



# SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

## SG Messenger



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## Advent Preparations

**Advent is the season when Christian people await the coming of the King. We have been undertaking our preparations for our season of festivities this week and have become increasingly excited about what lies ahead.**

Last Friday, Oliver Fox, Oliver Webb, Jake Baldwin and Jonathan Rowe showed such enthusiasm, enterprise and SG spirit when they appeared in the shop window of the Sue Ryder charity shop in Tenterden. "I simply have to tell you," wrote Oliver's grandmother, "how wonderful it was to have the boys from Spring Grove as our 'window display' at Tenterden's late night shopping evening. They worked very hard playing their jazz pieces as well as their individual pieces and drew crowds and applause. Over £40.00 was raised through their efforts. They and their talents—as well as their polite and personable manners—are a credit to your school." (see page 4 for picture)



*All of our prep 5s and 6s had great fun singing carols for the public in Canterbury. See page 2.*

On Wednesday, our MAD winners—that is, those who have made a positive difference to life in their class—were rewarded with a trip to the bowling alley. See the list of winners on page 6.

A day later, our Prep 5s and 6s sang for two hours in Canterbury: first, in front of CJs Café and then in *Ladies Wear* on the 1st floor of Fenwicks! CJs is run by Georgia Lord, mother of Daisy and I am very grateful to Georgia and her father, George, who prepared flapjacks for the children along with their hot chocolate provided by the café. Our carol singing efforts were on behalf of Porchlight, the Canterbury-based charity for the homeless. The response from the public was tremendous and many positive comments were made about the children's smartness, musicality and infectious enthusiasm for singing.

On Friday, our dress rehearsals for next week's Early Years and Key Stage 1 shows took place. Lovely costumes, delightful singing and acting showed that we are all in for a treat on Monday afternoon. Do try to come!



On Friday afternoon, our Christmas Fair took place: the stall-holders reported a very busy afternoon of sales and much chocolate, cakes and richly decorated biscuits were consumed. News of money raised will be announced in due course.

It was lovely to see some of our Springgrovians return: one of them—Alex Sharp—has enjoyed a stunning first term at Ashford School where she has impressed many with the quality of her work. She proudly showed me her first report which shows that she gained 32 commendations for her excellent work throughout the term: the next best was 20! Spring Grove certainly prepares children well for their next schools. Well done, Alex!



## HOLD THE DATE

Tuesday, 13th December: School carol service. 6.30pm in Wye Church



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

### THE MOST DELICIOUS XMAS PUDS

See page 8 for order details for these amazing Xmas puddings



### Spring Grove School Calendars 2012

They are just £6 each and will have term dates marked in them already plus fantastic pictures of our children! Available from the School Office. 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!

### 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:

- 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:*
- 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!

### Farewell to Aidan and Chloe...

Many of you will know that we are saying farewell to Aidan and Chloe this Monday. Owing to flight booking complications, both our Gaps are having to leave before the end of term. Our children will have a chance to say farewell in Monday morning's assembly and we shall be saying goodbye when they leave for the airport just after lunch.

*For the last three days of term, we welcome Huw Jones and Lewis Molloy, U6 pupils at Millfield School as our replacement Gaps.*

## Late news from the PTA....

Well that was such a fantastic Christmas Fayre! For 2 busy hours the hall was buzzing.



The PTA hope that everyone who came enjoyed themselves. Wasn't Santa great? Not a bit scary according to Amelie and Cherrie!

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Thank you to all those that stayed behind to help clear up after the Christmas Fayre – it's always the worst part of any event, so thank you - thank you – thank you and again, thank you!

Obviously there are still School events planned for next week but as far as the PTA is concerned we are taking a well earned break!

Dates for your diary..... see page 3.

*Erm.....excuse me Mr Williams, those are supposed to be for the children to decorate!*

*Many thanks to all of the PTA who have made a magnificent contribution toward the successes enjoyed by Spring Grove in 2011. Your support is immensely appreciated by the staff, the governors and the children. I hope that all of our parents are able to enjoy a wonderful Christmas holiday with their children. Thank you.*

*W. Stones*

## End of Term Arrangements

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- **NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**
  - **No Ballet**
  - No Games kit required for Years 3 – 6
  - PE as normal for Years 1, 2 and Nursery on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December
  - Breakfast Club will run as normal from Monday - Wednesday
  - Prior arrangements with the school must be made if you would like your child to attend afternoon crèche on Monday or Tuesday.
  - Year 1 and Year 2 children may come into school at 11.00
  - 10.00am Teddy Bears Christmas Party
  - After lunch: farewell to the Gaps....
  - 2.30pm Nursery and Reception Christmas Show
  - 5.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Show
- All lost property will be given out on Monday.

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- Carol Service Rehearsal – all children in Years 3 – 6 should arrive at **WYE CHURCH** by 8.30am. Breakfast Club children will be brought from school by staff. Children will be transported back to school at the end of the rehearsal.
- Christmas Lunch
- **All children will finish school at 3.30pm**
- Children in Years 3 – 6 to arrive at Wye Church between 6.00pm and 6.15pm **latest**.
- Carol Service at Wye Church 6.30pm (remember that the level crossing can add long minutes to your journey!)

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- Parents should arrive from 1.30pm for Final Assembly - no earlier please!
- Final assembly will take place in the hall at 1.45pm - the assembly will end at approximately 3.15pm. Please collect your children promptly from their classrooms after the assembly.

### 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.



*The Tenterden window display of the year: Oliver Webb, Oliver Fox, Jake Baldwin and Jonathan Rowe rock the shoppers!*

### ***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, Canter bury Rugby Socks

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**

**Lucy Henderson, Reuben  
Peddle, Katie Higgins, Ara-  
bella Saliba-Williams, Mrs  
Wood**

### **Sports News**

Our final matches of the term took place on Wednesday when our Hockey Under 11As and Development B team, containing a number of children who had hitherto enjoyed only a few minutes of match play, took on St Faith's. This B team struggled gamely against stronger opposition but were outplayed and the final score was 7-0 to St Faith's. The A team game was quite different. A very fine performance from our girls proved far too strong for the opposition. 1 goal from Anousca de Moubray and a fine hat-trick + 1 (!) from Arabella Saliba-Williams brought about a fitting and triumphant conclusion to the term's sport.

St Faith's Under 11A 2 SG Under 11A 5  
(Saliba-Williams 4, de Moubray 1)

St Faith's Under 11B 7 SG Under 11B 0  
*Finally, the Under 9 girls enjoyed a thrilling SG challenge match on Thursday afternoon. The SG Stars defeated the Sharpshooters by 2 goals to nil. Player of the match was Izzy Goddard.*

### **Diary**

#### **Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th December**

Mon 12th	Teddy Bears Christmas Party 2.30pm Nursery & Reception Christmas Show 5.00pm Year 1 and year 2 Christmas Show
Tues 13th	Years 3 - 6 Carol Service Rehearsal at Wye Church - 8.30am Christmas Lunch Carol Service at Wye Church - 6.30pm.
Wed 14th	Final Assembly – 2.00pm

### **Menu**

#### **Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th December**

Mon 12th	Sausage Cassoulet Fresh Fruit
Tue 13th	Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th	Spaghetti Bolognese & Sweetcorn Pick and Mix

### ***Are you MAD?***

Our MAD Winners this term are:

Anna Bromley, Anousca de Moubray, Robert Rix, Libby Ley, Jade Curtis, Maddy Exell, George Barton, Clodagh Earl, William Hobday, Lauren Benson, Samuel Piggins, Silvia Courage, Freya Reilly, Sebastian Elliott, Alice Goodman, Teigan Sullivan, Georgina Wagstaff and Curt Curtis.

Well done to you all for setting such a good example of fine manners, smartness, effort and friendliness. You are an inspiration to others.



# CHRISTMAS CAMP



## GH Camps Booking Form

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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"> <li>• Packed lunch and a named water bottle (No fizzy drinks please)</li> <li>• Warm clothing/coates/hats/gloves/wellies</li> </ul>		
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) <b>(Early booking discount if booked before 5<sup>th</sup> December – daily rate reduced to £22.00 per day).</b>		
<i>Location - Spring Grove School, Wye, Ashford, Kent</i>		
Monday 19th December		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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) .....

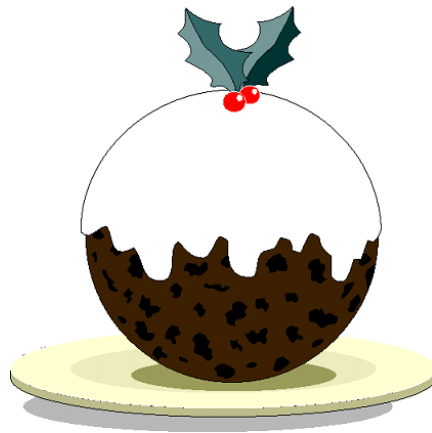
I authorise the team leader of the activities to administer medicines to my child when necessary as detailed below and to carry out First Aid as required in the case of accident/injury.

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](mailto: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.