



# SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

## SG Messenger



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### ***From the Headmaster***

This week I received a lovely letter from a satisfied parent!

As you can imagine, people are not shy in coming forward when they wish to complain - and rightly so, if they feel that a better job can be done. We take complaints seriously, take time to address the issues and respond positively.

We all respond to encouragement and it is particularly heartening to receive thanks for a job well done. It provides us with a spur to aim ever higher.

The parent writes: "we would like to thank you for a very warm welcome from your school which was present and continued ever since the very first day we came to visit... we write to show our appreciation of the wonderfully positive experience... our family will hold fond memories of many happy times."

If you wish to tell me of a job well done, to pass on praise for your child's teacher or your delight at the progress your child is making then please write.. I love to receive such letters and am delighted to pass on your thanks to the relevant members of staff.

Thank you.

### ***Missing Memory Stick***

If anyone has found a black memory stick could you please hand it in to the school office. Thank you.

### **11+ Info Evening**

An enthusiastic group of Prep 5 parents came to school last Monday to discuss the programme for the coming year as their children prepare for next year's Kent Test. The parents had the pleasure of tackling a few 11+ questions and also learnt about the various options of schools beyond Spring Grove. WE have included a list of forthcoming Open Days at various skills at the end of this issue.

### **Parents' consultations**

We are approaching the parent consultation season—a time when you have the chance to meet with your child's teacher(s) to discuss progress. This is a very important part of the process in ensuring that our children receive the best guidance in their education. Information will be published shortly on when these meetings take place.

### ***Off PE***

Could all parents please ensure that if you do not wish your child to participate in their games lesson please then you must send in a letter to confirm this with the reason. Thank you.

### **Uniform**

We will change to Winter uniform after next week. By **Monday, 4th October** all children should be in their winter uniform

## Sport

A spectacular week of sport...

Last Saturday, 21 of our cross-country runners began their season with an impressive showing at the Vernon Holme relay events. Results have been posted on our school notice board. Some very impressive performances from our top girls' teams (Holly Fielder, Emilie Knights-Toomer and Arabella Saliba-Williams; Tallulah Holy, Emily Beaugie and Lucy Henderson) and our crack Year 3 boys' team (Fred Sharp, Yannick de Moubray and Harry Linch). Full details are posted on our own notice boards and on the Kent College website. Some of our runners were tackling the undulating course for the first time but all of them showed the customary SG grit and determination.

### House Hockey

The girls went over to Ball Lane on Wednesday for the House Hockey competition. The shield was closely contested by Conrad and Austen. Going into the last match both teams were on equal match points. With the action end-to-end it was Austen who scored the only goal of the game to win the House Hockey shield. Well done to all the girls.

It has been yet another very encouraging week for our footballers. On Wednesday, a terrific Under 11 game ended in a 0—0 draw only after both Lorenden and SG came close to snatching a winner. Oliver Langworthy's acrobatic goalkeeping and Angus Stainton's intelligent and creative performance were the highlights. Our girls' Under 9 footballers began their season in style on Thursday against Ashford. The B team were probably the better team in a 0-0 draw but the A team completely dominated their match and with an irrepressible performance from Tallulah Holy, and with goals from Lara Jefferson-George, Jade Curtis and Francesca Barton achieved a comfortable 3-0 win. The boys' B team held on to draw their game against Ashford and survived largely through some fine defending from our captain, Max Smith and brave goalkeeping from Arun Holy. The A team continued their winning start to the season with a convincing 4—0 victory over their local rivals. Playing uphill in first half we spent much of the time pegged back in our own half. When we found space and played the long ball up front, Sam Brooks was always able to make life difficult for the defenders. Finally, just before the break after some intense pressure on the Ashford goal, the penalty came and although there was some argument as to who would take it (*this needs to be sorted out!*) Fred stepped up to convert successfully. In the second half, with the slope in our favour, SG dominated and once Sam Brooks had scored his first, his second and third quickly followed! Fine performances all round including another intelligent and solid display from Louis Brooks between the sticks!

Thank you to Mrs Groom and her staff for preparing a lovely tea and to all the parents who came along to support and encourage the children. It was very much appreciated.

## Cross-Country Team Event at Kent College

18<sup>th</sup> September 2010

A tremendous effort from all of our runners. Well done to you all!

Year 3 and 4 Race

Elizabeth Fraser (9 <sup>th</sup> )	Polly Langworhy (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Issy Wanstall (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Emily Beaugie (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Tallulah Holy (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Lucy Henderson (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Albert Courage (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Edward Clapham (11 <sup>th</sup> )	Alex Rowe (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Fred Sharp (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Yannick de Moubray (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Harry Linch (2 <sup>nd</sup> )

Year 5 and 6

Emilie Knights-Toomer (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Arabella Saliba-Williams (9 <sup>th</sup> )	Holly Fielder (5 <sup>th</sup> )
Hannah Moran (16 <sup>th</sup> )	Saskia de Giles (14 <sup>th</sup> )	Anousea de Moubray (12 <sup>th</sup> )
Alex Sharp (20 <sup>th</sup> )	Fred Sharp (15 <sup>th</sup> )	Alasdair Pilmore-Bedford (14 <sup>th</sup> )



*Scenes from this week's football...*

Determination...

Concentration...

Teamwork...

Skill...



...and well-choreographed routines!



# PTA News



There will be a PTA meeting next Friday (1st October) during which there will be discussion on future events and also on the aims of the PTA group. All SG parents are members of our PTA and all are encouraged to participate in the various activities. We aim to build a group that supports our family ethos, that gets behind fund-raising activities but, importantly enjoys the community life of the school. We therefore have tremendous fun. Please come along next Friday (immediately after assembly) to find out about the coming year and how you can be involved.

The provisional date for the PTA AGM is Tuesday, 9th November.

## PTA personnel

Mrs Helen Langworthy PTA Chair  
Mrs Nikki Holy Treasurer-elect

Mrs Lydia Rimmer PTA Secretary  
Mr Mike Curtis Staff member  
**Members: every SG parent!**

## *Do you want to dance?*

We are in danger of losing our excellent dancing instructor, Lesley Dodd from The World of Dance who is running adult dance sessions from 7.30—8.30pm every Monday. What a great way to spend your Autumnal evenings.

Please come and join in and learn the correct way to waltz, foxtrot and cha cha cha.

## **PTA Family Barbecue**

About one hundred people came and enjoyed a lovely barbecue evening last Friday. Many thanks to the PTA team (especially Lydia and John Rimmer, Nicky Bromley, Jenny Hills, Nikki Holy, the many that provided home baking, etc.).

## **Get Behind Your Bank Manager!**

**I am delighted to report that our bank manager is supporting the school in an exhilaratingly generous way...**

**Paul Amos, our school bank manager from Barclays, will be shortly running the Ashford 10km run. His chosen charity is Spring Grove School. If parents and friends are willing to donate money to his efforts then Barclays will match our giving up to a maximum of £750.**

**Details on how to make your donation will be posted shortly on our website.**

## Awards this week

### Headmaster's Stars:

Emily Norton  
Polly Langworthy  
Saskia de Giles  
Isabelle Hobday  
Arabella Saliba-Williams

### Bronze Citizenship Award

Maddi Exell

### Dance Certificate

Louis Brooks (from Vicki's Funky Feet)

## MENU

Monday 27th	Sausage Cassoulet and Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Tuesday 28th	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie, Green Beans and Potatoes Flapjack
Wednesday 29th	Spaghetti Bolognese and Salad Jelly and Cream
Thursday 30th	Chicken Korma, Rice and Naan Bread Fresh Fruit
Friday 1st	Fish, Chips and Peas Choc Ices

## Diary

Wednesday 29th	U11 Hockey v Lorenden @ Ball Lane U11 'C' Football v Junior Kings (A)
Thursday 30th	U9 Football v Lorenden (A)
Friday 1st Oct	Prep 3 Panthers Assembly 9.30am: PTA Meeting

### *Congratulations to:*

Prep 6 children who received their badges of responsibility today. They have a very important role to play in this their final year and we wish them all the best.

Issy Goddard - who received four 1st place awards for horse riding

***Wanted for Nursery:*** Outdoor Storage - in particular if anyone has a wooden shed that they no longer need that we could use to store all of our outdoor toys. We are also planning on developing a sensory area in the garden and if anyone has any fragrant plants that they could spare (herbs, lavender etc), these would be gratefully accepted.



*We have enjoyed a close relationship with our local parish church—St Gregory's and Martin's in Wye—for many years and Revs Ravi Holy and Dickie Cleveland are regular visitors to our Monday assemblies. Ravi also happens to be a parent to Talullah and Arun in Year 3. Ravi writes:*

*"At the summer ball, several people told me that in theory they'd like to come to church regularly but for whatever reason they don't manage it. Well, we understand! And to help people in that position, once a year we have Back to Church Sunday. This year it's 26<sup>th</sup> September (10 am at Wye parish church). It's a family service with a harvest theme and a free harvest lunch at the village hall afterwards so come along and see what you've been missing and perhaps you'll keep coming back. See you then."*

*Eliza Geering*

*Elizabeth Fraser*

*Cherrie Martin*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...***



## Spring Grove School

The Headmaster and Mrs Jones  
warmly invite you to

our Open Morning on  
Tuesday, 12th October

Date/Time

10 am - 12 pm

Please RSVP  
Spring Grove School  
Wye, Ashford  
Kent TN25 5EZ  
Headmaster@springgroveschool.co.uk

*Open Morning is for everyone...for existing and prospective parents... we would like you to come and visit classrooms and to see how a typical morning at Spring Grove works. We can offer you tours, conversation with the headmaster and, above all, a very warm welcome.*



*Please bring a friend... we need our parents and friends to tell others about our lovely school... Share the secret about the special qualities found at Spring Grove. Encourage others to test us for themselves.*

*We are getting very full in Early Years and have begun our confirmation list of places for next year's Reception class.*

Please find below a list of forthcoming Open Days\Events being held at some of the Senior Schools in our area. If you would like to go along to these events you should call the schools to inform them that you are attending. You should also inform our school office if the visit is on a normal school day.

Ashford School (Independent) Ashford 01233 625171	Thursday 14 October – 14:00 to 17:30 Thursday 4 November – 08:50 to 11:30 Tuesday 16 November – 08:50 to 11:30 Thursday 2 December – 08:50 to 11.30
Benenden School (Independent) Benenden 01580 240592	Saturday 6 November - 09.45 - 12.00 Saturday 4 December - 09.45 - 12.00
Dover College (Independent) Dover 01304 205969	Saturday 13 November - 10.00 - 12.30
Dulwich Prep (to 13) (Independent) Cranbrook 01580 712179	Thursday 14 October - 11.00 - 13.00
Highworth Girls Grammar School Ashford 01233 624910	Wednesday 3 November - 09.00 - 10.30 Thursday 21 October - 18.00 - 20.00
The Kings School (Independent) Canterbury 01227 714000	Junior School (to 13) Saturday 9 October - 10.30 - 12.00 Senior School Saturday 2 October - 10.15
Kent College (Independent) Canterbury 01227 763231	Saturday 9 October - 09.30 - 12.30
Marlborough House (to 13) (Independent) Hawkhurst 01580 753555	Thursday 14 October - 10.00 - 12.00
Norton Knatchbull Boys Grammar School Ashford 01233 620045	Tuesday 19 October - 9.15 - 11.00 Wednesday 20 October - 9.15 - 11.00 & 18.00 - 20.00
Simon Langton Girls Grammar School Canterbury 01227 463711	Wednesday 29 September - 13.30 - 15.30 Thursday 14 October - 13.30 - 15.30 Wednesday 6 October - 18.00 - 21.00
Simon Langton Boys Grammar School Canterbury 01227 463567	Monday 4 - Friday 8 October - Sessions at 9.15, 11.25, 14.45 Wednesday 6 October - 19.00 - 21.15
St Edmunds (Independent) Canterbury 01227 454575	Saturday 9 October - 9.30 - 13.00
The North School Ashford 01233	27th, 28th & 30th September 9.15 - 13.00 4th, 5th & 7th October - 9.15 - 13.00
The Towers School Ashford 01233 634171	Tuesday 5 October - 17.15 - 20.30 6th, 7th & 8th October - 9.00 - 10.30