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The Week @NotreDameCobham

Car Park 2

Dear Parents
Owing to serious overcrowding and a couple of unfortunate subsequent incidents in Car Park 2, it is the school's intention to keep this clearer and safer for Nursery pupils (only aged 3 and 4 – not Reception) at drop off and pick up.

Car Park 1 is provided for the convenience of all Reception to Year 6 parents, and parking in Car Park 2 to 'use the black gate' at pick up time is not allowed, as it creates a dangerous bottleneck.

We will be keeping Car Park 1 open until 9.10am to allow latecomers to park there, and they should then walk along through the black gate to the school front office (not straight to class please – the children need to be registered for security).

At peak times (8.40 – 9.10am and 3.10 – 4.15pm) Car Park 2 will only be open to Nursery parents with **Blue badges**, and external visitors. For all other purposes and collections please park in Car Park 1 and walk along to the playground, because children are dismissed from outside the Music Room.

Nursery parents will be issued with blue badges shortly.

Breakfast Club drop off is Car Park 4 only. Please note that is a drop off and all parking in Car Park 4 is at the far end of the building in the



marked areas.

All clubs in the main building will now be dismissed from outside the Music Room (the same as end of day dismissal) so please use Car Park 1, which is fully lit, and wait on the playground as usual. External fixtures will also return to Car park 1 from now on.

Aftercare may be collected from Car Park 2 only after 4.15pm.



Chaplain's Corner—
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Lent: An invitation is given to us: "Come back to Me with all you heart".



Today is the Women's World Day of Prayer, which is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. As we do this it may be good for us to reflect with some of the women who accompanied Jesus during His last few hours on earth as He made His last journey.

One of the ways we can

contemplate the sufferings of Jesus during Lent is to reflect on His journey to Calvary. This is traditionally called the Stations of the Cross.

Along this road Jesus met several women. One these was Veronica who had the courage to step out of the crowd, gave no attention to the Roman soldiers, went forward to offer comfort to the suffering Jesus by wiping His face. We can ask ourselves how we often do we have courage to step out of the crowd to offer assistance to someone? No matter how small? There is the belief that Jesus rewarded Veronica with the image of His face left on her towel. Another group of women cried out weeping for the suffering Jesus and He had time in His own suffering to acknowledge them. Again, these women stepped out of the crowd to show concern.

Mary His mother was there for Him all along the way. Standing at the foot of the Cross she invites us to leave with her any sufferings we have, and she will give them to her Son.



Let us reflect with these women of the Gospel on how in the 21st century we can be people who offer concern for those who suffer in any way and be united with others on this universal day of prayer to bring peace into our part of the world where we are today.



Sr. Patricia Grady, Acting Chaplain



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 Year 11 History Trip to Hardwick Hall



On Friday 23rd of February the Year 11 GCSE History students travelled to Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire. Hardwick Hall was the home built by the Countess of Shrewsbury (Bess of Hardwick) during the 16th century (1590-1597). Bess became the second richest woman during the Elizabethan era, ranked just below Queen Elizabeth I. Bess inherited an enormous sum of money through her four marriages to Robert Barlow, Sir William Cavendish, Sir William St Loe and George Talbot, the 6th Earl of Shrewsbury. Hardwick demonstrates the great prosperity of Bess. The phrase associated with the hall is 'Hardwick Hall more glass than wall' and gives an insight into how much expensive glass was used to build the house. Inside the hall there are beautiful tapestries and impressive fire places. It is clear that the house belonged to Bess as her initials, 'ES,' can be found all over the exterior.

Hardwick Hall is the historic environment selected by the examination board and we will have to write an essay on the topic in our examination so the trip was very beneficial. Our tour guides took us through both the house and the grounds and explained all the information we will need to apply in our essays.

Thank you to Ms Ha and Mr Coackley for organising the trip and making the day so enjoyable. It will be very useful for our final examination!

Arabella W, Year 11



Big Sister Little Sister Creation Project Showcase

Our wonderful Year 7 last week showcased their creative flare and theological insight of different cultural explanations about the origin of the universe. In lessons they have been learning about Creation and Stewardship of the



planet and explored a number of different myths, beginning with the Christian Creation Story. Many then went on to explore many other stories including Chinese, Greek and Inuit. For several weeks the planned and created a 3D model of their chosen story. In their Form time, they were visited by their Big Sisters to discuss and showcase their work. Well done to all for your fantastic work and enthusiasm.

Mr T. Newman Head of Theology.



Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls is fairy tale podcast about the extraordinary women who inspire us, based on the global best-selling book written by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo, inspiring millions of girls and women around the world to dream bigger, aim higher and fight harder.

Aimed towards parents, children, educators and anyone else interested in listening to inspiring real-life stories of passionate women, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: The Podcast will cover topics from education to politics with a fresh, equality-first perspective. Listeners will be transported to the control room at NASA with Margaret Hamilton during the launch of Apollo 11, or on board a pirate ship, loading cannons with Grace O'Malley. Each 12-minute episode focuses on a different story.

The podcast launches on March 6, 2018, and will be available on iTunes, Spotify, I Heart Radio, Spreaker, and Stitcher. The first season includes 10 episodes, with new episodes being released weekly each Tuesday.

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Miss Caverhill



Prep 6 Science

We have been learning about Light and Shadow in Science.

The girls used their knowledge to create their own Shadow Puppet Shows. They were tasked with creating their own puppets and backdrops, as well as writing a short story to perform. They thought about how different layer of card would let through different amounts of light, as well as how moving their puppets could change the size and position of their characters on screen.

Videos of our shows are available here:
<https://notredame.fireflycloud.net/year-6/science-1/light/shadow-puppet-theatre>

Shreya: It was a fun combination of Science, Art and Drama, producing our own Shadow Puppet Theatre

Kitty: Shadows are caused by the light shining behind and being blocked by the opaque 'puppets'. We needed more practice on where to shine the light!

Ananya: It was a fun experience making shadow puppets and educational at the same time.



Miss Coverhill



Touch Typing Holiday Course

Twickenham Touch Typing are running a short touch-typing course during the Easter holidays, from 3rd- 6th April. The classes are for children between 5 and 16 years of age.

Class sizes: Max 6 children.

They are also running courses during the Summer holidays, from 30th July – 2nd August, 6th August – 9th August and 13th – 16th August.

Weekly classes are held during term-time, from 5pm – 6pm and from 6pm to 7pm on a Wednesday.

Additional classes can be arranged to meet demand.

To find out more, contact

<https://twickenhamtouchtyping.co.uk/>

or call 07939804826.

Book early to secure a place!

Anna Biggs-Davison Prep SENCo



Forest School—Year 1

Fun in the woods again! This week Year 1 went on a scavenger hunt, all wrapped up, and the hot chocolate kept them warm too!



Geography—Follow us on twitter:
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Year 7 enjoyed reading Teddy McTedface's postcard from Signy Antarctica on board the RRS James Clark Ross. Is it colder here than there?



Mr Conway



MUSIC BOARD

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Prep News

Children's Trust Concert

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 have been sent out by InTouch with a permission form—please return this as soon as possible

Faith and Music Assembly

The next Faith and Music assembly will be by 6C on Friday 16th March 9—9.30am

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
- Flute Ensemble
- Cheeky Cellos
- Djembe Clubs
- Guitar Ensemble
- Percussion Club
- Samba Clubs
- Ukulele Club (Junior)
- Music Maestros

Please complete the Firefly permission form, which was sent out via email, as soon as possible.

Mrs Shaw

Senior News

House Music Festival

Good luck to the soloists who will be representing their houses in next week's House Music Festival! There will be one solo singer and one solo instrumentalist to go through for



each house and then all house members will perform their interpretation of the same medley of songs!

New Theory Club

The new theory club is now up and running on Monday lunchtimes with more students joining each week. The club is designed to improve your daughter's learning about any aspects of music theory in a fun and stress-free way. If your daughter is preparing for the ABRSM Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or higher in theory then this is the perfect place for her 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 Mondays at 1.30pm in Music Room 1.

Choir

There are two choirs in school that rehearse from 4.30 till 5.15pm and then 5.30pm till 6pm on Tuesdays after school. If your daughter likes to sing then why not encourage her to join the choir.

Mr Black

DANCE



Year 3 girls have been doing lots of



warming up and exercises this week to stop their muscles feeling cold!!

Years 4, 5 and 6 please remember to wear the correct uniform for all Dance classes - Dance leotard or PE kit and suitable footwear, NO JEWELLERY.

Ballerina of the week

is Hella C Year 2



London Children's Ballet



If you fancy a trip to the ballet, tickets are now available for 'The London Children's Ballet' at The Peacock Theatre, London 19-22 April. This is an ideal way to introduce children to ballet and classical music performed by an all-child cast of talented dancers aged between 9-16.

Mrs Thomas



DRAMA

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Prep

Year 6 are getting excited about starting rehearsals for their summer production. Follow us on Twitter to find out what the show is when it is announced!



Senior



Congratulations to our wonderful A Level Drama students on their fantastic performances this week for their exam. Rosie, Maya and Jess were fantastic in Caryl Churchill's "Top Girls" and Maya did an amazing performance of her monologue from "Breathing Corpses". Many thanks also go to Jess from our GCSE group who stepped in to perform with the A Level girls and did an amazing job as well as working on her own exam piece this week. Well done ladies!"

Miss Graham

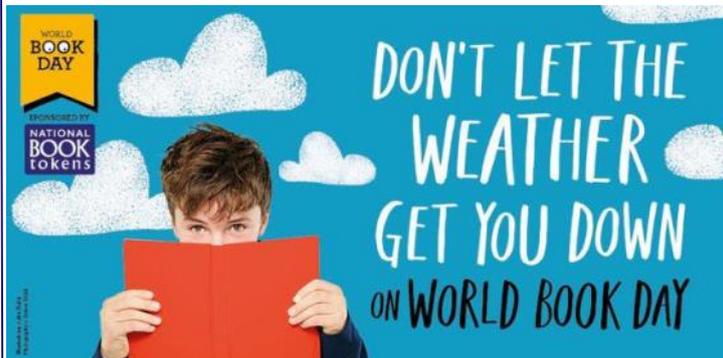


READING MATTERS

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Prep Library News

World Book Day/Snow Day



What a lovely message from The Book Trust:

Don't believe reports that [#WorldBookDay](https://twitter.com/WorldBookDay) has been cancelled because of the weather - come snow or, um, snow, we'll be celebrating! If you're stuck at home, it's a perfect excuse to enjoy a book (and dress up). And [@WorldBookDayUK](https://twitter.com/WorldBookDayUK) is extending the voucher redemption period too!

We hope you enjoyed your reading fest!

Author James Mayhew also posted this on twitter yesterday:

My World Book Day has been cancelled due to snow, so I'm still in bed, looking out of the window, like Peter in Ezra Jack Keats's benchmark, prize-winning, "The Snowy Day" (1962).



Mrs Hughes

Senior Library News

In the February/March version of *First News* there are a number of interesting ecological articles which students have been reading on iHub.

Glastonbury Festival plans to ban all plastic bottles when it returns in 2019. The famous festival introduced stainless steel and Scotland could be the first country in Europe to ditch plastic straws.

Travel Free Germany – Germany's government could take the bold step of making public transport free, in a bid to get more cars off the road and reduce pollution.

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The government has proposed the testing in Bonn, Essen, Reutlingen, Mannheim and Herrenberg.

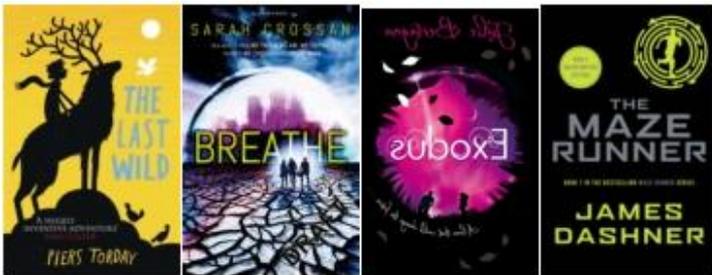
China has taken 60,000 soldiers off patrol to get them planting trees instead! This year the country plans to plant new forests across an area roughly the same size of Ireland, in an attempt to fight the smog and pollution that cover Beijing and parts of Northern China.

Saving Seahorses. An endangered seahorse colony in Dorset is under threat from a bid to drill for oil. The seahorse trust is against the move, as it says the site is slap bang in the middle of a known seahorse habitat.

The First News poll of the week asked: "Would you eat a meal made from jellyfish?" This question was prompted by the fact that warming ocean temperatures and overfishing has led to a massive rise in the number of jellyfish (already a delicacy in Asia).



In the Senior Library we have a number of eco-related resources, particularly in the Science and Geography sections. Environmental issues also continue to permeate fiction writing – from classic tales (The Last Wild) to dystopian novels (The Maze Runner). In fact, an article in *The Guardian* (April 2015) stated that "the cause of most dystopian societies in books is invariably huge environmental disaster. Time to read, sit up, learn and then take action before it is too late".



Mrs Finch

SPORTS BOARD

■ **PREP** @NotreDame SPORT

■ **Danes Hill XC**

Due to the snow, this event was cancelled!

■ **Clubs update**

Due to school and sports events there will be no Netball Clubs after school on Monday and Tuesdays until the end of term. Please make sure you collect your daughters at 4:00pm unless they are involved in other activities on these days.

The Clubs for the girls in Years 3-6 will restart in the summer term.

■ **Fixtures**

- Monday 5th March – U8-U11 GHS XC **CANCELLED** but a training session for these girls will still go ahead instead 4–5pm pick up from the sports hall!
- Tuesday 6th March – Swimming Gala v Feltonfleet AWAY

- Wednesday 7th March- U10B Netball Tournament @Halstead 2:00pm
- Friday 9th March – year 2 Hockey @ Downsend School 2:30pm
- Saturday 11th March- National Prep Schools Cross Country in Malvern
- Monday 12th March- GHS Invitational Gala AWAY
- Tuesday 13th March- St Catherine's XC 4:15pm AWAY
- Thursday 15th March- Year 1 and Reception Sports Festival
- Saturday 17th March- ERPSSA District XC 9am-12pm @ ND
- END OF TERM Friday 23rd March

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

■ **Swimming**



Three Golds for Esmé

We are delighted to report that Esmé won a staggering three gold medals at the Surrey Championships last weekend! What an amazing achievement—well done Esmé!



■ **Gala v St Teresa's**

We hosted a great gala against St Teresa's last Thursday. It was a very close, competitive gala and the final score was Notre Dame 136 St. Teresa's 113. Well done to all the girls who competed.

■ **Swimming Video Appointment** details are being sent out shortly. Please book an appointment if you would like to discuss your child's swimming.

■ **Next Gala**

On Tuesday 6th March we have an away gala against Feltonfleet. Due to the snow days I haven't been able to issue out letters to all the girls involved. The following girls have been invited.

Year 3 - All swim squad girls .

Year 4 - Caiden S, Lexi T, Annie P, Sabrina, Jas, Coco, Serena, Mia-Lily, Rachel G,

Year 5 - All swim squad girls.

Year 6 - letters have already been given to the girls invited plus Sophie K.

Mrs Jones

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Hockey



Last week the U13 A + B hockey teams had matches against Sir William Perkin's. The B team were very evenly matched with their opponents but it was Perkin's who were 1-0 up at half time; in the second half ND continued to create some good opportunities but were denied by some good goalkeeping. ND's continued efforts were finally rewarded when Poppy P managed to beat the GK to score and draw the team level, but in the dying seconds of the game Sir WP got a second goal to win 2-1. Player of the match was defender Yana S. The A team got off to a great start in their game and quickly put their opponents under pressure with their possession and link up play; at half time ND were 8-2 ahead. Further goals followed in the second half to give ND a commanding 15 goals to 3 victory, well played to all concerned. Player of the match was forward Freya J.

Miss Dudgeon

Netball

U13 A, B & C v St Teresa's

On Monday 19th Feb the U13A, B and C netball teams had excellent wins v St Teresa's U13A won 16-11, U13B won 7-2 and U13C won 7-1. The U12A,B,C,D Swimming gala was a close one with St Teresa's narrowly winning.

Year 8 Inter House Tournament

On Tuesday the Year 8 played their Inter-house netball competition with all girls taking part. The games were close and a good level of play was shown. The final



results were: 1st Montaigne, 2nd Montferrant, 3rd Eyquem, 4th Lestonnac. As Montaigne also won the Year 7 competition, the Junior Inter-House Netball cup is won by Montaigne and will be collected by Bella Coetzee.

Year 11 Inter House Tournament

The Year 11 Inter-house Netball was played in great spirits on Monday 26th Feb in the Sports Hall. The short games made it very close and exciting and at times frantic! The winners were Eyquem captained by Bella Hall, 2nd Montaigne, 3rd Montferrant and 4th Lestonnac.



The snow has interrupted several events this week and the U13 & U14 Netball teams are hoping to play in the Surrey Finals on Sunday March 4th weather permitting!

Outstanding Sporting Achievement by Niamh K

Niamh swam at the Surrey Championships on 24th February. She qualified for all the 50m races in backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and front crawl. She swam 50m backstroke in a time of 33.06 seconds, and swam 50m butterfly in a time of 31.46 seconds. Niamh finished overall winning the bronze medal for 50m front crawl long course in 27.85 seconds.



Pippa Takes Silver in a Photo Finish!

Pippa Earley competed at the England indoor Championships in the 60m U20 hurdles (she is first year U20). She gained a Silver and it was a photo finish between Pippa's time 8.52 and the gold medalist 8.52. She has been asked to represent England in the Welsh International this weekend! Good luck Pippa!



[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Marsh



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Upcoming Events

- Movie Night - 28 April 2018
- Royal Afternoon Tea—May 2018



Hot Chocolate Fridays -
in the Prep playground after school



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

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EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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Foxes, Squirrels & Hedgehogs have been wrapping up warm to play in the snowy playground this week!



Now Enrolling Boys & Girls for Reception 2018!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 4 Mar** Surrey Netball Finals U13 & U14 **Snr**
Children's Trust Concert at St John's Leatherhead **Prep**
- 5 Mar** Y9 Reflection Day **Snr**
Y11 GCSE Devised Drama Performances 6.30pm **Snr**
- 6 Mar** Open Morning 9—11am **School**
GCSE & A level drama visit to the Globe **Snr**
- 7 Mar** Mini Mass 8-8.30 **All Welcome**
Y12 Chemistry students to Reading University **ND6**
House Music Competition 2—4pm **Snr**
- 8 Mar** Reception Class Assembly 9—9.30 **Prep**
Y6 Trip to Painshill Park **Prep**
Y13 History Lectures **ND6**
Y8 Parents Evening 4.30—7pm **Snr**
- 9 Mar** Y3 Roman Trip to Fishbourne **Prep**
- 9—12 Mar** Y12 Geography Fieldtrip **ND6**
- 12 Mar** ABRSM Examinations **School**
- 13 Mar** Mini Mass 8-8.30 **All Welcome**
Y12 UCAS Convention at University of Surrey **ND6**
Prep Parents' Evening 4—8pm **Prep**
- 14 Mar** Year 2 'End of Infants' Assembly 9am **Prep**
LAMDA Examination **Prep**
- 14—21 Mar** Spanish Exchange students to Spain **Snr**
- 15 Mar** Year 6 WW2 Day **Prep**
Year 5 Trip to Watts Gallery **Prep**
- 16 Mar** 6C Faith & Music Assembly 9—9.30am **Prep**
- 20 Mar** Mini Mass 8-8.30 **All Welcome**
ND6 Psychology Lectures **ND6**
- 22 Mar** Prep Spring Concert 7—8.30 in Theatre **Prep**
- 23—29 Mar** Y5—10 Ski Trip to Austria **School**
- 23 Mar** End of Term **School**

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