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LHS MATTERS

Lady Hawkins' School
Newsletter

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DECEMBER 2018

This edition of LHS Matters shows that our school is one part of a very caring and hugely supportive community. Your continued support with our participation in national schemes such as Children in Need, Operation Christmas Child and Save the Children is very much appreciated, thank you. The support which exists within school is fantastic and you will see examples in this edition which include a Careers Evening, Maths Challenge and the re-launch of the LHSA. One of the most heart-warming things that I have seen this term is the selfless way in which our Year 10 students are supporting those from Years 7 and 8 in paired reading, it really does demonstrate the unique nature of our school.

On Friday we mark the end of Advent with our Christmas assembly at St Mary's, enjoying seasonal readings, drama and music. Music is an area which we would love to develop further during 2019 and, as such will be offering the opportunity for peripatetic music lessons covering drums, guitar or voice coaching with Troy Redfern, please contact school for details of cost and to express an interest.

I would like to thank you for your continuing support and wish you all a restful and joyful Christmas.

Mr P Jennings
Headteacher



CHILDREN IN NEED

LHS staff and students raised just over £370 for Children in Need by having a non-uniform day. Thank you to everyone who contributed on the day.

THANK YOU

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A great big thank you to students, staff and parents for donating items for shoeboxes. LHS packed 21 shoeboxes which are on their way to Albania.

YEAR 7 YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Thank you to all those who supported the young Enterprise Christmas Fair, students had some lovely festive gifts for sale with the help of parents and Mrs Bennison. The Year 7's all worked very hard and raised a massive £1,100 well done!

CAREERS EVENING

We held the first of our annual Careers Fairs in November. It was well attended by students and their families. Feedback from the event was excellent and it proved to be a great opportunity for students and parents to meet local employers and think about future plans. Huge thanks must go to all the employers and training providers who took part.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Great Maths Challenge today at LHS. Year 8 & 9 teams from Earl Mortimer and LHS went head to head. LHS Year 9 team were the overall winners but Earl Mortimer were tough opponents, winning some of the rounds.



Thanks to the LHS Senior House Leaders for helping run the event.

PAIRED READING

Once a week, during tutor time, Year 10 students are either mentoring students in Year 7 or 8. In this time, the older students listen to their partner read, helping them with comprehension as well as pronunciation. Alex in year 7 has said how much he already values the programme: "I think it is very, very good. I already like reading more because my partner is so kind and helps me a lot." Our older students are also seeing the value, with many of them using the project as the community contribution element of their Duke of Edinburgh award. It has been so successful that the programme will soon be extended to include students in Year 9 and 11 too. There is a wonderful buzz in the room every week and it has become a particular highlight for Ms Staton, Mrs Dines and Mrs Herschy.

THE LADY HAWKINS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL 'OLD BOYS MEMORIAL'

We are delighted that our plans for creating a memorial area to commemorate our 'old boys' who died in wars from 1914 are finally becoming a reality. Working with Tarmac, Kington Town Council, 'Kington Remembers' and other local organisations, we are hoping to place a standing stone and memorial slate stepping stones in a currently disused area of the school grounds. The stepping stones will be engraved with the names of the 'old boys' that we have identified as having died in the First and Second World Wars and in subsequent conflicts. We have identified twenty eight 'old boys' but may discover more as we research further.

Tarmac have kindly offered to provide a 'standing stone' which will be engraved and 'Kington Remembers' are providing a lot of the funding. We are hoping that the memorial garden and stones will be completed in time for the 75th anniversary of D-Day in June next year.

HOCKEY

Congratulations to the Girls Under 13 Hockey team, now County runners up after beating four other schools to reach the Herefordshire Regional Finals at Millfield on the 21st March.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT LHS

Thursday 20th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch.

Christmas Lunch can be paid for in advance by ParentPay or cash in the office. Students can also pay in the canteen on the day.



Friday 21st December - Festive assembly & Carols at St Mary's Church

Students to be in smart uniform.

LHSA Raffle tickets have been sent home with students and have been sold around Kington last Friday and Saturday by volunteers from the LHSA.

The LHSA would like to thank parents who have supported the fundraising efforts so far this year and invite everyone to the next **LHSA meeting - Tuesday 29th January at the Royal Oak in Kington at 7pm.**

1st Prize is a luxury Hamper and £50 cash

2nd Prize is a Luxury Hamper

3rd Prize is a Christmas Chocolate Hamper.

Tickets are £1 each and the winner will be announced live on Facebook at 12noon on Friday 21st December

All funds will be going to support projects for LHS students.



Christmas Jumper Day



Thursday 20th December

Non-uniform - Christmas jumper theme
£1 for Save the Children or
a donation of food for the local foodbanks



**Christmas lunch on the
same day for only £4.85!!**

2018/19 TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 2019

Thursday 10th January* – Friday 12th April

Half Term – Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

SUMMER TERM 2019

Monday 29th April – Friday 19th July*

Half Term – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

**slight alteration to dates previously advertised*

Please only use the school website for term dates as often they are incorrect on secondary sites such as termdates.co.uk