

25<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

Dear Parents,

### **Bring & Buy sale**

The Bring 'n Buy sale held at the Upper School on 11<sup>th</sup> March was very successful indeed. The sale was initiated, advertised and organised by pupils and stalls were manned by members of the School Council. Masses of toys, books and other items were donated for sale, and the selection of cakes, many home-made and beautifully decorated, was so huge we had a second cake sale the following day! The sale raised an amazing £570 for the Blue Peter 'Mission Nutrition' appeal. Thank you all for your support.

### **Indoor Athletics Success**

Mr. Dyson reports:

'Yesterday, twelve Year 5 pupils took part in a District indoor athletics tournament at Swakeleys school. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and the standard was very impressive. The St. Helen's team trained for four weeks before the competition and this showed with their performance. The effort they put in was amazing and I was very proud of the team. St. Helen's came second overall but to me it was their improvement in their own events which really pleased me. Well done to the team - Charlotte Phillips, Alexander Khan, Joshua Stidder, Aaron Bhattoa, Rishi Sekhri, Maya Bharal, Sowmiya Jegatheesan, Yasmeen Hussein, Dilraj Rai, Danielle Doran, Kaveri Bagga and Sachin Marwaha.'

### **Holiday Club**

We still have spaces available for Holiday Club and are accepting bookings until the end of term. The lively presentation in Middle/Upper School assemblies on Tuesday created a lot of interest, and a flyer and booking form are enclosed.

### **Suggestion Boxes**

We are keen to gain feedback and ideas from parents, and have now installed suggestion boxes at the Lower School (Year 1 corridor) and Upper School (library). Please feel free to drop a note in with any ideas which might help us to improve any aspect of the education which we are providing. The boxes will be emptied weekly and, provided you put your name on your note, one of us will reply to your idea.

### **PA Quiz Night – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

This is a terrific opportunity for parents to get together and have some fun. No expertise is needed, and you will leave the event with an expanded knowledge of facts profound, obscure and trivial. The enclosed flyer gives details – please book soon!

### **Choral Speaking Competition – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m.**

The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be competing next term in a school choral speaking competition at All Saints' Church. This is a new venture and a development of the Speech Competition; the whole class will recite a poem together, using gestures and sound effects. Leaving Year 6 parents often like to donate a trophy to the school, and it may be that somebody might like to choose this event for a donated trophy. After the recitations there will be an opportunity, arranged by the Parents' Association, for parents to donate a book to the new library and to have their child's name inscribed on a book plate inside the front cover. More details will be sent to you next term.

### **Open Day – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

We enclose two Open Day posters, and hope that you will be able once again to support the event by displaying them in local shops or businesses, or your own business premises. A large majority of new families join the school through personal recommendation, and all that you do in this regard is greatly appreciated.

### **Next Term**

Please note that next term begins on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. As usual, the term programme will be posted to you at the beginning of the term, however those of you who have registered on the VLE now have access to the school diary, and so you can look ahead for details of events next term and beyond. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. From September, all newsletters and routine mailings will be sent electronically via the VLE.

Yours faithfully,

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