

# the Foremarke Flyer



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The Newsletter of Repton's Preparatory School

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## From the Headmaster

*Dear Parents*

*A very happy New Year to you all. I trust you each had a splendid relaxing Christmas with your families and loved ones. The Michaelmas Term was most enjoyable with much positive and purposeful progress and development shown by the pupils. As a consequence a great many individual and collective successes were recorded. The various Christmas Productions and the Carol Service brought the true meaning of Christmas into our hearts. Well done to all on the parts they played.*

*Congratulations are extended to the six pupils who have successfully auditioned for the National Children's Orchestra.*

*Once again the corridors and classrooms are full of the re-energised, reinvigorated and refreshed voices of eager and excited pupils, ready to grasp all that lies before them this Lent Term.*

*The term ahead is expected to be very busy; none of us would want it any other way. I very much look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks and to sharing the many commitments, energies and aspirations of each pupil.*

*Kind regards,*



## SKI TRIP FUN IN FRANCE



42 children and 5 members of staff flew out to Geneva on 12<sup>th</sup> December. We had a short transfer to our hotel near Morzine and then fitted in 5 days of skiing in Avoriaz. We also went shopping in Morzine, had a crepe night, a quiz night, a raclette evening, a disco and a chocolate bingo night. The children had the opportunity to practise their French and sample local cuisine!

The children were a pleasure to take away and the experienced French Ski School instructors said they were a delight to teach. They had expert tuition on the slopes and made tremendous progress during those five days. The instructors were particularly impressed with their stamina and their commitment to improving their skills. It is always a delight to see our beginners skiing down the mountain by the end of the week.

A huge thank you to Mrs Newham, Mrs Dunion, Mrs Mansfield and Mr Martin for all their hard work and support during the week.

The next Ski Trip to Italy for current years 5, 6 and 7 is in March 2017, further details to follow soon.

Mrs Waldock



## Music School News

### National Children's Orchestra success to date

Congratulations to:-

Sophie Haines (Cornet)

Sophia Middleton (Cello)

Kiera Cooksey (Bassoon)

Roscoe Cooksey (Trumpet)

Alice Markham (Trumpet)

Megan Prince (Oboe)



### FOREMARKE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

A series of informal concerts in the Music School to give every young musician (Grade 1 standard or above) opportunity to perform. Entry forms are in the Music School foyer. Dates are as follows -

Thursday 21st January - 4.15pm Woodwind (5pm Advanced, Grades 4 and above)

Tuesday 26th January - 4.15pm Brass (5pm Advanced)

Tuesday 2nd February - 4.15pm Strings (5pm Advanced)

Thursday 4th February - 4.15pm Piano (5pm Advanced)

Tuesday 23rd February - 4.15pm Percussion

Singers please note, our Festival of Singing will again take place during the summer term.

### PRO CORDA AUDITIONS

STRING PLAYERS - Anyone wishing to audition for Pro Corda - please apply online and mention you wish to audition at Foremarke on Monday 8th February 2016.

Please join us at a Concert  
presented by

the  
**KING'S MEN**  
CAMBRIDGE

(The King's Men are the Choral Scholars  
of King's College, Cambridge)

At : Derby Cathedral  
On: Monday 7th March 2016 - 7pm  
Tickets £12.50 / £10 Concessions

They will perform with the choirs of  
Foremarke Hall (Girls' Choir, Boys' Choir  
and Chamber Choir) in aid of Rainbows  
Children's Hospice.

Ticket reservations via [office@foremarke.org.uk](mailto:office@foremarke.org.uk) and any queries to [sbloor@foremarke.org.uk](mailto:sbloor@foremarke.org.uk)

Please note: Transport will be provided for boarders, day children are free to leave from 4pm and are kindly requested to arrive at the Cathedral by 6.15pm.



### Why this concert is important to us.

Some parents may already be aware that last year Jane Rushton, one of our school nurses, lost her daughter Sophie, aged 13, following a prolonged illness.

Sophie had complex medical needs since birth and was supported by Rainbows for her entire life. Sophie and her family spent her last 6 weeks having end of life care at the Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough and her family continue to be supported now.

Rainbows is completely funded by charity donations and costs £4 million per annum to run.

As a school we are determined to raise funds so other children and families can receive this quality of care and support when they need it most.

See more about Rainbows and Sophie's story at:-  
<http://www.rainbows.co.uk/the-hospice/family-stories/sophie-byrne/>



## Foremarke Equestrian Team become Regional Champions

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December four members of the Foremarke Equestrian Team travelled to King's Equestrian in Hereford to compete in the Regional finals which they qualified for earlier in the year.

In the 40cm class the team came first becoming regional champions and Charlie won an individual 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place on two ponies. The team consisted of Charlie, Henrietta and Megan. In the 50cm class Charlie picked up an individual 6<sup>th</sup> place, in the 60 cm class the team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place. This team consisted of Alice, Charlie, Henrietta, and Megan. In the 70cm class Alice was awarded the most stylish rider cup and was placed 6<sup>th</sup> as an individual. A great day's work from these four committed members and their ponies. Many thanks to the parents involved and a lovely way to send off Henrietta who will be continuing her equestrian exploits in New Zealand in 2016.



Mrs Cooper

## Trees on Front Green

You may have noticed that sadly due to H&S concerns we have had to take two of the trees down on Front Green.

Due to age and the presence of a decaying fungus both trees had become brittle and unstable and following a detailed arboricultural report on all the trees on Front Green we have sadly had to remove two.

Work is still on-going in that area and once the ground has had time to settle and re-establish itself both trees will be replaced.

Mr Fletcher (School Bursar)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

### Mobile Phones

Having been on crossing duty outside Lower School for the first few days of term, I have been alarmed to see a number of parents driving out of Foremarke whilst on their mobile phones.

Not only is this illegal but one can only imagine the serious implications should an accident happen. You are putting the children, staff and other road users at risk.

Please refrain from using your phones whilst driving.

Paul Martin

Assistant Head

*Repton School Concert Series 2015 - 2016*

*Repton Music Department*

*present*

*L'Entente Cordiale*

*Wednesday, 13 January 2016*

*7.45 pm*

*For tickets contact:*

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*Celebrating our love of all things French*

*Célébrer notre amour de toutes choses françaises*



# Pre-Prep News

## Pre-Prep Learning Objectives Lent Week 2

### Reception

#### **Literacy:**

To use our knowledge of phonemes and digraphs to read and write simple words and sentences.

#### **Mathematics:**

To combine two groups of objects to find the total.

### Year One

#### **English:**

To write a description of a polar bear using the story "The Rainbow Bear".

To write a Kenning poem about a polar bear.

#### **Mathematics:**

To understand and use ordinal numbers up to at least 20<sup>th</sup>.

To order numbers to 20; begin to say a number lying between two numbers.

### Year Two

#### **English:**

To recognise and use punctuation accurately, including speech marks.

#### **Mathematics:**

To begin to add three 1 digit numbers mentally by using number bond knowledge.

To use number bond knowledge to solve subtraction problems.

## Week 2 Notices

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January :

Activities begin

Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime in the Theatre.

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January:

Year One and Two Gymnastics (moved from Friday)

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January:

No Gymnastics

Please see After School Club/Activities Board in the Pre-Prep for your child's allocated after school activities.

Any queries, see Mrs Reddall.

Welcome to Mrs Rachel Shaw who joins the Pre-Prep team as a TA in Nursery.



## Lower School News

### Welcome back and Happy New Year

We extend a special welcome to Oliver Hughes who joins us in Year 4 this term!

We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas break and are now looking forward to another busy and exciting term.

### Foremarke Plus

Foremarke Plus starts tomorrow and all children should know what activities they will be taking part in; there is also a register up in the Lower School De-Reg area.

### **Reminders**

Swimming

A reminder that all children must have swimming kit in school on Saturdays .

Hockey

For those who will be taking part in the Hockey session, shin pads and gumshields are essential.

## SPORTS NOTICES

### RUGBY

Rugby is played at Foremarke Hall as an alternative to hockey in the Lent term, in games lessons and as an extra-curricular club, where pupils are able to train throughout the Michaelmas term in order to develop their interest, knowledge and skills in the game.

Historically a few regular fixtures were played in the second half of the Lent term for boys in Years 7 and 8, however with the new stipulations of the RFU continuum, we have reluctantly decided that we are unable to meet the demands and criteria of the RFU for competitive fixtures. As a consequence there will be no intra or inter school fixtures in the 2016 season. We will continue to monitor the developments within the game.

### FOREMARKE SPORTS CODE

Support at sporting events is always encouraged and much appreciated by the players and coaches at Foremarke. The players, coaches and spectators are encouraged to respect the school's conduct guidelines for the benefit of the children and their sporting education.

#### Code for Parents and Spectators

- Lead by example - you are the role model.
- Remember that children play sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules at all times.
- Teach your child that victory isn't everything - they can only do their best.
- Applaud good play by either team.
- Never encroach on the playing area.
- Restrict comments to praise and encouragement, never yell at any player, official or coach.
- Advice from the side-lines only confuses children, even perceived good advice.
- At all times respect the coaches or officials, without them there would not be a game.
- Your child is a member of a team until dismissed by the coach after the team tea.
- Parents are encouraged to take an active part in making parents from visiting schools feel welcome by chatting with them on the touchline and at tea.

Thankyou

Mrs Mansfield

## Francis House looking smart

Francis House's exciting refurbishment is now nearing completion. Mr Hobson (Housemaster of Francis) is pictured below, looking very pleased with results so far. Boarders returning for Lent Term will be wallowing in the luxury of a freshly painted house, new soft furnishings, pictures, blinds and much more.

The next phase will take place at Easter with new carpet and flooring throughout to complete the look.



## *Friends of Foremarke*

Hello Everyone - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We hope you had a wonderful break. Welcome to 2016 & another exciting term of Friends of Foremarke events.

These will include QUIZ NIGHT, CHOCOLATE BINGO and a new FoF BREAKFAST FOR PRE-PREP PARENTS, plus 2 meetings to catch up and make more plans, 2 coffee mornings - and we'll be running a bar to refresh the audience at the Upper School production of 'Twelfth Night.'

So hopefully there will be plenty for everyone to get involved with and to enjoy. It will be good to see faces old and new...

Best wishes,  
Dons Coleston-Shields & all Friends of Foremarke.

## Our new Gap Students



L-R Tessa, Lachlan, Bella and Niamh

Hello my name is Tessa Holman

*I am 17 years old, am the oldest of 2 girls and have just finished my final year of school at Mt St Michael's College Ashgrove in Brisbane Australia.*

*Throughout my childhood I have enjoyed playing many sports at home including Touch Football, Football, Swimming and Sailing and due to my love of music I have played the flute for 8 years and have been singing for 13, privately and with the Australian Girls Choir. Some of my hobbies include sailing, singing, reading and spending time with my family and friends.*

*I am looking forward to meeting the students and teachers at Foremarke and working alongside you all throughout this year. Thank you for welcoming me into this beautiful school, I am very excited for the year ahead.*

Hi my name is Lachlan Conn

*I'm 18 years old and I have just finished my final year of school at Barker College in Sydney. I am the youngest of 4 children and grew up on a sheep farm around 300km (187 miles) west of Sydney.*

*I love my sport and try to play as much as I can, my main sports being Rugby, Basketball and touch rugby. Other than sport I also enjoy playing guitar which I have started to play recently. At school I enjoyed Maths and Science and I'm aiming to start studying engineering at Sydney University next year.*

*I'm really excited to get started working here and getting to know everyone I know it will be an amazing year.*

Hello my name is Bella Epstein

*I am 18 years old and have just completed year 12 at All Saints Anglican School on the Gold Coast Australia, I am the youngest of three sisters.*

*All my family are really involved in sport, I've always enjoyed swimming and I also play waterpolo. I also have a part time job at the local swim school teaching swimming to children as young as 4 months old. Some of my hobbies include drawing, spending time at the beach and reading.*

*I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone over the course of this next year and am really excited about all the amazing opportunities and experiences that lie ahead. :)*

Hi my name is Niamh Whiley

*I have recently graduated from Year 12 at the Scots PGC College in Warwick, Australia. Here I was also a boarder, who loved all of the crazy activities within the boarding house and also all of the great opportunities.*

*I am the only girl in my family, having both an older and a younger brother (it's a crazy household). My hobbies would include all things sport, however my favourite sport would have to be netball, though I was a bit of a rugby player back in the day. I love listening to music, dancing around, having a laugh and I am a massive fan of reading.*

*I'm really excited to begin this year and be able to experience a great English lifestyle, not only learning new words (it's crisps, not chips), learning about a new culture but also growing as a person and becoming an independent young lady. I know this year is only going to hold a thousand adventures, opportunities and amazing experiences, and will become my home away from home.*

## We welcome our new staff this term



Mr Davis - Head of Design and Technology



Mrs Jane Sullivan - Medical Centre Assistant