support reading and wider research for curriculum subjects. The Reading Cloud can be accessed at school and home via the Notre Dame School Web Link page.

Mrs Finch

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U10 Rydes Hill Tournament

A big well done to the U10A team who finished in 3rd place at the Rydes Hill Tournament on Saturday. The girls played 8 games over the morning, winning 5, drawing 2 and losing 1. All the girls contributed to the win and I am very excited to see how they develop into Year 6.



A great way to end their competitive netball season.

Thank-you to all the parents who came to support the girls and the school.

U11A- D Netball v St Teresa's

Well done to the U11 girls who played St Teresa's on Tuesday and worked hard and thoroughly enjoyed the games. ND secured 2 wins and 1 loss, which is a great result and I am very happy with how all the girls performed!



U8 Netball and Hockey on

Today the year 3 girls will be taking part in either a hockey match against Twickenham Prep or a netball match against Claremont School. Photos and results to be posted on twitter.

Fitness Club is CANCELLED on Monday 5th Feb!

Fixtures Next Week

- Monday 5th February- U10 Hockey v Milbourne Lodge 2:45pm
- Tuesday 6th February- IAPS Swimming Qualifying Round @ GHS
- Tuesday 6th February- St Catherine's Swimming Gala @ ND 4pm
- Wednesday 7th February- U11 Surrey Netball @ GHS 1pm Start
- Friday 9th February- U7 Hockey @ Oaken Lane Sports Ground with Rowan 2:45pm

12th-16th Feb HALF TERM

- Tuesday 20th February – U10A Hockey v Cobham Free School 4pm @ ND
- Thursday 22nd February – Gala v St Teresa's @ ND
- Friday 23rd February- U8 A- C Netball v Downsend AWAY 3:15pm
- Monday 26th February – U8 A and B Netball v Halstead AWAY 4:30pm
- Tuesday 27th February- U11A- D Hockey v Rowan @ ND 3:30pm

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

Swimming

No Swimming Training Next Week 6th and 8th Feb



Due to the Gala on Tuesday 6th Feb there will be no afterschool swimming training.

That will include no year 1 & 2 swim squad.

If your daughter has not been selected to swim she should be collected at the end of the school day.

On Thursday 8th Feb all of the Year 6 girls will be involved in the Inter-house Swimming Gala. This will take place during the school day from 2.15 – 4.00pm. Sorry but parents are not able to watch the gala. Please encourage all girls to take part in this inter-house event.

Due to the Inter-house Gala there will be no Afterschool Swimming Squad on Thursday 8th Feb. Swimming Squads will restart after half term.

Swimmer of the Week

1D – Dolphins – Daisy A; 1D – Starfish – Lauren K
2S – Dolphins – Natasha M; 2S – Starfish – Isabelle VS

Gala Report – Notre Dame v Downsend

Last Wednesday our Year 4,5 & 6 swimming team went to Downsend for a swimming gala. This was the first time we have competed against Downsend and it was a very exciting gala.



Well done to all the swimmers for their commitment and effort.

New records were set by Caiden (BK and FC), Lexi (FC), Stephanie (BR), Seung-A (BR) and Maya (FC).

Swimmers of the Night were:

Year 4 - Caiden - now swimming 25m Bk in 17.90 secs and FC in 16.75 sec – these are amazing times, well done Caiden.

Special mention to Lexi who also swam in the Year 5 race. Lexi FC time is now 17.58 another great PB.

Year 5 - Stephanie and special mention to Alexia.

Year 6 – Maya – taking part in her first gala for Notre Dame and recorded a Front Crawl time of 16.66 – very impressive.

Special mention to Vera – Great front crawl swims – Well done.

Thanks again to Mrs Smith and Mrs Galloway for their help and support poolside, and to Mrs Purgavie.

Final score was Notre Dame 138 – Downsend 102

Next Tuesday 6th Feb we have a gala against St Catherine's at home, I think this will be a tough gala so girls please can we try to set some new records and stay fit and well!

As advised there will be an additional training session for the girls invited to IAPS on Monday 5th Feb. 4.30 – 5.30pm – please email ejones@notredame.co.uk to confirm your daughter is able to attend this session.

Mrs Jones

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Swimming

Gala v Sutton High

On Monday Notre Dame's U12 A&B, U13 A&B, U14 A&B and U15/16 A swimming teams swam against Sutton High. It was an exciting gala with many races being very close. The overall result was Notre Dame scoring 88 and Sutton High scoring 104.

Swimmers of the night:

U12: Tate G; U13: Sofia K; U14: Maya G; U15: Zoe G

Well done ladies!

Miss Mulcahy

Hockey



The Senior Hockey team have had two fantastic matches in the last two weeks against Manor House winning 7-4 and a close match against Sir William Perkins, resulting in a 2-1 loss. The team consists of girls from year 10, 11 and the Sixth Form and they have played extremely well together.

Netball

Surrey Tournament at GHS

U13



Congratulations to our U13 team who have qualified for the Surrey Finals on Sunday March 4th with their excellent play at the Surrey Tournament at GHS this week! They beat Gordon's 9-3;

St Teresas 7-3; Claremont 10-1; Howard of Effingham 6-3 and lost to GHS. Well done Chelsea, Bella, Illaria, Lulu, Sienna, Josie, Katie C, Manasa, Roisin and Anya.

They join the U14 Netball squad who have also qualified for the Surrey Finals on Sunday March 4th

U12

U12 had 2 MVP's Emily S and Izabel W. Well done to the whole squad: Bea, Mila, Leonie, Yasmin, Dina S, Holly, Victoria and Evie.



Mrs Marsh



FoND Follow us on twitter:

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After two years running FoND, the current Chair and Co-Chair will be standing down at the end of this term. Please contact 'contact@ndfond.com' if you are interested in being on the FoND team co-ordinating events, leading an event or supporting events on the day, or even considering standing as Chair.

Hot Chocolate Fridays - in the Prep playground after school



MyTwirl

Is your daughter making her First Holy Communion this year? My Twirl who came to our last Summer Fete and Christmas Gift Fair are giving a special discount to Notre Dame families—click on the image to see their website!



Register at 'easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fondsurrey' to raise money for the school when shopping on-line over the festive period.

Money Raised to Date: **£1,448.34**

Supporters: **69**

Surbiton Hockey Club Half Term Hockey Camp for Years 1—9

As a partner school we are pleased to inform you of our February Half Term Colts Camp! Please see the link for the sign up for our half term Colts and Academy camps. We have some great coaches and ideas for the camp which will include a lot more game play each day.

Click on the image for more information

COLTS CAMP
SCHOOL YEAR 6 TO YEAR 9
12/2, 12/3, 14/2
10.00 - 16.00
3 DAY - £100*
1 DAY - £50*

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* FREE T-SHIRT WITH EVERY CAMP
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* COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES TO BE WON
* HELD AT SHC THE LARGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUB IN THE UK
* HOME OF THE MENS AND LADIES PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
* HOME OF THE EHCC 2016

ACADEMY CAMP
SCHOOL YEAR 1 TO YEAR 5
12/2, 14/2
10.00 - 16.00
2 DAY - £90*
1 DAY - £50*

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EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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Reception have been working in groups to build rafts to help the Three Billy Goats Gruff cross the river. The children manipulated the materials to construct their rafts and even adapted their work where necessary!



Now Enrolling Boys & Girls for Reception 2018!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2 Feb** FoND Quiz Night & supper **School**
 - 6—8 Feb** LAMDA Examinations **Snr**
 - 8 Feb** Y12/13 Parents' Evening 4.30—7pm **ND6**
Y3 & 4 Performance 7—8.30pm **Prep**
 - 9 Feb** 6S Class Assembly 9—9.30 **Prep**
Y3 & 4 Performance to school am **Prep**
Poetry Loud 2—4pm **Snr**
 - 12—16 Feb** HALF TERM
 - 23 Feb** Y9 Young Enterprise Day with Duke of Kent **Snr**
Y11 History Trip to Harwick Hall **Snr**
Y7&8 Disco 7—9pm **Snr**
 - 26-28 Feb** Y11 Food Practical GCSE Exam **Snr**
 - 27 Feb** Mini Mass 8-8.30 **All Welcome**
Y8/9 Maths Challenge Visit **Snr**
Y12&13 Higher Education Evening 7—8.30pm **ND6**
 - 28 Feb** Y8 Geography Field Trip to Henley **Snr**
 - 1 Mar** World Book Day
Prep Book Fair—Lytton Parlour **Prep**
Y8 Parents Evening 4.30—7pm **Snr**
 - 2 Mar** 5K Faith & Music Assembly 9—9.30am **Prep**
Y12/13 Devised Drama & Y10 Showcase
Performance 7pm **Snr**
 - 4 Mar** Surrey Netball Finals U13 & U14 **Snr**
Children's Trust Concert at St John's Leatherhead **Prep**
 - 5 Mar** Y9 Reflection Day **Snr**
 - 6 Mar** Open Morning 9—11 am **School**
GCSE & Alevel drama visit to the Globe **Snr**
- [CLICK HERE TO SEE THE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)