

## Letter from Mr Morris and Staff

### Welcome from the Headmaster

It is with great excitement that I inform all parents (those with sons in Year 3 already know) that Mrs. Keira Murphy is expecting her first child in May. We wish her all the very best for what will be a life-changing event for her (I have tried to warn her!). We are interviewing for Maternity Cover over the next week. When an appointment has been made I will inform you and Year 3 parents will be offered a chance to meet with the successful candidate sometime this term. The cover will start at the beginning of the summer term.

### Open Evening

The school is opening its doors to prospective parents on Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>. January) from 4.30 – 7.00 p.m. Clubs will be carrying on as normal, as will After School Care, so that parents see the school on a normal working day. However, I would ask parents when they come to collect their sons after school on Monday to be aware that they will be some prospective families visiting. The ‘snake room’ at the front of the school will be used for meeting and greeting and for refreshments.

### House Chess Trophy 2012;

Round 1 happened on Wednesday this week. It was a very hard fought round, with several close and exciting encounters and some upsets. The results of this round-robin tournament are currently standing as follows;

Hartnell	17 points
Carr	16 points
Bird	13 points
Ramsey	11 points

Round 2 will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. January, at 12.20 p.m.

From the individual results and also from games played during the Junior and Senior Chess clubs I will be selecting two teams, a Junior (Years 3 and 4) and a Senior (Years 5 and 6). These teams have been entered for the UK National Primary/Junior School Chess Championships, the first round of which is being held in Bath on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. February (all day). The teams will be selected next week, and letters will be sent out to the relevant parents. We have also entered a Somerset county tournament that will take place at Millfield School later in the year.



### Weekly Star Performers w/c 16 January 2012

3	Ben Fackrell
4	James Stoodley
5HB	Jonathan Taylor
5RL	Oz Cohen
6LT	Lewis Davis
6RH	Jude Brenchley



### Weekly House Points Winners

<b>1st</b>	Carr
<b>2nd</b>	Bird
<b>3rd</b>	Ramsey
<b>4th</b>	Hartnell

## Junior Friends

The event planned for this evening the Cheese, Wine & Film night has been **CANCELLED**.

**However, the Junior Dinner Dance will be happening on Saturday 17th March details will follow soon on how to purchase tickets!**

### Year 5 Fables

The Year 5 boys have been writing their own fables this week. Using the 'Talk for Writing' method, we studied the story of 'The Ant and the Grasshopper' first, and learned that fables always have a lesson to teach and usually use animal characters to illustrate that lesson. Mr Leighton's class had produced some super fables and we are printing some of them here. The rest of them will be published on the Parents' area of the website over the next week.

#### **The Lazy Hedgehog - Oz Cohen**

It was autumn time in the wood; the leaves fell from the trees in a flutter. In the forest, there was a grand oak tree. The oak was a school called The Great Oak Elementary. All the young beasts of the forest went to this school. In one class, the pupils were listening intently to their teacher, Mr Owl. He hooted, "Listen class, next week there is a test on leaves."

Then the acorn bell rang, marking the end of the school day. Two hedgehogs waddled out; one was called Tom and the other Emma.

"Are you going to revise when you get back home?" asked Tom.

"No," replied Emma bluntly. "I'm playing first."

In return Tim said, "Why are you playing first? If you keep pushing the work away, you'll forget."

"Don't worry," said Emma, "I won't forget."

All week Emma did something else until, on the day of the test, she remembered with a jolt.

"Oh my gosh!" she said. "Tim, help me in the test."

"No," said Tim. "I told you to revise." He walked off.

Emma got an F in the test.

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#### **The Two Pigs - Harry Walker**

It was quiet in the town market. All the men were packing up for the day.

Two big fat pigs called Tom and Bob wandered into the market looking for food. They saw a huge crate of red apples and started to devour them.

Tom squealed, "Let's go! The men are coming to get us."

Tom ran, but Bob was greedy and kept on guzzling apples. The men grabbed Bob and carried him off to the butcher.

There was no escape for Bob.

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#### **The Turtle Who Didn't Listen - Eddie Thraves**

There was a sandy, sheltered beach in Morocco, where some big green turtles lived. One day, Tommy, a little baby turtle, wanted to go for a swim in the sparkling, blue sea.

His dad said, "Don't go too deep. There are lots of dangers in the ocean for a little turtle like you."

But Tommy did not listen and swam too far from the beach.

Suddenly a huge, hungry shark swam silently up behind him, and smiled with a big, toothy grin.

"Hello," it said, "you look like a tasty snack."

Tommy paddled away as fast as he could and dived down to the sea bed and hid among the coral. He had to wait a long time until the shark gave up and went away.

Tommy swam cautiously back to the beach. He never swam out so far again

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### Tree Planting on Brandon Hill

We have been invited to help plant trees, under the auspices of the Woodland Trust and organised by the Friends of Brandon Hill. A small group of boys will be involved on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. February rather than going to Failand for games that day. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get involved in a local community project that will I hope in time to come be of benefit to the school as well.

### Sports Update

This week Year 5 had a coaching session led by former Bristol Rovers captain Stuart Campbell, prior to his departure to Florida. The boys had a great time at a very foggy Failand and many got his autograph afterwards. He has promised to come back next year in the American off season to see us again. We wish him well.

On Friday the U11As gained a very hard fought 1-1 draw against a very good Headley Park team. The replay has been set for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, so watch this space for more details.

All Year groups will be involved in matches next week please check the board for the team sheets.

A couple of date changes for the calendar. We will not be swimming in the Westonbirt Gala on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Feb but will be taking part in a gala at Badminton on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Feb. The IAPS qualifiers will be at the same venue on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February starting at 3pm. Bristol Schools qualifying is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March more details to follow.

### Year 4 Assembly

Year 4 assembly will now be held on Thursday 2 February at 8.50am

### Drum Lessons

Please note that Mr. O'Rourke will not be in next week as he is away on a concert tour. Therefore, there will be no drum lessons on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. January.

### Clubs on Monday

There will be cricket club, cookery and CGI Film-making as normal. However, the times will be as follows;

Cookery;	4.00 – 4.45 p.m.
CGI Film-making;	4.15 – 5.15 p.m.
Cricket;	4..00 – 5.00 p.m.

### Diary for the week

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> . January	8.10 a.m.	Darwin Club meets
	8.50 a.m.	School assembly, led by Mrs. L. Taylor
	12.20 p.m.	Nature Club
	2.00 p.m.	U8 and U9 football v. Kingswood School, Bath (A)
	4.30 – 7.00 p.m.	Open Evening
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> . January	12.40 p.m.	Singing assembly
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> . January	12.20 p.m.	House Chess trophy Round 2
	2.00 p.m.	U11C v. Torwood House School U11 (H)
		U10 A and B, U11 A and B v. Kingswood School (A)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> . January	6 p.m.	F and GP of Governors meeting
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> . January	12.20 p.m.	Junior Chess club
	12.50 p.m.	School assembly
	1.10 – 3.30 p.m.	Year 6 QE award orienteering at Ashton Court