

# THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

**20th January 2012**

In the freezing cold weather earlier this week, the hot soup at lunchtime proved a real winner! The parsnip soup was made with our very own parsnips dug up from the eco-garden. It was delicious and the children certainly had fun collecting the produce (see photos). Later in the year members of Form 7 will be visiting a senior school, Bedales near Petersfield, where they have their own farm. They will learn more about conservation, ecology and even bake their own bread.

Talking about senior schools; there are two events that I would like to draw your attention to:

- A talk on '**The Best Two Years**' to Forms 6 & 7 parents on Monday 30th January
- The **Future Schools Event** on Tuesday 13th March for parents in Forms 5-8.

The Future Schools Event was a real hit a couple of years ago. Over twenty senior schools will pack into the New Hall and showcase their schools. This will give you an opportunity to see what is on offer, get a feel for several schools and chat informally to Heads or Registrars from senior schools. I will be sending out a letter nearer the time to remind you.

As you know from previous correspondence, the FOT are raising money for Dogs for the Disabled and 'Wellboring'. Because neither of these are local charities the FOT have also decided to support PALS (a charity that gives children with special needs the chance to take part in various leisure activities in Berkshire).

The Christmas Quiz provided by the FOT raised £130. Thank you to all those parents who bought a quiz and well done to the Thomas family who got full marks and won. If you are interested the questions and answers are at the following links:

Questions: <http://db.tt/hZsSevsZ>

Answers: <http://db.tt/mUdTzgEH>

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Miss Byrne in the Lower School is looking for a doll's house for the younger children. If you have one at home which is redundant please could you see her. On a similar note, thank you so much for all those parents who have brought in some lovely quality toys for the new Nursery. Keep them coming!

As you know 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. I've placed an advert in the Andover Advertiser this week.

Finally, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Lucinda Thomas. She will be taking over from Mrs Conetta for the summer term. Lucinda has a wealth of teaching experience, having previously been Head of PE at Channing School in London.

Kind regards,

Adam King  
(Headmaster)



**Eco-Warriors digging for victory-well parsnips to be precise!**

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## **GIRLS' RESULTS**

U11 netball v Hungerford Primary - League match won 14-6

U10B netball v Marlston House U10B - lost 2-4

U10A netball v Marlston House U10A - won 3-2

U11A netball v Marlston House U11B - won 13-2

U13A netball v Marlston House U13B - won 11-8

## **BOYS' RESULTS**

1<sup>st</sup> XV v. Elstree 2<sup>nd</sup> XV      Lost    26-34      Hobby 2, Warren & Knight (Warren 3 con)

U11A v. St.Francis              Lost    5-24        McCarthy

U11B v. St.Francis              Drew    17-17      Williams & Fanning 2 (Lynas 1 con)

U11C v. St.Francis              Won    35-20      Exelby 4, Thomas, Woolley

U8 & U9 v. Elstree              Postponed (frozen pitch)