



Newsletter

25 November 2010

As the weather is getting colder, it is obviously important for the children to wrap up warmly. However, we have a great variety of colours, and even novelty wear, that are more appropriate for our non-uniform days. May I please ask that gloves, scarves and hats are appropriate for school wear—being either the wool or fleece uniform items, obtainable from our outfitters, or plain dark green or black, so that the children look smart when wearing the Richmond House School uniform.

There are 22 shopping days until Christmas, and one of your best opportunities is this Saturday—don't forget the School Fair; I look forward to seeing you there.

Janet Oldham

Would parents please note that **children should not come into the school building until 8.30am**, unless they are going to pre school care. They should wait on the top playground (from 8.00am) where a teacher is on duty, until the bell rings. If it is raining heavily, the children should go to the gym. Thank you.

Mr P Oldham

On Tuesday I gave an assembly about respect for the school environment and the importance of good table manners. Recently, our children have not been a tidy as they should be and cloakrooms have been left in a terrible mess. This has meant that children are losing their own property and have arrived at lessons without the specific items. Table manners have not been as good as they might be, which makes lunch a less pleasant time than it should be for both the children and staff. Please could I ask for your support and that you should talk with your children about the importance of looking after the school environment and of good table manners; that includes eating with a knife and fork. Thank you for your support.

Mr Oldham

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 27 Nov	Parents' Association Christmas Fair at St Chad's Parish Centre 2.00-4.30pm
Wed 1 Dec	Nursery Parents' Evening 4.00 to 6.00pm
Thu 2 Dec	Year 2 Performance 2.15pm
Fri 3 Dec	3.00-4.00pm PA Second Hand Uniform Sale—Red Brick Pavilion

CELEBRATIONS!

Congratulations to Lucy E, Mai, Grace C for achieving Level 6 in the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards. Also, to Phoebe H for Level 7 and Orla and Grace M for Level 8.

Congratulations to George, Romilly and Daniel T for participating in the Kia Ora Swimming Challenge and achieving Silver Awards.

Congratulations to Steffan for achieving Gold of the ASA Swimming Challenge Award.

Congratulations to the following children for achieving their Dolphin Awards for swimming: Peter for Level 5, Tamsin, Sophie B-F for Level 6, Lorcan for Level 8.

Happy Birthday to Satpal, Simran, Alfie R, Josephine, Sebastian C, Jasper, Steffan and Romilly—and to Mrs Broadbent (belatedly).

NOTICE BOARD

Reminder—On the last day of term, Friday 17 December, please remember that school will close at 12.00pm and there will be no After School Care on that day. All children must be collected by 12.15pm, at the latest.

We are 75 years old! We would love to hear from any parents, grandparents, friends and relatives who used to attend RHS in the past. We would like stories, photos and memorabilia from your time at our school. Please email marketing@rhschool.org or contact Katie Fraser-Smith in the School Office.

Please bring into school any large plastic drinks bottles between 1½ and 3 litres for an art project. Thank you.

Mrs S Edwards

Lost Property

Frankie B has lost her pink "Hello Kitty" watch. If found, please return it to her, or to the School Office. Thank you.

Daniel T has lost his jumper which is named. Please check your child's clothing and, if found, please return to Daniel in 4B or to the School Office.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be held 2.00pm – 4.30pm this Saturday, 27 November 2010 at St Chad's Parish Centre. Please come along and see Santa in his Grotto.

Cake boxes

Please place your homemade cakes, buns, biscuits in the boxes provided and bring in to school on Friday 26 November, or bring to the Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Raffle Tickets

A reminder that ticket stubs and payment (Richmond House School Parents' Association) or any unsold tickets should be placed in the box in the office by Friday 26th, tickets will also be on sale at the entrance to the Christmas Fair.

Buy a Date Competition

Mrs Disley is still selling days for 2011, the more days sold the bigger the cash prizes, so see Mrs Disley at the entrance to the Fair for your special date.

Christmas Bauble Competition

Please return completed baubles to school by Friday 26th November so that they can be judged and placed on the tree that will be displayed at the Christmas Fair.

David Cockerham
Chair

Congratulations to Charlie and Alex in Year 5 who have been appointed as Junior Road Safety Officers for school. As the evenings are darker, they have some posters to put up to remind us about being visible outdoors. In addition to displaying information, they are also planning assemblies and competitions around the theme of being safe, so watch this space!

Mrs J Godsave

Nursery and Lower School Book Clubs

Your child has brought home the Christmas editions of the Scholastic and Funfare magazines. If you would like to place an order, please return your order and remittance (one cheque is acceptable for all) made payable to Richmond House School, in a sealed envelope, to your child's class teacher by the morning of Friday 3 December. Thank you. There are some leaflets in the office if any Upper School pupil would like to take one.



TEAM TALK

Match Results

U11A Tag Rugby v Highfield	Won 6-4
U11B Tag Rugby v Highfield	Lost 9-11
U11 Netball v Highfield	Lost 2-23
U10 Netball v Highfield	Won 16-3
U11 Rugby v Bronte House (B)	Won 49-7

Match Report

Our U10 netball team had a great win against Highfield on Tuesday—we won 16-3 and worked very well as a team. Our shooting and passing were especially good.

Florence P—Captain

Next Week's Fixtures

On Wednesday 1st December, the U11 netball team and U11 football team will play Fulneck and the U10 netball team will play Bronte House. These matches are at home, starting at 3.00pm. The netball teams may be collected from the pavilion at about 4.15pm, and the football team at 4.30pm.

On Friday 3 December, the U11 netball team will play in the Leeds Schools' High Five tournament at GSAL. Players will travel by minibus, leaving immediately after they have had lunch, and should return at about 4.00pm. Parental support would be greatly appreciated. Good luck!

Mrs A C Milne
PE/Games Co-ordinator



RHS Cake Suppliers to the Royal Family!

Foundation Stage children baked a wedding cake for Prince William and his fiancée, Kate Middleton, and sent a letter with a photograph of the cake to the Queen, hoping she would place an order!

Report on Rugby Match v Bronte House (B)

On Wednesday 24 November, the U11's played a contact rugby match against Bronte House. Everyone was on top form, and that's why we came back with a tremendous win: RHS 49—Bronte House 7! The try scorers were:-

Peri M (Captain)	2 tries
Jonathan W	1 try
Charlie P	1 try
Thomas L	3 tries

Even the people who didn't score a try, definitely set them up. Alfie R was unbelievably close to scoring a try but, unluckily, dropped the ball and then he was kicked in the nose!

As we were doing conversions, Jonathan W had 100% accuracy.

This performance was fantastic and we are so proud of the boys. As you are aware, I was not in school on Wednesday, but good news travels very quickly and I heard of the result whilst on the A1! I also understand that the singing on the bus could be heard back in Leeds!

Mrs J Disley

The sportsmanship on the field was outstanding. All the boys conducted themselves well, also in the dining room, where they demonstrated superb manners, reflecting well on us as a school.

Mr P Oldham

School Reporters

Thomas L & Charlie P

Last Wednesday, 24 November, Year 5 had **Tudor Christmas**. We interviewed Florence and Kate to find out more.

- Q: "What did you do yesterday?"
A: "A man called Master David came and taught us about Tudor Christmas, it was fun."
Q: "Why did you find it fun?"
A: "He taught us lots of Tudor facts, then we did activities. One of them was oranges with cloves in them, which made the room smell nice, but only rich people could afford them."
Q: "Did you enjoy your Tudor lunch?"
A: "Yes, we loved it. It was vegetable soup with brown bread, fruit, Christmas cake, cheese, shortbread and mulled Ribena. It was delicious and we would like to thank the dinner ladies and Master David."

Answer to last week's riddle:

They were both women.