



SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

SG Messenger

Friday, 13th January 11/12 No. 16

www.springgroveschool.co.uk

Welcome to Clara Duvill (from Cape Town) and William Swan (from Brisbane) who are our new Gaps for 2012. Both arrived in England last weekend, they have thoroughly enjoyed their first week at Spring Grove and are looking forward to getting to know the SG children and their families and all the exciting adventures over the coming months.

We said farewell to Miss Rogers at the end of last term...and gave a tremendous welcome to Mrs McDermott at the beginning of this term. See page 2 for an interview and lovely wedding photograph of Mr and Mrs McDermott.

I received a card from Rachel Van Hoven during the holiday thanking the children, parents and teachers for the carol singing that took place in Canterbury at the end of last term. Our afternoon sing outside CJs Café and on the first floor of Fenwicks raised £218.89 for Porchlight. She explained that our carol singing has now raised well over £1000 during the past three years. Fantastic!

Jean-Marc Perret, our LAMDA teacher, presented certificates to his pupils this morning for their exam efforts at the end of last term. All the candidates achieved Merits in their challenging tests, except for Lindley Trueblood who gained a Distinction for his exceptional effort. Mr Perret does have a few spaces in his timetable for any other pupils who would like to take up this very useful discipline.

Mr Perret will join our Visiting Music Teachers in a unique "Meet The Peris" evening on Monday, 5th March. Parents and children are invited to come to a short concert presentation during which each teacher will talk briefly about his / her instrument before playing a short piece.

Professional Theatre comes to Spring Grove on Monday, 13th February (during half term week).

A much-loved one-woman show that won major awards at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival last year will be performed in the school hall at 7.30pm. Caroline Horton is the writer and performer. Look for further details on our website or ask at the office.

House News

Jelly the Giraffe will be presented for the first time this year at next week's assembly. Chaucer House won last term's competition.

Saskia de Giles has been appointed House Captain of Chaucer House. Mrs Jones thanked her for all her hard work in Conrad House before she was welcomed by Mrs McDermott at this week's House Meetings.

Happy New Year to you all!!

Mr and Mrs McDermott's Wedding

Q1. How did you get to the church?

A1. Mrs McDermott was driven in a taxi with her dad.

Q2. Where are you going for your honeymoon?

A2. We went to Versailles in Paris for 2 days. We are saving for a longer honeymoon for the summer holiday but we haven't decided where to go yet.

Q3. Who caught the bouquet?

A3. Mrs McDermott forgot to throw it!

Q4. What was the dress like?

A4. Mrs McDermott's friend made the dress. It was a long silk and lace creation.

Q5. What did you wear for the evening meal?

A5. Wedding dress.

Q6. How did you feel when you got married?

A6. Happy and excited!

Q7. Who were the bridesmaids and pages?

A7. Claire, Jo, Sophie and Mrs McDermott's niece, Maisy.

Q8. What did the ring look like?

A8. Plain and simple.

Q9. What was the church like?

A9. Lots of wood and stained-glass windows



Q10. What music did you have for your first dance?

A10. "As Time Goes By" from Casablanca.

Girls' Football—CHAMPIONS

Millie Rimmer writes: "On Wednesday, 11th January, the girls' Under 11 football team played in the Ashford tournament against Ashford Friars, Lorenden and St Faith's.

We beat St Faith's 2-0, Ashford Friars 1-0 and Lorenden 3-0. All goals were scored by Arabella Saliba-Williams and Tallulah Holy. There was great team play, fantastic defending and we did not give any goals away."

Katie Higgins was magnificent in defence, Millie Rimmer was everywhere! Players of the Tournament were Elizabeth Fraser for her great defending and Tallulah for her amazing attacking.

As previously advertised, **Spring Grove Under 9s** have been invited to train with Canterbury RFC this Sunday, 15th January.

1. Training starts at 10.00am. the session will finish at 12.00pm. Please ensure that the children bring warm clothing, a drink and, perhaps, a small snack.

2. Kit: Wear school kit: including tracksuits - a woolly hat will be very useful for the warm-ups and in-between times. Make sure that you bring your GUM-SHIELD and boots.

3. The session will include training and, at the end, a game between SG and Canterbury.

3. Parents: coffee, tea and hot bacon rolls will keep you going while the children run up and down!

4. The bar is open from 11.30am!

5. Canterbury RFC is situated on Merton Lane, just off Nackington Rd, next to the A2. It is close to Simon Langton Boys' School and also the Kent Cricket ground. www.cantrugby.co.uk.

6. Many of you will be intending to travel to Canterbury separately. However, I intend to drive a minibus to Canterbury from SG and will take anybody who wishes to come with me. The bus will depart from SG at 9.15am. Please meet at school just after 9am.

Canterbury RFC offer mini rugby to all age groups and so if your son / daughter has an older or younger sibling who would also like to come and join in with another age group then Canterbury RFC will be pleased to see them!

We have had a tremendous first week back and have enjoyed three excellent rugby sessions. Although this event is of course entirely voluntary, I am really hoping that as many of our boys (and girls are welcome too!) as possible will want to take part on Sunday. There is stiff competition for places in our first match team next Tuesday and we are also looking to select 12 boys for a trip to Epsom in three weeks' time.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!



HOLD THE DATE

Don't forget these important dates:

- **Monday, 5th March:** Music Dept. *Meet the Peris Evening* (a chance to hear the visiting music teachers perform and talk about their instruments!) at 6pm
- **Saturday, 24th March:** SG Open Morning—see the school in action from 9.30am —12.30pm

THE RENOWNED 'SPRING GROVE QUIZ NIGHT'

Some of you will recall the fantastic Quiz Night that Andrew Martin and Simon Lord organised last year. We are pleased to announce that it will take place again next Spring Term. No date is fixed yet but please keep an eye out so that you can gather your team early. It's a riot, don't miss it!

Slimming World (*because you're amazing*) comes to Spring Grove (*a great place to grow...thinner!*) Every Tuesday from 3rd January 2012 there will be a Slimming World class at SG. Contact Wendy Riley for more information on 07850450157.

Found: 1 green rain coat left in the hall after a recent function.... Contact the office on office@springgroveschool.co.uk

PTA 2012 Calendars: There are just a few left to sell. You can secure a copy now by contacting the office.

News from the Director of Studies, Mr Dankert

Exam week: week beginning Monday, 16th January 2012

Class	Maths	English	NVR	VR
Prep 6	Monday 1.50pm	Tuesday 11.15am	Tuesday 8.50am	Monday 11.45am
5D	Monday 9.20am	Monday 10.45am	Wednesday 8.50am	Tuesday 8.50am
5R	Monday 11.15am	Monday 9.20am	Wednesday 11.15am	Tuesday 9.50am
4W	Monday Morning Maths Session	Tuesday Morning English Ses- sion	Wednesday Morning	Thursday Morning Session
4C	Monday Morning Maths session	Tuesday Morning English Ses- sion	Wednesday Morning	Thursday Morning Session
3J	Tuesday 10.45am	Monday 10.45am	***** ****	***** ****
3G	Tuesday 11.15am	Monday 10.45am	***** ****	***** ****

Christmas Quiz—for those who like a challenge...

1. Born on Christmas Day:

- a. Born in 1949, she won an Oscar in 1980.
- b. Egyptian president assassinated in 1981.
- c. Singer – real name: Florian Cloud de Bouneville Armstrong – born in 1971
- d. Somerset and England cricketer
- e. Scientist born in 1642
- f. Maverick comedian who died in 1995
- g. One of the greatest American actors born in 1899
- h. TV Crossroads lady.
- i. She sang “Why” and “Walking on Broken Glass”
- j. Member of Spring Grove’s Form 1

2. Events on Christmas Day:

- a. Crowned in Westminster Abbey. Who? and When?
- b. Famous truce on the battlefield. Who? And When?
- c. Which Christmas carol was first performed in 1818?
- d. In which year did USSR invade Afghanistan on this day?
- e. Who resigned as president of USSR on this day in 1991?

3. Died on Christmas Day

- a. An archbishop murdered on this day in El Salvador in 1980
- b. Film comedian and actor who died on this day, aged 88 in 1977.
- c. Former Romanian Dictator and his wife (1989)
- d. Singer / actor who died in 1995 aged 78.
- e. The godfather of soul who died on this day in 2006.

4. Bible

- a. Who was the Roman governor of Syria when Caesar Augustus declared that a census should be taken in all the Roman world?
- b. What was the name of John the Baptist’s father?
- c. Which carol says of Jesus' birth, "While mortals sleep, the angels keep / Their watch of wondering love"?
- d. Which two of the four Gospels make no mention of the birth of Christ?
- e. Which carol contains the line, "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing"?

5. Spring Grove and Wye

- a. Who moved into Spring Grove in 1674 and built most of the original parts of the house?
- b. Which writer lived in Spring Gove for 6 months in 1919?
- c. Charles Jenyns, businessman and painter, moved from London to live in Spring Grove in 1846. What new technology attracted him to move to Wye?
- d. Which singer (counter-tenor) and performer, associated with Wye and Boughton Aluph was born in May 1912?
- e. Our four houses are Conrad, Austen, Chaucer and Dickens. Place them in chronological order.

6. Teasers

- a. 7 W of the A W
- b. 1,001 A N
- c. 12 S of the Z
- d. 54 C in a D (with the Js)
- e. 9 P in the S S
- f. 88 P K
- g. 13 S on the A F
- h. 32 D F at which W F
- i. 3 WM
- j. 90 D in a R A

7. Christmas Anagrams

- a. Wean again Mary (4)
- b. Vicars Themes (2)
- c. Rich Star Meets (2)
- d. Travel and Dance (2)
- e. Spice in ‘em (2)
- f. Modestly switch after-shave (5)
- g. He’s fat, smart, rich (2)
- h. Scathing mud drips (2)
- i. Let in things (2)
- j. The Magic swiftness heart-throb (5)

Child Care

One of our families is looking for some child care, one evening a week from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. If you can you help, please speak to Margaret in the school office. Thank you.

Lost Property

Alex Rowe	Navy polo shirt
Jonathan Rowe	One Bootleg
	Active Air Black shoe, blazer
Daisy Lord	Navy cardigan
Charlotte Clark	Navy school coat, one games sock, navy polo shirt
Austin Moran	One Active Air Black Shoe, navy tie, Navy Fleece, School Coat
Olivia Standen	Navy School Coat
Chris Scrivens	Navy Shorts
Oliver Fox	Navy Coat
Alex Harden	Grey Trousers
Arabella Saliba-Williams	Navy Skort, Canterbury Rugby Socks
Sasha Newman	2 navy cardigans, 2 white shirts, 1 rugby sock, 1 navy fleece hat
Emily Beaugie	Navy School Coat
Joshua Thompson	Navy School Coat

Please check at home and in your cars. Thank you. We hold a stock of navy ties in the school office priced at £4.50 each.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Issy Wanstall, Callum Robison, Teigan Sullivan, Elizabeth Drummond, Harriet Geering, Hugh Elliott, Maisy Earl

CONGRATULATIONS

Skiing awards: Daisy Lord, Bethany Smith, Edward and William Norton

Swimming: Edith McNair

Riding: Lizzie Drummond

Grade 2 Violin (Merit): Lizzie Drummond

LAMDA: Sam and Louis Brooks, Hannah Moran, Marie-Louise Bird, Matilda Trueblood, Arun Holy, Emily Beaugie, Joshua Thompson: all **Merits**
Lindley Trueblood: **Distinction**.

Headmaster's Stars: Ameenah Omotosho, Charlotte Upton, Indigo Earl, Edward Clapham

Diary

Monday 16th - Friday 20th January

Mon 16th	KS2 Exam Week (Maths & English only)
Tue 17th	
Wed 18th (A)	U11 A&B Netball v Lorenden U11 Rugby v Northbourne (H)
Thu 19th	U9 Girls F'ball v St Faith's (A) U9 Tag Rugby v Lorenden (H)
Fri 20th	Form 1 Assembly

Menu

Monday 16th - Friday 20th January

Mon 16th	Chicken Goujons, Jacket Potato and Baked Beans
Tue 17th	Spaghetti Bolognese and Sweetcorn Peaches & Whip
Wed 18th	Chicken Supreme, Rice and Green Beans Apple Crumble and Custard
Thu 19th	Sausage Pie, Potatoes, Cabbage and Gravy
Fri 20th	Fish, Chips and Peas Choc Ice