



# Leehurst Swan School

## Newsletter

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### FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

This comes to you at the end of another eventful term and with my best wishes for the holidays ahead.

#### The Walker Hall



The Walker Hall has is to be named after Rev. Christopher Walker, who over his past 12 years as Chair of Governors, has guided the school through some challenging times to the thriving and highly successful establishment it is today. The name also avoids confusion with the former hall which, in future, will be known as the Gym.

The Walker Hall continues to develop at a pace with every indicator showing that it will be completed on time and budget near the start of next term. There will be a few additional weeks whilst the remaining fittings are supplied, including the specialist tiered seating, to allow the music department settle into their new class rooms, before it is fully usable. The area outside the Walker Hall will be re-landscaped and car parking spaces re-established along with the flow through and drop off system. The introduction of yellow lines on Campbell Road less than a year ago, has helped to ease congestion and make it possible for parents to park free for up to 2 hours.

#### Next term

The new timetable for the school day will start at the beginning of next term and the dining procedures will commence in the Gym. Years 10 and 11 will continue with existing lunch facilities until the dining arrangements transfer to the Walker Hall as soon as possible. I am very much looking forward to all the possibilities the new facility will bring and the improvement in our provision for lunches, concerts, assemblies etc.

#### Academic results

The Senior pupils are due to receive their GCSE results on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August as they are released to the schools by 'download' for the first time. Senior pupils awaiting results are welcome to collect them, or telephone the school in person, between 10.00 and 12.30 on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. The traditional certificates will be sent out by post on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August as they arrive in school on that date.

Year 6 pupils have all completed InCAS tests again this year in place of the SATs. The tests give an age standardised score for a variety of skills. A standardised score is one in which the achievement of the pupil is compared with the achievement of a typical student of the same age. The information shows once again that the vast majority of Leehurst Swan pupils are working well ahead of national norms. The scores are reported in the end of year report.

All pupils in the school should receive an end of year report at this time of year. The vast majority of the pupils should be very proud of what they have achieved this year and academic development has been very strong.

#### Sports results

This term has been one of considerable sporting achievements. Our cricket teams have been successful with a memorable match against Moyles Court. The Sports Days went off very well and reflected the growing strength of our athletics teams. More records were broken on the Senior Sports day than ever before and more pupils competed successfully at county level and a few qualified for the Nationals.



Our Rounders teams were more successful this year than in previous years and, to my surprise, our Polo team won the Area Polo Competition beating both Sandroyd and Marlborough College.



Swimming continues to develop with an interesting display of aqua-aerobics by the Key Stage 2 pupils and a traditional gala. Our Swimming team performed well in the Salisbury Schools Gala.



### Pupil numbers

Parents continue to be concerned about pupil numbers in light of the recession and worries about independent schools closing due to loss of pupils. For this reason I write to reassure you. Next term the Senior School will start with the highest numbers recorded and with only two or three spaces. The Reception year will start with two classes to accommodate the increased demand, and all other years will have two classes except Year 1 and 2. Thus, pupil numbers are very healthy and my biggest problem is trying to accommodate all those who want to join.

### Trips

The summer term is often the time of year when more trips occur. At the time of writing a large number of the Senior pupils are on trips to the Battlefields (France and Belgium) and UKSA (Isle of Wight).





The Prep pupils, however, had a series of trips in every age group, Year 6 have been to Mill on the Brue for their residential trip and others have visited the water meadows, Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop, Windsor Castle and even the Salisbury Park and Ride! All are related to the topics of study but bring alive the work in a meaningful way.

### **Grandparents' Afternoon**

As I indicated on the evening of the Year 5 and 6 concert, the response to Grandparents' Afternoon was literally overwhelming. I am very sorry to the number of grandparents we were unable to accommodate for what was a most enjoyable afternoon. A second date has been fixed of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 to allow those grandparents who were disappointed the first time round to attend. Others are welcome too!

### **Farewell**

At the end of this term we say farewell to three members of staff who have given long and loyal service to the school. All three are set to retire and justly deserve their more relaxed lifestyle in the future.

**Barbara Herlihy** leaves as Y5 form teacher and Science co-ordinator of Prep science. She joined the Swan staff in September 1987 and has taught ever since. She is an excellent teacher and has shown care and concern for her pupils over the years. Her quiet, professional manner has been an inspiration to her colleagues and parents alike. Many of her present and former pupils speak highly of her and recognise the role she played in helping them succeed.

**Sally Feltham** is currently a part time Art and DT teacher, having reduced her hours last year to concentrate on her grandchildren. She joined the Swan school in September 1989 and has taught continuously since. Although she retires, she still wishes to maintain contact with the school in the future with, perhaps, an art activity. Her lessons were always great fun and sparkled, reflecting her view, that you can never have too much glitter!

**Catherine McDermott** retires as Deputy Head. She was appointed to La Retraite in 1993 in charge of Chemistry then becoming Head of Science before she was appointed Deputy Head in September 1998, having already served in that role for a year on temporary basis. Catherine will be sadly missed by colleagues and pupils alike. Parents have often come to rely on her pastoral skills. Colleagues have turned to her in times of crisis. Past pupils talk fondly of the debt they owe her for being present when they needed help. I am deeply indebted to her, as she helped me understand the school as a new Headmaster. She has been an endless source of wisdom and knowledge; utterly loyal and reliable and never afraid to tell me that which I need to know.

### **The AAA (Alumni et Amicitia Association)**

As the centenary of the school grows closer (2014), Dr Jane Howells, (the Secretary for the Association) is happy to receive mementos, photos or recollections from past pupils. Please contact her through the school or the web site. A twice yearly newsletter is produced to bring former pupils up to date with recent developments and put past pupils in contact with each other. Please pass on this information to any former pupils from Swan, La Retraite or even Leehurst, Schools.

Finally I am most grateful to all the parents whose children leave the school at the end of this year. I hope they have enjoyed being part of the School community in whatever way and will wish to continue their interest in the school in the future.

I hope you all have a very happy holiday.

Roger Leake  
Headmaster

## NEW SCHOOL DAY

Here is a reminder of the new school day which commences at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2010

Times	Prep	Senior
<b>8.30-8.45</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>
8.45-9.20	Period 1	Period 1
9.20-9.55	Period 2	Period 2
<b>9.55-10.20</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>
10.20-10.55	Period 3	Period 3
10.55-11.30	Period 4	Period 4
11.30-12.05	Period 5	Period 5
<b>12.05-12.40</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	Period 6
<b>12.40-1.10</b>	Free time/Activities	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.10-1.15</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
1.15-1.50	Period 6	Free Time/Activities
<b>1.45-1.50</b>		<b>Registration</b>
1.50-2.25	Period 7	
2.25-3.00	Period 8	
3.00-3.35	Period 9	

Please note that Year 2 and below finish at 3.00 pm but may remain with their teachers until 3.35 pm.

All pupils from Year 3 upwards, including Seniors, will finish at 3.35 pm.

Prep pupils in Years 3 to 6 will do activities on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm onwards. Gym Club and Judo will be part of the activities on offer from 3.00 pm.

## SALISBURY AND DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June



33 schools took part in the championships this year, held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at SWGS track. It was a very hot, sunny afternoon and all the competitors performed extremely well in spite of the temperature.

Notable performances were made by Thomas McFarland who came 5<sup>th</sup> in the final of the 800m and Olivia Gorvin, Year 4, came 6<sup>th</sup> in the Year 5/6 Long Jump event for the girls. Otilie Knight, Year 4, came 4<sup>th</sup> in the final of the Year 5 150m final, Tara King 4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 5 80m Girls' Final, Troy Cooper 5<sup>th</sup> in the 150m Boys' Final and Elliot Penny 5<sup>th</sup> in the Year 5 80m sprint.



Special mention goes to the Year 4 girls who came first by a long way in their heat for the Year 5 shuttle relay and then 6<sup>th</sup> in the final.

Zak Ford should be congratulated on coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 5 Boys' 150m and Oliver Battersby in the Year 6 Boys' 80m Final. Both boys had some very stiff competition, but ran hard to earn their well deserved medals.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Trip to Brittany 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010

Mrs Wingrove, Miss Le Bouëtté, Mrs Newman, Mr McDermott and Dr Gilmore accompanied a group of 51 students from Year 7 and 8 to Brittany.

We stayed in a comfortable hotel in St Brieuc. We visited the picturesque town of St Malo, the History Museum and

walked around its impressive ramparts. We also explored Mont St Michel with its narrow hill main street and its stunning Abbey with magnificent views. The pupils enjoyed participating in the various activities such as buying crêpes for lunch, choosing fruits at the Saint Servan Market, speaking French for the quizzes and town



trail activities and still had time for a splash in the sea at the end of each day where we all enjoyed the beautiful wide beaches of Brittany. The trip was a success and both pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed it.

### MFL COMPETITION 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010



Some Y10 pupils recently participated in a Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Competition, held at the Royal High School in Bath where various schools from the South and South West took part. There were different categories: KS3, KS4 and near-native speaker. Pupils had to give a presentation in front of an audience and all performed extremely well, despite their nerves. Wilfie

Cross won a prize. It was a fun day and everyone enjoyed the challenge.

### YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Seven of the 10-strong Year 11 Young Enterprise team attended the County Final in Swindon on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The ZEUS company members were Martin Brown, Jaime Hamil, Nathan Reed-Poulson, Alice Wolverson, Josephine Clarke, Lucy Robson and Henry Vaudrey. Members unable to attend were Alex Garbut, Peter Simmonds and Chloe Wood.

Lucy (Managing Director) and Josephine (Company Secretary) gave the presentation assisted by Jaime using a laptop.

Eleven teams reached the final from schools throughout Wiltshire where over 500 students have been following the Enterprise programme this year. A panel of 4 business people judged the competition. Cups were awarded for Trade stand, Customer Focus, Presentation, Final Performance, Company Report & Financial Management. Leehurst Swan were presented with the Customer Focus Cup for their highly successful sales of candles and glowsticks.

### FUN AND FITNESS DAY

#### Senior School

Friday 2nd July was a day devoted to food and fitness. In the morning the Senior School learned how to do Tai Chi in the surprising drizzle. They dried off in two vigorous sessions of line dancing organised by LEPRAs. Students wore their own clothes in aid of Lepra and some of them collected sponsorship money. Several Year 7, 8 and 9 students collected enough money to gain a T shirt (given to all those raising over £20) and Danielle in 9X managed the massive sum of £90, which almost reaches the individual record for this area. Many lessons were food themed and one Year 7 class were treated to a Chemistry lesson taught by both the Head and Deputy Head! At lunchtime each year group produced a healthy lunch, which sadly had to be held indoors due to inclement weather. Some of the lunches were perhaps healthier than others. In the afternoon Year 10 were given time off for good behaviour and were sent to Waitrose to make pizza.

The PE group gave a presentation on Food and Fitness to the rest of the school, no mean feat on a Friday afternoon! Mrs Lloyd finished off with a vigorous aerobics session, with a few teachers struggling to keep up. I would like to thank Mrs Lloyd for all her enthusiasm and hard work and LEPPA for giving us all, participants and spectators, so much fun. We were delighted that we raised over £560 for their vital work in curing this horrifying disease.



Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed a cooking session each with "Splat Cooking", making healthy dishes such as Couscous Salad or Fruit Fool. In the afternoon pupils from Years 1 to 6 were placed in mixed aged House teams of twelve pupils and they enjoyed a series of activities in



their House groups such as bean bag relay, sack race, tunnel ball, hop, skip and run, football dribbling and an

egg and spoon race. There were points awarded for winning, good sportsmanship, listening carefully, co-operating and caring. The two winning teams, Constable 3 and Herbert 2 gained 29/30 points. The joint first place overall went to Constable and Herbert, both on 81 points in the final tally. Well done to all pupils!

### CHESSE

Pupils in the Prep have taken part in the Inter House Chess Competition. Pupils each played three games of chess for their House. The results were very close and this year resulted in a tie for first place between Constable and Fawcett.

Well done to all who took part!

#### Constable

Christopher Birkbeck  
Oliver Clarke  
Zak Allen  
Theodore Lincoln

#### Fawcett

Nicholas Welch  
Thomas McFarland  
William Lloyd  
Frederick Smith  
Samuel Higson

### BIKEABILITY

Eighteen pupils in Year 6 have taken part this year in Bikeability to help improve pupils' road safety and enjoyment of cycling.

### INTECH DAY Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Whilst Senior School were keenly involved in Sports Day, the Prep School were enjoying a day long visit from the INTECH team, who are based at the award winning Science Centre just outside Winchester (a wonderful place to call into during the Summer holidays).

Years 3 and 4 constructed water-propelled rockets which soared into the air from the school grounds and sprinkled assembled pupils with a pleasantly cooling shower on a very hot day. Every pupil had the opportunity to see their own rocket take to the skies. Later on, Year 4 succeeded in building self-constructed toys to take home at the end of the day; some pupils proved speedy in foreseeing the next step in the construction process, while others benefitted from the expert assistance of Mr Nick Angell, our Science and ICT technician. Mr Angell and Mr Chris Bingham, the school's IT assistant, were on hand throughout the day to support pupils in their projects.

Year 5 had a full day's programme, comprising three sessions using Flowol Control and Monitoring software, by means of which they worked in teams to write proc



for working models. Pupils were able to judge the success of their programmes by observing the performance of the models. Teams built windmills and programmed motors to rotate the vanes; planned for cars to encounter flashing traffic lights and to respond appropriately, and observed lights flash and buzzers sound as pressure pads were activated by members of the class. Cars sometimes failed to manoeuvre junctions safely – and not always by accident!

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform shop is open every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00-4.30 pm during term time for Prep and Senior School second hand uniform. You can leave messages for Mrs Harvey if you telephone the School Reception.

Please note the following requirements for second hand uniform:

- when brought in to be sold it must be clean and in good condition
- if you wish to receive 50% of the sale value of your uniform you must make sure each individual item is clearly named
- the shop will value uniform received according to its condition.

Thank you!

### LAB COATS

All pupils are reminded that they should start the school year in September with their own navy blue lab coat, which fits comfortably and protects school uniform from damage.

### SCHOOL SPORTS BAGS

The School Sports bags are available to purchase from the school office – Prep £14.00 and Senior £16.50.

### SCHOOL BILL

If you have more than one child at the school it is possible to write one cheque to cover the total fees due to the family, rather than one cheque per child if you wish.

### ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

Please would parents complete the appropriate form if they wish staff to administer medicine to their child. A copy of the form is available to download from the School website.

Please would parents ensure that if their child requires an asthma inhaler that one is brought into school (with the child's name on it) in case it is needed.

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE TELEPHONE NUMBER

If you need to contact After School Care **at** or **after** the end of the Prep school day (3.35 pm), please use following telephone direct dial numbers:

**Pre-Prep and children under age 8: 01722 424129**  
**All other Prep children: 01722 424125**

However, these numbers are not for use during the Prep school day. (Parents should call 01722 333094 for all queries during the school day.)

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is unexpectedly absent, please telephone Reception to report him/her absent by 9:00 am. Also inform Reception if your child has Learning Support or a Music lesson when you call.

### SCHOOL TELEPHONE

If pupils need to make 'official' (and short in length) calls home about fixtures etc, they may come and ask at the Reception desk.

## SWIMMING

Swimming will recommence:

Pre-School	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept pm at Five Rivers
Y11 GCSE	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept am at Godolphin
Y3 & 4	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept am at Godolphin
Y7	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept am at Five Rivers
Y6	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept am at Five Rivers
Y2	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept pm at Five Rivers
Reception	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept pm at Five Rivers
Y1	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept pm at Five Rivers
Y5	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept pm at Godolphin

Y11 GCSE PE Swimming – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept - 8.30 am at Godolphin – **pupils go straight there for registration.**

**Please note to comply with Godolphin Pool regulations, all pupils must wear swimming hats. Leehurst Swan swimming hats are £3.00 and may be purchased from John Lewis.**

Please would parents write a note to their child's form teacher to withdraw him/her from swimming or other sporting activity on a school day if your child is unable to take part due to illness or injury.

## LATE ARRIVAL/SIGNING OUT

Please make sure your child signs in the Late Book (which is located in the Reception area) if your child is late, for whatever reason.

If your child has to leave school during the school day, for whatever reason, they must be signed out in the Signing Out Book (also located in the Reception area).

## CONTACTING CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

If you wish a message to be relayed to your child (for example for After School Care, change of going home arrangements etc.), please would you would telephone the school Receptionist before 1.00 p.m. This is so that the message can be given to your child during afternoon registration. It is understood there may be some occasions when this may not be possible.

## SCHOOL BUS TIMETABLES – 2010/11(with effect September 2010)

In collaboration with Godolphin School there are minibus services operating on the routes below. If you require further information please contact the Bursar by e-mail [bursar@leehurstswan.org.uk](mailto:bursar@leehurstswan.org.uk) or further advice on any aspect of the bus operation can be obtained from the Assistant Bursar, The Godolphin School, Tel: 01722 430520 or email: [walshj@godolphin.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:walshj@godolphin.wilts.sch.uk) or Mr K. Tedd, The Operations Manager of Assisi Coaches, Tel: 01722 415181 or e-mail [assisi.coaches@btopenworld.com](mailto:assisi.coaches@btopenworld.com)

Pick up/Drop-off Point	Inbound	Outbound	
(All timings are approximate)			
<b>ROMSEY ROUTE</b>			
	<i>Mon-Fri</i>	<i>Mon-Fri</i>	
Sun Inn, Romsey	0735	1740	
Shootash Crossroads	0740	1735	
Sherfield English Lay-by	0745	1730	
Whiteparish (The Green)	0750	1725	
Alderbury	0755	1717	
The Godolphin School	0815	1705	
<b>ANDOVER ROUTE</b>			
	<i>Mon-Fri</i>	<i>Mon-Thur</i>	<i>Fri only</i>
Andover George Yard Car Park (East St)	0740	1830	1735
Middle Wallop Memorial Hall	0750	1820	1725
The Godolphin School	0815	1800	1705
<b>WINCHESTER ROUTE</b>			
	<i>Mon-Fri</i>	<i>Mon-Fri</i>	
Winchester Coach Station (Worthy Lane)	0720	1755	
Stockbridge – Grosvenor Hotel	0740	1735	
Broughton Village	0745	1730	
Broughton Crossroads	0750	1725	
The Pheasant Public House	0755	1718	
The Godolphin School	0815	1705	
<b>FORDINGBRIDGE ROUTE</b>			
	<i>Mon-Fri</i>	<i>Mon-Fri</i>	
Fordingbridge Car Park	0740	1730	
Breamore	0745	1725	
Downton – The Bull Public House	0750	1720	
Charlton All Saints	0753	1717	

The Godolphin School

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