



Newsletter

12 May 2011

For a 75 year old, Richmond House is very busy! The Parents' Association Ball was a great success—may I take this opportunity to thank the PA for their efforts and many of you for turning out, though some of the masks did not really hide your identities! We then had Open Afternoon, to start the week, which was well attended by past pupils and prospective parents, again thanks to many of you for contributions to the afternoon and to the birthday displays, photographs, school reports and even a blazer from the 1970's. In the past week, Years 1, 2 and Reception have delighted us with musical pieces and, today, Year 3 have just departed for Hadrian's Wall, excited and full of energy, some hauling bags big enough to hold a week's worth of clothing. As I write, Year 5 are using the tennis courts for cycle training, and shrieks of laughter are floating from the track where Year 1 are discovering the pleasures of a space hopper in preparation for Sports Day! As I said, not bad for 75! Oops—just overheard from the office "one of your legs has fallen off"!

Do keep an eye on the diary dates and forthcoming events, it is always good to see you, but especially so in this celebratory term.

Jane Disley

Walk to School Week 16-20 May

Richmond House School is pleased to participate in the 'walk to school week'. We have arranged a walking bus for Monday to Friday mornings of that week, and two members of staff will walk children to school from The Village Hotel at 8.00 am and 8.15 am.

Drop off arrangements at The Village Hotel have already been put in place in the parking area immediately left as you go through the gate – not down at the hotel.

Staff will provide reflective tops for the children and will leave the car park at exactly 8.00 am and 8.15 am. Please could I ask that, in the event that we have a large number of children to walk to school, you help support us by walking with us to school.

Mr P Oldham

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thu 19 May	7.00pm Year 6 Performance at St Chad's Parish Centre
Fri 20 May	7.00pm Year 6 Performance at St Chad's Parish Centre
Tue 24 May	Whole School Photograph and team/choir photographs
Thu 26 May	Lower School Sports Day am Upper School Sports Day pm
Fri 27 May	School closes for Half Term 3.35pm—After School Care is available.

CELEBRATIONS!

Congratulations to Talia for participating in the Horsforth Competitive Festival of Music, Drama and Dance, and achieving First Place in the Vocal Solo, 9 and Under, with 84 marks; Folk Song, 15 and Under, also with 84 marks; and Junior Songs From the Shows with 85 marks. Well done!

Congratulations to Freya S for attaining the Silver Medal of Achievement for four years of study at Stagecoach.

Congratulations to Florence who has achieved a merit in her Grade 3 piano.

Congratulations to Orla who has achieved her 25m Rainbow Swimming Award.

Congratulations to Will P on completing the Leeds and Bradford Aquathlon on 8 May—swimming 150m and running 1500m in a time of 10mins 9secs. Will is also through to the next round of the Chris Evans 500 words top 900, out of 30,000 entrants.

Congratulations to Tom P whose U7's rugby team won the Matlock Festival.

Happy Birthday to Seb H, James G, Jessica L, Sophia L-H and Lewis, and a very Happy Birthday to Mrs Disley!

NOTICE BOARD

Please note that **Choir** next Monday 16 May is cancelled and also **Orchestra** on Wednesday 18 May is cancelled due to the school production. Tickets are now available for the rest of the school. Please come to the Office to book yours.

Children are **not** being booked into **After School Care** and we need to know beforehand, for staffing purposes, whether your child will be in ASC. Please inform the office accordingly.

Peri lessons are available to sign up for next September. We are offering lessons in piano, singing, guitar, violin, saxophone, clarinet, flute, trumpet and drums. If you would like your child to start lessons, please collect a form from the School Office.

Lost Property

Jack P in 40 has lost his blazer. Please check your child's blazer as Jack's is named. If found, please return to him or the School Office.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Richmond Bear – 75th Anniversary Bear

Richmond Bear is a Limited Edition 75th Anniversary Bear, Richmond is on display in the School Office and in the Reception Classroom. Richmond will come complete with his 75th Anniversary badge and is now available to order, the order form has been sent out in your child's bag. **Richmond** is available at £10 each or 3 **Richmond Bears** for £26.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a 2nd Hand uniform sale in the Red Brick Pavilion on Wednesday 22nd June 2011 between 3.00pm and 4.00pm.

Appeal for 2nd Hand School Uniform

Now that the summer uniform is here, the PA would like to make an appeal for any 2nd hand uniform your child may have grown out of (**especially** parents of Year 6 children, here is an opportunity to clear out your wardrobes). The PA will undertake to sell the clothing on your behalf on a 50/50 basis or, if you wish, you may donate it to the PA. I am available every Tuesday morning in the Library and have a price guide for all uniform items.

Parents' Association School Ball

Thank you to all those who attended, supported and donated prizes to the Parents' Association School Ball. We hope you had a good evening. We would be very grateful for your feedback on the evening including the venue, food, ticket prices, theme, raffle etc. Please address any comments to the Ball Committee and place in the PA basket in the school office.

Please find below the winners of the silent auction:

Mr and Mrs Watson – signed and framed England cricket shirt

Mr and Mrs Peach – 2 places for 1 week at the Active Sporting Club at GSAL

Mr and Mrs Rowlands – two tickets for the Grand Theatre with Mrs Disley babysitting

Mr and Mrs Bedford – meal at Alea casino plus chips

Mr Barnes and Mr Skingle – round of golf for four at Cookridge Hall Golf Club

David Cockerham—Chair



TEAM TALK

Next Week's Fixtures

On Tuesday 17 May, our U10 and U11 rounders teams will play Highfield at home, starting at 3.40pm.

On the same day, there will be an U10/U11 mixed cricket match against Highfield, also at home, starting at 3.40pm. All players may be collected at approximately 5.00pm

On Wednesday 18 May, our U10 rounders team will be playing in the next round of the IAPS Rounders tournament, as Year 6 will be using the day for their dress rehearsal. This match is against St Pius Prep School and will take place at home, starting at 2.15pm. Players may be collected at the usual end of school time, or 4.00pm at the latest.

Mr S Lowe
E/Games Co-ordinator





School Journalists

Carla and Leon

Konnichiwa! Carla and Leon here, reporting for the school newsletter.

Did you know that, today, the Year 3s all go to Hadrian's Wall, and an ancient Roman fort called Birdoswald?

We remember when we went to Birdoswald, we met this strange man dressed up as a Centurion, and he told us loads of stuff about ancient Rome.

Anyway, we can't really tell you any more about this trip because if any Year 3's read it, we'll spoil it for them!

This week, Miss Lloyd and **Year 1** put on a performance of "The Musicians of Bremen" in which the pupils sang in four parts (which is really hard!).

Mrs Edwards made masks for the children to wear during the performance.

Last week, **Year 2** did a performance of "Big Momma" which was a musical performance about saving the elephants.

The week before that, **Reception** put on a performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk" which was Reception's first performance. All the children did really well and showed lots of confidence. Miss Lloyd has had a very busy few weeks!



Answer to last week's Riddle - A river!

This week's riddle:

When you have me, you feel like sharing me, but if you do share me, you don't have me any more. What am I?

Answer in next week's newsletter!