the Foremarke Flyer

The Newsletter of Repton's Preparatory School

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Christmas is a coming! Ring out the bells!

Last night's Christmas Band Concert has set the festive mood a glow. With a mixture of seasonal music and Christmas secular readings, the evening rekindled memories of Christmas past. Today, the untainted purity of Christmas has flooded through our hearts with both the Pre-Prep and Lower School Christmas productions. As Dickens wrote "who can be insensible to the outpourings of good feeling and the honest interchange of affectionate attachment, which abound at this time of the year?"

The build-up to Christmas in school is very special. Tomorrow we have the Friends of Foremarke 'Mulled Wine & Mince Pies' in the Assembly Hall at noon. On Sunday it is the Parish Carol Service with the Chamber Choir at St Saviour's and then next Friday our special Carol Service in the Repton Chapel, all of which guarantee to rekindle the true meaning of Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you at these occasions.



Christmas productions are a festive treat. Well done to Pre-Prep and Lower School.





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You are warmly invited to attend our

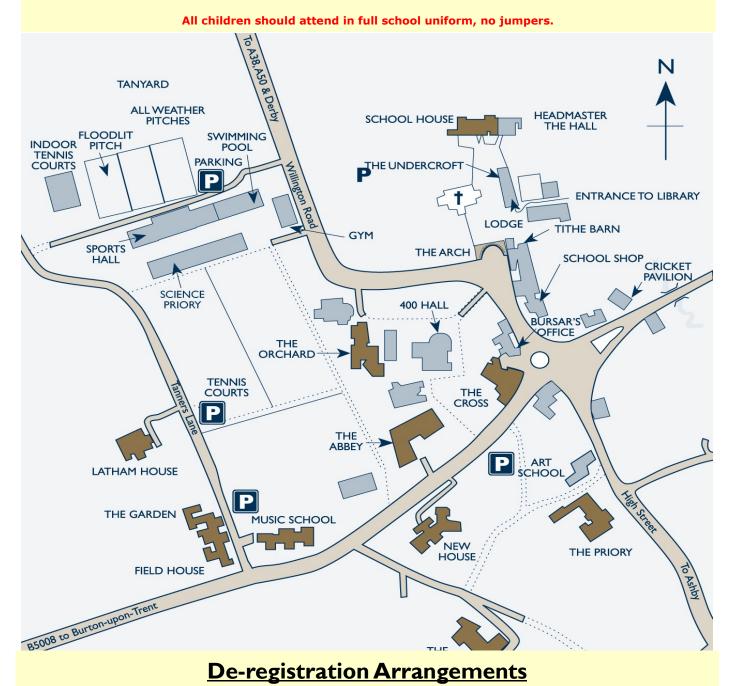
Foremarke Hall Carol Service

Friday, 16th December at 11.00am Repton School Chapel (Adjacent To The Orchard)

Please park in either one of the designated areas marked below or around the village. You are also welcome to park at Foremarke Hall and share lifts into Repton. A limited number of Disabled Parking Permits are available to park/ drop off at The Orchard. Please contact the school office if required.

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At the end of the Service, parents are invited to remain seated whilst the children leave the Chapel

All boarders and Lower School day children will remain in the Chapel and should de-reg before leaving. Upper School day children will de-reg at the <u>Old Gym</u> and should be collected by parents from there. Any children not collected from Repton will be brought back to Foremarke by coach at 12.15pm. ALL children should be collected by 12.30pm.

Sports Notices and News

Another "phenomenal" Foremarke Fencer!

Mr Fensom was very impressed last week at our Fencing Tournament with newcomer Lawrence, saying: "this was Lawrence's first ever fencing competition and he gave an absolutely tremendous performance in the junior section." Well done, Lawrence (Y3).



Football success

Congratulations to Fin Barker and Louie Haigh who have been selected for the Midlands ISFA squad to compete in the regional tournament at Easter at Shrewsbury School with potential to be selected for the National Squad.

Mr Clarkson commented; "This is a fantastic achievement for the boys as the standard at this level is so high. We are really proud of Fin and Louie and this is a testament to the hard work they have put in this year."

FFL - This week's winners - Barcelona

Aaron, George, Reims, Rory and Jacques



FFL Week 8 Most Valuable Player Alex



2017 FOREMARKE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS AND ADJUDICATORS

THE CHARLES JENNENS MUSIC SCHOOL, FOREMARKE HALL



A series of informal concerts in the Music School to give every young musician (Grade I standard or above) opportunity to perform. All children are encouraged to participate in this lovely series of informal concerts. Children can enter up to 2 instruments this year.

WOODWIND

Thursday 26th January from 4.15pm Mrs Alison Hardy, Head of Woodwind, Repton School

BRASS

Tuesday 31st January from 4.15pm Mr Robert Spalton, Head of Brass, Repton School

STRINGS

Tuesday 7th February from 4.15pm Adjudicator tbc

PIANO

Thursday 9th February from 4.15pm Mr Jeremy Woodside, Organist and Accompanist, Repton School

PERCUSSION

Tuesday 28th February from 4.15pm Mrs Victoria Lee and Mr Tom Peverelle – Percussion teachers at Repton and Foremarke Hall

FINAL

Thursday 23rd March 2-4pm YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR AND HOUSE SONG COMPETITIONS, PEARS SCHOOL, REPTON Mr Oliver Walker, Director of Music, Repton School.

All are warmly invited to attend the above performances

Entry forms are now available in the Music School.

Boarding News and Notices

Boarders get into the Christmas spirit

On Tuesday evening the boarders enjoyed a Christmas themed evening in the Assembly Hall. We made it ours for the evening, with a roaring fire, hot chocolate and snowmen and Christmas tree biscuits. Everyone watched 'The Snowman' and then had a great time playing some very enthusiastic games of Christmas charades.





The evening ended with the much anticipated announcement of the winners of the house decoration competition. Rumours had been circulating but just who had really won? The results were in and the Best Decorated House for 2016 is....Nightingale! All of the Houses put in a fantastic effort and were rewarded with chocolate prizes.



Four Strokes swimming

Boarder of the Week



Adaia – for being a great boarding success story.

NOTICES

Medication

A reminder from Surgery that all medication should be taken home at the end of term and returned after the Christmas holidays please.

Christmas Carol Service

All parents and families are warmly invited to join all the boarders and staff at the Carol Service at St Saviour's Church this Sunday at 6.30pm. We would be very pleased to see you there.



Our regular swimming sessions on a Wednesday evening have continued this half term. There have been some excellent improvements made by individuals this term. Well done everyone!

Pre-Prep News and Notices

Polite reminder: Reception, Year One and Year Two children need to arrive at school between 10am and 10:15am on Saturday 10th Dec in order to be ready for the second performance of Baubles at 11am.

Please return next term's Activity requests by Wednesday 14th December.

A letter has been sent home regarding the children's Christmas Parties – please ensure you are aware of the arrangements regarding party clothes.

Monday 12th December - 9:15am Christmas in the Nursery. Please do come to the Pre-Prep library from 8:15am for tea/coffee and mince pies!

Monday 12th December - Years One and Two to Polesworth Abbey for The Nativity.

Friday 16th December - 12:15pm End of Term. Please let Mrs Reddall know if you are attending the Carol Service at Repton in order that we can ensure appropriate supervision until 12:30pm - Many thanks

News from Year One

This half term, Year One have been learning all about Space. Our topic was "launched" by our visit to Repton's Science Priory. Whilst there, we watched an amazing 3D film which showed us a new star being formed, made telescopes, saw what would happen to a body if an astronaut did not wear a space suit and



finally we watched Mr Hunt create a comet. It was incredible and we were even allowed to touch it! Since then we have discovered many interesting facts about Space. Each form has had a frequent "alien visitor," from the story "Aliens love underpants", (who left us their footprints and various pairs of underpants!). They asked us to help them find somewhere for their spaceship to land at Foremarke Hall. We all agreed top field was the ideal spot. Keep a look out! In our Art lessons we have made space ships, wooden spoon alien puppets and in our Science lesson we launched rockets. We have even "flown" to the moon and thought what nine essential items we would need to take with us. It has been a fascinating half term!

"Be Gentle" A Golden Rule	5
Golden Leaves are awarded to children who follow the	Alla.
'Golden Rules' particularly well. Congratulations to:-	100



Nursery	Reception
Harriet Sloane	Maisie Alexander
Emily Edwards	Henry Hatton
	Isabelle Naylor
	Abeer Sinha
Year 1	Year 2
Year 1 Eleanor Harte	Year 2 Matilda Lees
Eleanor Harte	Matilda Lees

Learning Objectives

Reception

<u>Literacy:</u>

To focus on the Christmas story.

<u>Mathematics</u>

To look at numerals to twenty through counting, songs and actions.

Year One

English

To write an account of the first Christmas from the viewpoint of the shepherds.

<u>Mathematics</u>

To mathematics play games, adding two numbers together and colour in corresponding answer. To see how many different activities can be completed in 1 minute.

Year Two

English

To continue to write about the important changes Florence Nightingale made to nursing.

<u>Mathematics</u>

To recognise multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and begin to know their multiplication and division facts.



Lower School News



LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY – THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Please remember that the children need to bring in their party clothes on the morning of our party, together with a small contribution if possible. In order that the children can enjoy a variety of goods, and not too much excess, we would like to organise it as follows:



3C and 3M- please bring in something savoury (for example: sausage rolls or cocktail sausages or a big bag of crisps)

4H – please bring in something sweet (for example: a packet of biscuits, some cupcakes or some fruit)

4U – please bring in a bottle/carton of drink (juice or pop)

4M – please bring in plates, cups, paper tablecloths and napkins

The above are simply suggestions – you know best as to what your children enjoy the most, but please remember the food will need to be eaten with fingers! Please do not bring anything in with nuts, due to allergies.

Foremarke Plus

Letters have been sent home this week with choices for next term's Foremarke Plus sessions. Please can all forms be returned by Monday.

Lent Junior Activities

Confirmation of children's new activities for next term will be put into their prep diaries early next week.

Year 4 Art

Year 4 have been linking their Art work to their study of the Romans in History and have made beautiful vases on a mosaic background.

This example is by Zoé Barkey.

Well done Year 4.



Year 3 Science



Year 3s have been learning all about different forces. This week they had to devise an experiment to test the force created by an elastic band when it was stretched to different distances. A lot of space was needed as it involved catapulting plastic multi-link cubes! They also discovered that their predictions were very conservative, as one cube travelled over 500cm!

CAROL SERVICE - FRIDAY 16th DEC - 11am

All children should please come to school wearing smart uniform with clean blazers, polished shoes and tidy hair. They will not need their school jumper or book bags on that day and school coats should be left at home. Any cards or presents should be given out the day before so that they may be taken home safely.



All children will be taken down to Repton Chapel on coaches and Lower School children will then dereg from the Chapel at the end of the Service.

LOST PROPERTY

Sophia Corbett (3M) has lost her named skort and school jumper.



Inspiring Engineers Greenpower

The Greenpower race season may have come to an end but that doesn't stop the excitement for Foremarke Racing.

A minibus full of pupils were given the rare opportunity to visit Dragon Racing at the Donington Race Track to see how a professional race team is organised. Dragon Racing competes in the international Formula E Championship for electric vehicles and are currently preparing their cars for the next race in Buenos Aires. Our pupils had a fantastic morning and were genuinely surprised by similarities between a multi-million pound racing organisation and what they do as part of Foremarke Racing F24



Buses to Foremarke



The new Lent Term bus time table and booking form is now available on our web site:

https://fluencycontent-schoolwebsite.netdna-ssl.com/ FileCluster/ForemarkeHall/Mainfolder/Documents/ Parents/Copy-of-Bus-Service-Flyer-Lent-2017.pdf

House Stalls raise a bumper amount



The Christmas Fayre was a super way to kick start the festivities in school on Saturday. It was great to see lots of people there having fun.

The House stalls looked magnificent and huge thanks go to the Heads of House; Mrs Coombs, Miss Dutton, (photographed above on the Tedder cake stall) Mr Rigney and Mr Anderson who spent such a lot of time preparing for the day and selling their wares with the help of Year 7 and 8 pupils.

A bumper total of £893.70 was raised.

The three charities, that were chosen in an assembly by the children this year are; Breast Cancer Care, Unicef and Brain Tumour Trust, each of which will receive around £300 which I am sure will be gratefully received.

A big thank you goes to everyone who donated books, sweets, cakes and gifts to the house stalls. Without your help the children would miss out on a very exciting and fun afternoon as well as the satisfaction of knowing they are supporting three very worthy charities. Thanks also to the FoF for allowing us to run our stalls again this year and supporting us along the way.

We have many parental boxes and bags left over -please could they be collected from under the stairs in the quad.

Thank you and Merry Christmas! Mrs Cooper





THANK YOU...

to Rachel Luft for organising an amazing 2016 Christmas Fayre. Thanks also to everyone else who helped before, during & after the big day. It was a huge success & lots of fun - I had a great time on the Bottle Tombola!

Congratulations to Mrs E. Kirtland who won the "Guess the weight of the cake" competition.

Hope to see you at tomorrow's Mulled Wine & Mince Pies event in the Assembly Hall at 12 noon.

Dons Coleston-Shields

(Chair, Friends of Foremarke)

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Upper School Sweets and Gifts

Please could we ask that Upper School pupils refrain from bringing in sweets and gifts to school in the last week of term. We would prefer that any gifts for friends be dealt with outside of school if at all possible, which will hopefully remove some of the pressure for pupils to have to reciprocate the gift and



would also go some way to avoiding the inevitable imbalance that occurs when gifts are given out between the pupils in the classroom.

Thank you.

Lent Term Flexí Boarding

Bookings now being taken for Lent Term Flexi.

Please follow the link to the booking form on our website.

https://fluencycontent-schoolwebsite.netdna-ssl.com/ FileCluster/ForemarkeHall/Mainfolder/Documents/ Boarding/Flexi-Booking-Form-Lent-2017.pdf

New Flexi Boarders welcome for ad-hoc or regular nights.

(Please note there are limited spaces on Fridays.)

Current regular Flexi boarders: Please email Mrs Waldock to confirm your place.

cwaldock@foremarke.org.uk

Join us for flexi fun!





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