

# THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

**14th January 2011**

Welcome back to a rather wet and damp start to the spring term. I would especially like to welcome three new pupils: **Lucy Riley (sister of Nick), Tilly Jones and Joseph Antonelli-Pike**. I am sure, as always, they will settle quickly and soon feel part of our friendly community.

The games programme went ahead as usual on Wednesday with a **stunning victory** for our 1st XV against St. Andrew's, Pangbourne. Our boys won 42-0. A cracking start to the rugby season and one which I hope will emulate their football season. Their next match is against Terra Nova on Thursday 27th (a touring side from Manchester which boasts Will Carling in their alumni). It would be good to have a large horde (I hope this is an appropriate collective noun?) of parents cheering on the touchline.

I would like to congratulate two girls on being offered a place at St. Helen's, Abingdon. **Calypso Phillips and Eleanor Munro** did particularly well against a strong field of candidates.

**The 80s Pop Quiz Night is nearly upon us! Tickets are still available from the school office at £5 each. Please support the FOT and book your place, if you have not done so already, by Monday at the latest.**

I would like to remind you that on the rare occasion your child is unable to complete their **homework**, it is possible to ask their subject or form teacher for an extension. You can either see them personally or write a note in your child's diary.

Unfortunately **individual speech and drama lessons** will not be starting yet. The original teacher is now unavailable due to personal circumstances. However, for all those budding young actors, I will be exploring new avenues and hope to have something in place by the start of the summer term.

**Activities start on Monday 17th January (including Judo).**

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**The collection at the end of term Carol Services** raised a very generous £449.49. Revd. Christine Dale was most grateful. The money has been split evenly between St. Michael's Church community access project and Loose Ends (a charity for the homeless in Newbury).

There are two **Head's coffee mornings** this term with the following guests:

21st January      James Shone      Housemaster at Monkton

28th January      Sarah Thomas      Head of Bryanston

Please feel free to pop along between 9-10am and quiz them about their respective schools.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Adam King  
(Headmaster)

## **Results**

1<sup>st</sup> XV v. St. Andrew's  
**Won 42-0**

U11/10A XII v. Chandlings Manor U11A  
Lost 0-56

U10/11B IX v. Chandlings Manor U10A  
Lost 0-60

U11/10C XII v. Chandlings Manor U11C  
Lost 5-45