

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

13th January 2012

Welcome back! In my first assembly of the term, I talked to the children about keeping promises. Apparently, within three days of New Year's Eve many adults have reneged on their resolutions. I told the children that it is easier to decide to do something positive, rather than give something up. With that in mind, I am running the London marathon in April for a charity called Khandel Light. After talking to a few parents about their marathon experiences I am starting to think twice. However, training is going well (thanks to Mr Russell, Amy's Dad) and I hope to raise at least £1500 for my chosen charity.

I have some news on the staffing front:

Sadly, **Mrs Conetta** will be leaving the school at the end of this term. She has been a loyal and dedicated teacher and I know that she will be sorely missed by everyone. Over the years, and more recently as Head of Girls' Games, she has enthusiastically coached and encouraged the girls to great feats on the hockey field and netball court. I wish her all the very best for the future as she moves with her husband to Northern Ireland.

Sally Brown, our catering manager, will be hanging up her apron in a couple of weeks. She has worked tirelessly in the kitchen for over three years, cooking delicious food and creating amazing chocolate treats. Her smiley face and cheerful disposition I am sure will be missed by all. To the relief of many dads (including me!), you will be pleased to know that she will continue to cook Friday breakfasts until a replacement is found.

Mr Radford is getting married in the February half-term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him and his future wife, Janet, all the very best.

Over the Christmas holidays **Abby Willis** has been selected to play for the National Children's Orchestra. Not to be outdone, her sister, **Sam**, will be playing in the South-East Regional Orchestra. Well done indeed to both girls.

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Staying on a musical note; at the beginning of term I presented 30 children with certificates from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Astonishingly there were 15 distinctions and 7 merits. Well done to all those children. A splendid musical effort!

Next week there are the following parents' evenings:

Tuesday 17th Form 4 (appointments bookable)

Thursday 19th Form 8 6-8pm in New Hall (latest arrivals 7.15pm)

Our next **Open Morning** will be on Friday 24th February from 9-11am. Although the focus will be on our new Nursery, prospective parents will be able to tour the whole school and meet key staff. Please spread the news and tell any interested friends or family.

As you know, our new Nursery is opening in April and I thought that this might be an opportune time to ask for any **quality toys** which would be appropriate for children of nursery age. I am sure that after an influx of new Christmas presents there might be some redundant toys that you would consider donating to the school. If so, please give them to Mary in the office.

Kind regards,

Adam King (Headmaster)