



Parent Governors: Bridget Baxter
Michael Wainhouse

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Parent Governors

We had one expression of interest in being a parent governor from Jason Brown (Dad of Ben Brown-Strutt in Y7) after meeting with Andy Woodward, the Chair of Governors, Jason will be appointed to the governing body at the next meeting in the spring.

2. Shona Fahy leaving

We are sorry to say goodbye to Shona who has worked for many years as a part time Teaching Assistant in KS4. We wish her well in her new role and thank her for the contribution that she has made to The Park.

3. Bingo Evening

Mattie McCarthy and the staff going skiing organised a great Bingo night to raise funds for the trip. The evening raised over £500 and staff, students and parents had a great time hunting for a line or house.

4. Christmas Fair

We had a great turn out at the Christmas Fair, students had organised and ran a whole range of exciting stalls. Suzy Ash planned an exciting Art Day prior to the event which enabled students to produce homemade items to sell. The sprout bobbing returned for a second year and proved very popular. A new stall, the "Win a Tin" staff run by 9E, was also a great success. Thank you to all the parents and the Friend's Committee who helped run the fair and to everyone who donated items. Thank you also to Mrs Downie's Dad who made all the Christmas reindeer and snowmen cutouts that the students decorated. The funds raised hit an all time high of over £1800. Fantastic!

5. Carol Service

At the Carol service yesterday thirty-one students performed in the play "I wish it could be Christmas everyday" which must be a record. We had some great acting, singing and dancing performances notable of which was Ciaran Gallagher's body popping and the massed ranks of performers singing 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. It was good to see that The Park School drama mascot "John the Chicken" played a starring role. Thank you to the United Reformed Church for hosting the service and providing refreshments.

6. Y10 students visit Heathside

Students from Y10 visited Heathside Residential Home for the switching on of their tree lights. They also took along Gingerbread Christmas decorations they had made to hang on the tree. Well done to Tom Marney (10D) for winning the decoration competition.

This is the last newsletter of the autumn term, which is always a long one. We hope students and parents have a Happy Christmas and a restful break!

Karen Eastwood
(Co-Headteacher)

Paul Walsh
(Co-Headteacher)



Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term 2015

Monday 14 th December	Whole school Christmas lunch – students to bring Christmas hats
Tuesday 15 th December	Whole school trip to Pantomime in Woking Theatre
Wednesday 16 th December	Talent show (this is for students only and there will be a talent show to which parents are invited later in the year)
Thursday 17 th December	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)
Friday 18 th December	INSET for staff training – School Closed

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5 th January	INSET for staff training – School Closed
Wednesday 6 th January	Students return to school at 9am
Saturday 23 rd January – Sunday 31 st January	Ski trip for 16 students
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 23 rd February – Thursday 25 th February	Year 10 Residential to Burley
Tuesday 8 th March – Friday 11 th March	Year 9 Residential to The Privett Centre
Thursday 24 th March	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)

Summer Term 2016

Monday 11 th April	INSET for staff training – School Closed
Tuesday 12 th April	Students return to school at 9am
Tuesday 26 th April – Friday 29 th April	Y8 Residential to Isle of Wight
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 27 th May	INSET for staff training – School Closed
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	HALF TERM
Thursday 16 th June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 20 th June – Friday 24 th June	Year 11 Residential to Pagham
Thursday 30 th June	Year 11 Record of Achievement
Friday 22 nd July	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)