

THE VIEW

FRIDAY 4TH
OCTOBER 2019

Headmaster's Letter

Being away from school can have its benefits. I really felt these this morning on my return after three days of Inspection for ISI in South London. Taking absence making the heart grow fonder and all that to one side, being away allows reflection on our own offering, processes and systems; all the excellent work we do as a school and what sparky pupils we work alongside every day can be appreciated on a return, even if it's only after three days.

Filling the steps of the chapel on Monday were cans, bags and packets of food ready to be delivered to the Haywards Heath food bank who I know will appreciate your generosity. As you might have heard we will be supporting this not just at Harvest Festival but every Friday with the creation of **#FoodBankFriday** in a bid to allow our pupils to feel they can make a difference to someone else's life each and every week.

In assembly this morning the final awards we celebrated, as we do every week, focused on those who had been their best selves recently. These awards are always presented at the end as they are arguably the most important awards of the week. This is because they are awarded to those extolling our core values above all. The phrase, *'we can't choose what people say or do to us but at Ardingly we do choose how we will respond,'* is what our core values are all about. We are encouraging our pupils to be forgiving, honest, kind and caring, and good listeners. And to understand why these values are important too. This combines to encourage our children to be their best selves above all.

A casual, *'welcome back sir!'* from a Year 8 girl at drop-off this morning reinforced my thoughts on what a special place our Prep School is. We don't need to go away to realise this.

Parent Notices

Ardingly Holiday Club (50 Week Provision)

The Ardingly Holiday Club will be open during every holiday from October 2019. Please see the attached flyer for the AHC in October half term and the first week of the Christmas holidays in December. Bookings can be made on the website. Please be aware that there will be limited places each day so book early to avoid disappointment.

Ardingly Holiday Sports Camps

Please find the Ardingly Sports Camps Dates flyer attached.

Family Concert- Friday 29th November at 7pm

Calling all budding ex-musicians! Please support this inaugural concert by getting together with your son or daughter (or both!) to play any piece, whatever the standard. You don't have to be the Kannah-Masons. Perhaps the clip below may inspire you?

[Click here](#)

The Week Ahead

Week 6

Monday 07 October

09:30 - 16:10 Duty Form - 8N
16:10 Year 3 trip to Wakehurst
House Meetings

Tuesday 08 October

14:00 - 17:30 NYJO Masterclass (Music School and Under)
14:30 F: U13 ISFA National Cup v Highgate: 1st (a)
17:00 SW: @ Great Walstead (Years 3-6)
18:00 - 19:00 Year 8 Leavers' Trip - Information Evening (Studio)
19:30 - 21:00 Music@Ardingly, NYJO (Under)

Wednesday 09 October

13:00 H: Sutton Valance U11A Tournament (a)
14:30 H: v Holmewood House: 1st, 3rd (h); U11B, U1C (a)
14:30 F: v Cophorne: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U11D, U11E (h); U11A, U11B, U11C (a)
14:30 F: v Lingfield: 7th (h)
14:30 F: v Seaford: U9A, U9B (h)
15:00 F: v Ashdown House: U11F, U8A (h)
15:00 H: v Holmewood House: U11D, U11E (a)
15:15 H: v Holmewood House: 2nd, 4th (h)
15:15 H: v Hurst: 6th, 7th, 8th (a)
15:30 H: v Holmewood House: U11F (a)

Thursday 10 October

World Mental Health Day
09:30 - 16:15 Choral Day - Workshop with Apollo5 - Under
16:15 - 17:30 Choral Day Concert with Apollo5 - Under

Friday 11 October

09:15 Prep Open Morning
17:45 Year 8 Boarding Special - Spooktacular @ Tulleys Farm

Sports Fixtures are available on the sports website www.ardinglysport.com

Nasal Flu Vaccination for Yrs 3-6 Inclusive

Children in Yrs 3-6 will have brought home a leaflet and Consent Form for the NHS Flu Vaccination programme to be given on 29th November 2019. In order to be able to order enough vaccines for our pupils please complete and return the Consent Form to your child's Form Tutor by Friday October 18th.

Yr 7 Study Skills

Please find attached the flyer for parents with regard to the Year 7 Study Skills Day.