



SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

SG Messenger



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Our Prep 6s continued the tradition of turning the school hall into a French café during a morning break earlier this week. Younger pupils were obliged to ask for their croissant and drink *en français*. We all loved our croissants, we all spoke in French, we raised money for the French trip. *Merci à Mme. Rafferty et aussi à Mme. Groom et à son équipe pour leur travail.*



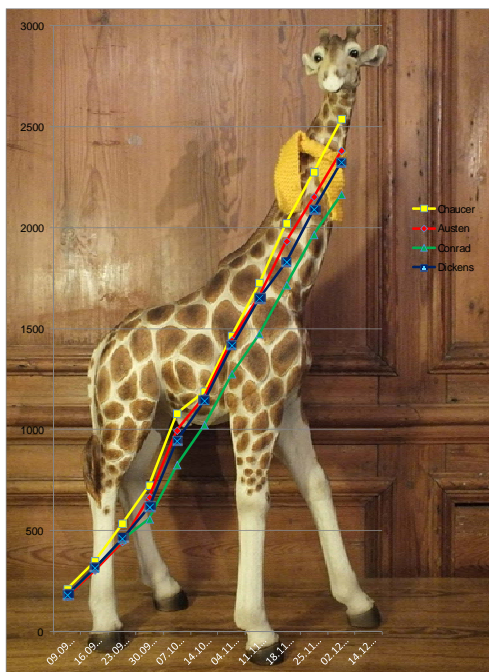
Café de l'Ecole

More Scholarship Success for Prep 6 pupils

I am delighted to have received the news this week that two of our Prep 6 boys have been offered academic scholarships to Sutton Valence School. Jonathan Rowe, who has already been offered a music scholarship, impressed the senior school with his top quality academic work including a very impressive maths paper. Jake Baldwin also did exceptionally well and the headmaster, Bruce Grindlay, told me that he was extremely impressed with Jake's performance in interview and his articulate response to questions on current affairs.



Don't forget: Parents' Choir Rehearsal this Tuesday: 7.30-8.30pm in the Hall in preparation for the carol service. Mrs Jones is also offering an extra short rehearsal for any altos who may wish to have an extra look at their parts at 4.30pm on Monday.



Jelly the Giraffe— CHAUCER WINS

ChaucerHouse are this week's winners of Jelly. Miss Rogers is delighted with the result. Well done the yellows!

Girls' Football v Lorenden: Magnificent 7 scored by Saliba-Williams!

In the girls' Under 11 football matches this week, SG dominated the play throughout. In the B fixture, goals by Tallulah Holy (3) and Saskia de Giles brought about a fine victory but it was the A team performance, in which Arabella Saliba-Williams stood out in managing to score a magnificent seven goals, where we showed complete dominance.

Well done to all the girls for another fine team effort and to Mrs Langford for her inspiring coaching!

Boys' Rugby Season begins.....

The weather was dark and wet but there was nothing gloomy about the performance of our eager Under 9 squad in the first rugby game of the season. Owing to a small breakdown in communication we thought that Ashford would bring two teams to play our A and Bs. As only 10 visiting boys appeared, we quickly arranged for the Ashford team to play our Bs, prior to the big show-down of the afternoon against the A squad.

The B team did magnificently well in their tussle. Paddy Fisher, Daniel Chuter, Edward Clapham and George Barton all showed flashes of talent but our joint men of the match were the irrepressible Thomas Dunbar-Johnson and Alex Harden who tackled their hearts out. Nevertheless, we were unable to prevent the visitors from winning by 4 scores to nil.

In the A fixture, Ashford began brightly by attacking the SG line only for Fred Sharp to burgle the ball and sprint clear twice in two minutes for the first scores of the game. Ashford gamely pulled back to square the game before SG pulled away with three further scores to win by 5 tries to 2. Ben Falcon, William Hobday, Jago Mitford-Slade and Yannick de Moubray all made crucial tackles but Fred Sharp was a magnificent man of the match having scored a hat-trick of tries but also for galvanising our defensive effort. A great afternoon—well done to all of the boys—and our star girl, Sasha Newman who did her bit for the Bs.



Expert warm-ups get our bodies ready for physical exercise!

Football

SG Under 11s 0 (Sharp, Pen.) St Faith's 4
 SG Under 11A Girls 7 (Saliba-Williams 7) Lorenden 1
 SG Under 11B Girls 4 (Holy 3, de Giles 1) Lorenden 11B 0

Rugby

Spring Grove Under 9Bs 0 Ashford Under 9As 4 tries
 Spring Grove Under 9As 5 (F Sharp 3, de Moubray 2)
 Ashford Under 9Bs 2

Boys' Under 11 Football

Our Under 11s finished their season with a 4—0 loss to St Faith's but still remained cheerful about their effort. Throughout the term, the emphasis has been on giving as many boys a chance to perform as possible. St Faith's happen to be a very strong team this year but perhaps next season our development policy may bring forth great results. Well done to all the boys who have played this term.



HOLD THE DATE

Secret Santa (£2 per present)	6th December
Parents Choir Practice	6th December
Pantomime—Cinderella	7th December
Carol Singing in Canterbury Prep 5&6	8th December
Christmas Fayre	9th December

IT'S THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT

IF YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME....

...you can still help and contribute. We would really appreciate donations of:

- **chocolate** for the Chocolate Tombola. There is a box in Mr Jones' study for the chocolate or hand your donations to Sarah Martin who will try not to eat them
- **bottles** (full!) of wine / beer / shampoo / oils / vinegars/etc etc for the Bottle Tombola. There are boxes inside the doors to Teddies and Nursery for the bottles
- **cakes** for the café at the Fayre. Please bring them in next Friday (9th) morning.

THE MOST DELICIOUS XMAS PUDS

See page 8 for order details for these amazing Xmas puddings



Brodie Martin is ready for Christmas. Come to the Fayre and join in the fun!

SSSShhhhhhhh..... it's Secret Santa on Tuesday, 6th December. If you would like to surprise your Mummy or Daddy or both with a present on Christmas Day then the PTA can help! Presents are just £2.00 each and are already wrapped so your parents won't be able to peek!

Spring Grove School Calendars 2012

These will be for sale at the Christmas Fayre. They are just £6 each and will have term dates marked in them already plus fantastic pictures of our children! Great presents for all the family!

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!

Dates for your diary.....

- Tuesday 6th December – Secret Santa
- Tuesday 6th December – Parents Choir practise 7.30pm in Hall
- Thursday 8th December – Carol Singing Prep 5 & 6 and any parents who wish to go along. 1.30pm CJ's Restaurant/Café Canterbury, then on to Fenwicks at 3.30pm
- Friday, 9th December – 2.30pm. SG PTA Christmas Fayre.

Carol Singing in Canterbury

On Thursday 8th December we will be taking the children in Years 5 and 6 to Canterbury to sing carols. We will firstly sing outside CJ's Café in St Margaret's Street. Following a delicious snack, provided by Georgia Lord who owns the café, we will walk down to Fenwick's to sing carols on the First Floor. Accompanied by teachers and parents we shall entertain the Christmas shoppers and also raise money for our Christmas charity, Porchlight.

We will have an early lunch and leave school in the minibuses at approximately 12.30. We intend to sing outside CJ's between 13.30 to 14.30, and inside Fenwick's between 15.30 – 16.30. We would aim to be back at Spring Grove between 17.30 – 18.00. Alternatively you may come and join us singing and collect your child directly from Canterbury.

Every child must wear their very best uniform: blazers, ties, jumpers, polished shoes, etc. This is also an occasion to dust off and make use of the school caps and winter hats. If your children still have them I would like to bring them in to wear for the occasion. For those who do not have them I have a collection of unused hats.

Very important calendar news...

The start of next term is presently advertised as Monday, 9th January. I have decided to postpone this to Tuesday, 10th January. Staff will return to school on the Monday in order to prepare for the new term. The children will return for the start of term at 8.30am on **TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY**.

In return I am hoping that as many children as possible will come to school on Saturday, 24th March for a morning of music, drama, art and sport and various academic activities for SG children of all ages. This will be an Open Morning (from 9.30am—12.30pm) and I am hoping that a number of visitors and guests will have the chance to come and see the children in action and also join in the fun. Please note the date in your diary.

School Carol Service

The school carol service takes place on Tuesday, 13th December at 6.30pm in Wye Church. New this year is a chance for parents to join the choir! Mrs Jones would like to form a parents' choir to add ballast to the already robust singing of the children! We plan to hold two rehearsals for this event prior to the day. The repertoire will not be too challenging and the choir is open to both enthusiastic amateurs as well as skilled readers. Whether you own a stratospheric soprano or a deep, Russian bass, your sound will be welcome. If in doubt consult Mrs Jones or the Headmaster!

School Carol Service Rehearsals
Tuesday, 6th December
7.30—8.30pm (baby-sitting available)

Calendar Dates for Under 9 Rugby Players in 2012!

We have two very important SUNDAY dates for our Under 9 rugby players next term. The first is for everyone, the second for a select few:

1. **Sunday, 15th January:** 10.00am—12.00pm at Canterbury RFC. All children in Years 3 and 4 are invited to come to Canterbury RFC to join a training session with the Canterbury players and then play a game against a Canterbury team. Please note that Spring Grove players who are members of Canterbury will play for Spring Grove!!
 - *We will be training very hard over the first few weeks of term in order to select a squad of about 12 players to take part in the following:*
2. **Sunday, 5th February.** All day at Epsom College. Spring Grove Under 9As will play in the National Schools Rugby Tournament SE regional round.

I am obviously hoping that as many of our boys (and girls too) as possible would like to be a part of the Canterbury RFC session but that you also hold both dates in your diary. The Epsom event will be a first for SG and a fantastic experience of tournament rugby for the team. The team for Epsom will not be selected until a few days before but we are happy to give you an early indication as to whether your child is likely to be selected. Just ask!

Congratulations to:

Headmaster's Stars

Austen: Gigi Dunbar-Johnson, Georgina Wagstaff

Chaucer: Poppy Falcon, Jonathan Rowe, Polly Langworthy

Dickens: Austin Moran, Edith McNair, Georgina Bird

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
Olivia Standen	Navy School Coat
Chris Scrivens	Navy Shorts

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.

Apologies.... In the happy bustle of this morning's assembly we managed to miss three important details:

Georgina Wagstaff's Headmaster's Star, Benny Sharp's Birthday announcement and Arabella Saliba-Williams' fantastic goal tally! My apologies to these children!

Diary

Monday 5th - Friday 9th December

Mon 5th	Parents' Choir Carol Service Rehearsal 4.30pm (additional rehearsal for those that want it!)
Tues 6th	Zoolab visiting Reception Parents' Choir Carol Service Rehearsal 7.30pm
Wed 7th	U11 A&B Hockey v St Faiths (A)
Thurs 8th	U9 Girls Football v St Faiths (H) Years 5 & 6 Carol Singing in Canterbury
Friday 9th	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsals 9.30am

Menu

Monday 5th - Friday 9th December

Mon 5th	Tuna\Cheese, Jacket Potato and Salad Fresh Fruit
Tue 6th	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie, Potatoes and Green Beans Pears and Chocolate Sauce
Wed 7th	Macaroni Cheese and Salad Yoghurts
Thu 8th	Lasagne & Sweetcorn Flapjack
Fri 9th	Sausage, Mash and Baked Beans Choc Ice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Benny Sharp &
Sophia Parkin

ASHFORD MUSIC SOCIETY
**ZEPHYR ENSEMBLE
OF LONDON**

Emma-Louise Hible (flute), Helen Barker (oboe),
Charys Green (clarinet), Evgeny Chebykin (horn)
and Thomas Oxley (bassoon).

Mozart: 'Magle Flute' Overture (arr.)
Debussy: Suite No.2 (arr. Davies)
Hindemith: Kleine Kammermusik, Op.24.2
Holt: Quintet in A flat, Op.14
Patterson: *Westerly Winds*
and other pieces by Berio and Ibert.

MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2011
at 7.30 p.m.

NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL
Hythe Road, Ashford. TN24 0QJ

Tickets: Adults £12; Children & Students £3;
Obtainable from: Soukz@118-71, 40 High Street, Ashford;
Ashford Tourist Information Centre, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford;
Hilary Pittcock on 01233-623700; or at the door on the evening of the concert.



CHRISTMAS CAMP



GH Camps Booking Form

Monday 19th December – Wednesday 21st December

Each day Camp will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. All children will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities: Soccer, Rounders, Table Tennis, Table Football, Widegames, Croquet, Cricket, Bouncy Castle, and local excursions to places of interest.

Child's Name:	Date of Birth:	Age:
Address:		
Every day your child will need:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packed lunch and a named water bottle (No fizzy drinks please) • Warm clothing/coates/hats/gloves/wellies 		
Please tick dates attending £25.00 per day – 10% discount for sibling and subsequent children or £70.00 for all 3 days (no sibling discount with this offer) (Early booking discount if booked before 5th December – daily rate reduced to £22.00 per day).		
<i>Location - Spring Grove School, Wye, Ashford, Kent</i>		
Monday 19th December		
Tuesday 20 th December		
Wednesday 21 st December		
If you would like confirmation of your booking please supply your e-mail address below:		

For further details please contact either Phil Williams – Tel: 07923572158 or Denise Saliba – Tel: 07771736768

CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

I agree to my child taking part in all activities (full name)

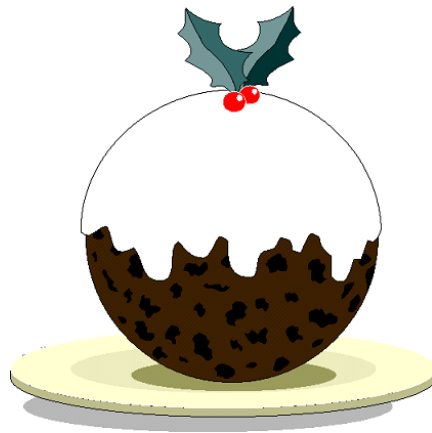
I authorise the team leader of the activities to administer medicines to my child when necessary as detailed below and to carry out First Aid as required in the case of accident/injury.

Signature: Date:

Name: (Block capitals please)

RELEVANT MEDICAL DETAILS/HISTORY/SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS		
CONTACT INFORMATION Please list in priority order of contact		
Name(s)	Relationship to Young Person	Telephone Numbers:
		Home: Work: Mobile:
		Home: Work: Mobile:

Please return payment before the end of term with this form to the School Office or send to North Barn, Worton, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent TN23 3BS



BACK DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND! THE
SPRING GROVE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS ARE
ON SALE AGAIN! THEY ARE *DELICIOUS* AND
EACH ONE SOLD RAISES MONEY FOR SG.

COST: 2LB PUDDING IS £10.50; 1LB PUDDING IS £6.50

STOCKS ARE LIMITED, SO TO PRE-ORDER A PUDDING, EMAIL ANNABEL
FALCON ON ANNABELCFALCON@GOOGLEMAIL.COM OR TELL THE
OFFICE

PUDDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
COLLECTION AT THE SPRING GROVE
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Ultimate Plum Pudding is probably the finest Christmas pudding you can buy. It has been endorsed by the BBC Good Food Magazine and by Chef Magazine as being as good as the best home made. It has also won a **gold award at the Great Taste Awards**.

The pudding is made by a small craft manufacturer in Cumbria and is utterly delicious! All the vine fruits are soaked overnight in lots of brandy and dry sherry. Fresh breadcrumbs and freshly grated carrot help give the pudding a lighter texture. Ingredients are top quality and much more varied than usual – almonds, walnuts, stem ginger, apricots, cherries as well as the best, juicily alcoholic, raisins and sultanas. It is light, sweet and aromatic and you can taste every ingredient. **Most people have no idea that Christmas pudding can be this good!**

The Ultimate Plum Pudding is not available in supermarkets (the company is too small for that) but it is available through us. It has been labelled for us incorporating the school logo, and the sale of each pudding supports our school.