



Thursday 10th November

Message from Mr Skipwith

Yesterday we arrived to find a box of school water bottles in each classroom, one for each boy. These are a gift from the school to encourage boys to keep hydrated throughout the day. This was followed by the J2 Architecture Workshop where the boys worked on their team building skills to fill Big School with giant bamboo structures. Thank you to those of you who shared your views in the recent school telephone survey. We are busy collating the responses and in amongst some very warm feedback, there are some excellent ideas and thoughts for us to take forward. Tomorrow we have our Remembrance day service and this year there is also a small ceremony to dedicate the new Chavasse paving stone on Cowley Place. Noel Chavasse was an old boy who was awarded two Victoria Crosses for his bravery as a Medic during the first World War. Congratulations to James Lewis whose poem (below) has been chosen from a strong field to be read out as part of this. Tomorrow Miss Moloney has another full schedule for the Tea Time concert and it is lovely to see so many boys wanting to perform at these. Please do have a root around for any unwanted toys, games, books or clothes for the boys to drop off on Monday for the Christmas Fair. The boys have been busy planning their stalls and anything that you think another boy would be pleased to take home as a prize would be most welcome.

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Saturday 12th November

Rugby 12.30pm U9A, U9B Winchester House Tournament (A)

Tuesday 15th November

Rugby 2.30pm U9A, U9B VIIs v Ashfold School (H)
Rugby 2.30pm U8A, U8B Vis v Ashfold School (A)

Wednesday 16th November

Rugby 2.30pm U11A, U11B IXs v Ashfold School (H)
Rugby 2.30pm U10A, U10B VIIIs Ashfold School (A)

Friday 18th November

Cross Country 1.30pm U11, U10, U9 (Cokethorpe School)
For team details see MCS website

After School Care

Due to the nights drawing in, ASC will go out to the Spit as soon as school ends and then do Prep afterwards. Please note ASC ends at 5.30pm prompt, after that time there will be a £20 charge MM

Music

JS Chamber Concert Friday 25th November 4pm, MU1 (Chamber choir, Wind Ensemble, J3 and J4 string orchestra)

JS Carol Service Monday 12th December, 4pm, Magdalen College Chapel (ALL JS pupils are involved) NMM.

Children in Need

Friday 18th November - We would like the boys to wear something spotty – it can be a T-shirt / socks / tie or bring in a teddy / cuddly toy in bandages. A donation of £1 would also be appreciated.



Wellies and Coats

As the weather gets colder, please can we ask that all boys bring wellies to school to wear at break time - the Spit can get rather muddy! Boys should also always have a warm coat in school.

Chess

RESULTS: Well done to Shreyas Anand, Jason Ou and David Balbus, who joined in our U13 ECF Team Tournament last week and performed very well! Our U13A team were champions.

Coaching:

Monday 14th 4pm-4.30pm U9 coaching with Mr Place

Tuesday 15th 3.30pm-4.15pm U10& U11 coaching with Peter Wells and Mr Place

Club Sessions as normal JP

Purple Mash

Purple Mash is an online learning platform for primary school-aged pupils. It is an interactive tool for learning, teaching and assessment and allows children to engage with their learning in a fun and creative way. It is also an excellent and efficient way of embedding areas of learning from school at home.

You will find your son's log in details (including the web address) at the front or back of his prep diary.

If you have any further questions about this programme, please do not hesitate to ask. CKE

Primary Maths Challenge

The Annual Primary Maths Challenge will be on Thursday 17th November 2016, primarily for J2-4. We will go through some questions, in class, in the lead up to the national challenge. In case you have time and interest, past papers can be found here: <http://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/downloads> CEW

J3 & J4 Parents' Evening

You can sign up for a slot via the JS Office (either in person, by phone or by email). Your meeting will take place in School House. Refreshments will be available.

J3A/B: Thursday 17th November, 4.00-7.00pm

J4A: Monday 21st November, 4.30-6.30pm

J4B: Thursday 24th November, 4.00-6.00pm

House points

Week 9 House Winners:

MORE -

with 174 points



Duty Calls

And called me to obey.
 "Greater love hath no man than this,
 That a man lay down his life for his friends."
 A Victoria Cross and a bar keep me in the mind of
 the nation,
 But I see things differently ...

As I stare down upon my father's words at my grave
 at Brandhoek,
 I do not consider myself a hero:
 I recall my joy at being called to help my countrymen,
 To help them win the Great War;
 How I envied Chris for being there,
 How unlikely I was to be a hero,
 As a Doctor away from the dangers of the trenches;
 I did not understand the true terror of the front,
 But rapidly became too familiar with it,
 As my prediction proved to be wrong.

Suddenly, the memories are all too clear:
 I hear the explosion of shellfire,
 The clamour of machine guns that attack the Scottish
 Liverpool;
 I hear the screams of my first patient,
 As I hurried to seal his wounds;
 I remember those men that depended upon me,
 The young men – haggard, white and stooped like old
 men;
 I see the gaping holes, with broken muscles hanging
 out -
 Holes so big I could put my fist in;
 We worked with basic tools:
 Scissors to remove arms that could not be saved,
 Safety pins and bandages to stem the ever-flowing
 blood,
 Always with a sense of duty,
 Always keen to help these gallant men;
 But fatigue was gripping hold,
 And I yearned for a holiday;
 I recall the men suffering shellshock,
 Shaking violently,
 The frustration at the RAMC,
 For not helping them.

I fixed my eyes upon the two VCs:
 Had I not done what any good medic would do?
 Images of Guillemont flooded back:
 The sound of German shouts,
 As a team and I trekked through sodden earth
 To rescue three invalids,
 Just twenty-five yards from the enemy line;
 The splinters cut into my body,
 As the bullets and mortars rained down upon us;
 I did not care to notice,
 As the men's faces kept me anxious to help them -
 At all times;
 "Courage and self-sacrifice beyond praise," they cited,
 But I was a medic in a bloody war,
 Called to duty, called to obey.

Passchendaele - the Battle of Mud:
 Wounds were infected almost upon infliction,
 As we worked up to our knees in thick, heavy filth,
 Watching as men perished about us;
 Then I was hit –
 My head jerked,
 I stumbled,
 Battling for consciousness;
 Again the men's faces spurred me on,
 The constant torrents of rain lashing at my face;
 I was not going to allow no-man's land,
 To become the graveyard of the Scottish Liverpool;
 I carried those men in my heart as much as in my
 arms,
 Called to duty, called to obey.

I reached out to touch the lady I had left,
 Standing there, tears in her eyes;
 I recalled the moment that the post was hit,
 The presence of death that I had to escape –
 The need to find men to help;
 I do not remember how far I crawled,
 My injuries too many to deal with;
 I thought of Gladys and felt the need to explain:
 "Duty called, and called me to obey."

A poem in memory of Captain Noel Chavasse, 1884-
 1917

By James Lewis



Clubs and Activities

MORNING	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
<p>Monday 14th November</p> <p>Aural Clinic /Theory Club 8.15am, Grades 3+ in JS hall with Mr Zhang</p> <p>Ukulele Club 10.55-11.20am in J3A with Miss Parker</p>	<p>Art Club 1.30-2.05pm in J1A with Mrs Soave</p> <p>Athletics Club 1.30-2.05pm (J3&4) with Mrs Winstone</p> <p>Chess Club 1-2pm in J4B</p> <p>Football Club 1.30-2.05pm with Miss Ingram</p> <p>Mandarin Club 1.30-2.05pm in J2A with Mrs Winniffrith</p> <p>Board Games 1.30-2.05pm in the Library Mrs Wade/Mrs McDonough</p> <p>Debating 1.30-2.05pm in J4A with Mr Newbury</p> <p>Lego 1.30-2.05pm in J2B with Mrs Stapleton</p> <p>Coding 1.30-2.05pm in JS ICT with Mrs Kelly-Eldridge and Mrs Hatchett</p> <p>Natural History Club 1.30-2.05pm in J1B with Mr Skipwith</p> <p>ICT 1.30-2.05pm in CS 7with Miss Clarke</p>	<p>Chess Coaching 4pm-4.30pm U9 coaching with Mr Place</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th November</p> <p>Piano duets: 8.15am in F1-3 with Mr Pickett</p>	<p>Chess Club 12.50pm-1.20pm</p> <p>Cross Country Club 12.30-1.15pm (packed lunch provided) on Terrace with Mr Burchett</p> <p>Magdalen Blazer 1-1.30pm in ICT Room with Mrs Kelly-Eldridge and Mr Terry</p> <p>French Club 12.50-1.25 in J2A. Boys will be collected from lunch</p>	<p>Chess Coaching 3.30pm-4.15pm U10& U11 coaching with Peter Wells and Mr Place</p> <p>JS Choir: 3.25-4.15pm in JS Hall with Miss Moloney and Miss Parker</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th November</p> <p>Aural/Theory Clinic 8.15am, Grades 1 & 2 in JS hall with Miss Parker</p>		
<p>Thursday 17th November</p>	<p>JS Wind Ensemble 1-1.30pm in JS Hall with Miss Moloney</p> <p>JS Christian Union 1-1.30 pm in J1A with Mrs Howell</p>	<p>Chamber Choir (GDR) 3.25-4pm with Miss Moloney</p> <p>J4 Hockey 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>J3 Hockey 4.30-5.15pm</p> <p>J3 Parents Evening 4-7pm</p>
<p>Friday 18th November</p>	<p>JS String Orchestra-1-1.30pm J1&J2 in Big School</p> <p>1.30-2.10pm J3&J4 in Big School with Miss Moloney and Miss Parker</p>	<p>J2 Hockey 3.30-4.15pm</p> <p>J3/J4 Hockey 4.15-5pm (Invite only)</p> <p>SATURDAY 19TH THE PA CHRISTMAS FAIR 12.30-3.00pm</p>