



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents

After a cold, dark winter, the mornings are now getting lighter and spring is in the air. There is renewed energy in school as the children begin enjoying even more time outside. The range of events this term has also contributed to the weeks whizzing by; a wonderful Science Day with the theme of 'Space, our whole School Verse Speaking

Competition, House Music Competition, class trips and numerous sporting events. The reports in this newsletter can only go so far to convey the unique feeling you get at the Old Vicarage School. Mr John Bowley, Director of Music at Repton School summed it up after our House Music Competition by saying "It was wonderful to witness such talented musicians and singers. I genuinely enjoyed my afternoon. The atmosphere in your school is terrific!"

We wish you a happy and restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back for an action packed Summer Term.

Matthew Adshhead

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School Events

Thursday 14th January Verse Speaking Competition

The OVS Verse Speaking Competition gives every child in the school from Nursery to Year 8 the opportunity to learn and perform a poem to their peers. It is a wonderful event aimed at exciting children to research poems and build confidence through public speaking. All children are to be congratulated for achieving this goal. The competitors who performed should feel very proud to have made it to the final, so can all feel like winners. Those who took home the trophy in each category are pictured, together with all the finalists.



Friday 18th March Sport Relief

This year the children undertook a variety of sponsored events. Incredibly we raised close to £3,000 for Sport Relief which is just amazing! Many, many thanks to you all.



Monday 8th February Holroyd KnowHow!

As part of a passion to get children cooking we planned cookery demonstrations this term, with the help of our chefs from Holroyd Howe. To celebrate *Chocolate Day* they demonstrated how to make the

perfect sponge and then decorate with chocolate icing. Class 5's learnt how to create super spring rolls to tie in with their Chinese projects in class. Class 3's were inspired with their cookie making demonstration. All items were consumed to show that the proof of the pudding really is in the eating!

Class Trips



CLASS 3 TO EYAM



EYFS TO WONDERLAND



CLASS 4 TO WARNER BROS



CLASS 5 LITERACY WORKSHOP



6TH FORM TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM REP THEATRE



School Events (cont'd)

Tuesday 23rd February
Science Day

OVS was transformed into Our Virtual Space-Station this term to celebrate Science Day! The children produced space concepts that really were out of this world for their half term projects. On the day Mr Adcock produced more challenges to create and build lunar buggies, test their transportation capabilities and then finally run them through a timed challenge through the sea of 'not so tranquility', collect moon dust and return it to base. Their missions were captured on our Facebook video 'Starman' by David Bowie. Class winners are pictured - 'star' quality from all!



House Coin Winners



Congratulations to Derwent House – Top Coin Scorers this term!

Tuesday 9th February

House Music Competition

St Matthew's Church came alive with renditions of 'Any Dream Will Do' this year for the annual House Music Competition. The audience was also treated to a wonderful recital of music from individual performers on piano, flute, drums, saxophone, cornet, violin and voice. Derwent won the House singing competition and congratulations go to Dove House who won the overall title this year. Pictured are all our fabulous finalists.



27th February - 5th March 2016

OVS & St Bede's Ski Trip 2016

We enjoyed a wonderful week long joint schools Ski trip with our friends at St Bede's School to Alpe D'Huez in France at the end of February. There was some wonderful snow, great skiing and fun evening activities. We will be planning another trip next year. Any OVS children in Years 4-8 (from September 2016) can travel on this trip.



Sports



Excellent coaching, unrivalled team spirit

Even though we are a small school compared to some on our fixture list, our teams continue to achieve great results in fixtures and in local and regional tournaments. This is down to excellent coaching as well as unrivalled team spirit. Our U11 5-a-side Football Squad qualified for the Derbyshire

finals, finishing as runners-up in their league. Our Senior Football Team, Rugby Team and Hockey teams have all enjoyed an unbeaten term with notable victories over Twycross and Wellow House. Our U11 Netballers beat Derby High 14-2, St Wystan's 10-0 and Ockbrook 16-0, making this our most successful Netball Season ever in terms of fixtures. Our U9's won the OVS Netball tournament and also the OVS Hockey Tournament against local rivals.

DIARY DATES

Monday 18th April
Staff INSET

Tuesday 19th April
Summer Term commences

Monday 25th April
Open Morning

Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday - School Closed

Thursday 19th May
Young Authors Competition Final

Saturday 21st May
Drama Club Production of Oliver!

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Half Term

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