



A MESSAGE FROM MRS SAUNDERS...

It has been wonderful to see the Year 1 to 6 children returning to School this week with such big smiles on their faces. It has also been a real pleasure to welcome quite a number of new children and their families to the School. Equally, we were excited to see the new Year R children this week for one of their taster sessions.

Today marked a very special return from the restrictions imposed on us all over the last 18 months with our children joining together in the School hall for a whole School assembly. The sound and words of "Shine Jesus Shine" rang out across the School. I know that very many of us had a lump in our throats.

As we start the year, our core value for this month is 'kindness'. We invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage linked to this value. '*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*' Galatians 5 verse 22-23.

Wishing you all a happy start to a new academic year.

Sharon Saunders
Co-Headteacher





A very warm Lady Boswell's welcome to the following children who have this week joined the School. Zoe C and Barnaby L have joined Year 1, Carter C has joined Year 2, Michael W, Jemima B, James C, Michael C, Sofia DS, Grace G and Ruby C who have joined Year 3, Imogen L and Aiden W who have joined Year 4 and Ella C who has joined Year 5.

In addition, we have new faces in the form of a number of new members of staff. Welcome to Mrs Joanne Evans , KS1 Tutor, and TAs Mr Drew Forrester, Miss Victoria Johnson, Mrs Sally Mollison, Miss Estefania Serratos-Rojas, Miss Kate Slade, Mrs Rebecca Baxter and Miss Emily James. The School is also this year continuing its tradition of supporting teacher training and has welcomed Miss Lucinda Haslock. Mr Henry Bodle who last year worked as a TA, returns to School via ITT to complete his teacher training.

Ms Sarahjane Hardwick has decided to step back from her role here at Lady Boswell's and we wish her well for the future. Peripatetic piano teacher, Mrs Penny da Silva, has also, after many years at the School, decided to step back from teaching in school to enjoy travelling.



TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

We are aware that many of you have your eyes on the horizon and are beginning to plan your summer holidays for next summer.

We are in the process of finalising the term dates for 2022—2023 and are awaiting training dates from the Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools. We will publish term dates for 2022-2023 as soon as we are able to. We can, however, confirm that 1st and 2nd September, 2022, will be inset days and that the first day in School will be Monday, 5th September, 2022.

BLUE PETER CLIMATE HERO BADGES



At the end of last term, as a part of the Year 2 Going Global, Staying Local topic, Year 2 (now Year 3!) worked towards the Blue Peter 'Climate Heroes Badge'. This is the first badge that a whole class can earn together (and even the Teachers and Teaching Assistants get a badge!)

At the end of term, badges arrived and the children were very excited. They also got a class certificate and a letter from Blue Peter thanking them for taking part!

In order to earn the badge, each child had to complete three pledges for two weeks; one pledge was about power (e.g. turning the TV off when you're not watching it), one about plastic (e.g. sorting recycling carefully) and one about plants (e.g. turning off the tap when brushing your teeth so there is more water for plants). They also had to complete a supersize pledge as a class and they turned the lights off every time they left the classroom to reduce the electricity they were using.

We hope that they have continued with many of these practices.



CANCER RESEARCH—RUN 60 MILES

Many Lady Boswell's staff have agreed to take part in the 2021 Run 60 Challenge in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Sadly cancer will have touched many of our lives and this is certainly true for members of our staff. We felt that by taking part as a school we would help to raise money and awareness and that we would be able to spur each other on. The aim is to complete 60 miles (cumulatively) by the end of September. Most will be running the 60 miles, however, due to her 'advancing years' Mrs Saunders will be walking! This means that members of Lady Boswell's staff may be seen building mileage around Sevenoaks, including in Knole Park and Knole Paddock. Please do take an opportunity to cheer them on! We will be setting up a Just Giving page so that anyone who wishes to support our efforts, and this worthy cause, are able to do so. For more information please follow the link below:

https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/find-an-event/run-60-challenge#FAQ_run60challenge1

SEVENOAKS SPORT MAGAZINE

Sevenoaks Sport and Wellbeing Magazine is a glossy, monthly free publication which can be picked up in supermarkets and other venues around town.

We hope that you managed to pick up a copy of the August edition in which there was an article on sport and wellbeing at Lady Boswell's.

A copy of the article is attached at the end of this Parentmail.

FORMER LADY BOSWELL'S STUDENT IN FINALS AT PARALYMPICS

We are excited to let you know that, former Lady Boswell's student, Zac Skinner has been taking part in the Paralympics. He reached the finals of the T13 100 metres and is, this weekend, taking part in the T13 long jump final. We wish Zac, who left Lady Boswell's 11 years ago to attend The Judd School, every success. For details of when he is competing, please follow the link below:

<https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/paralympic-games/en/results/athletics/event-schedule-men->

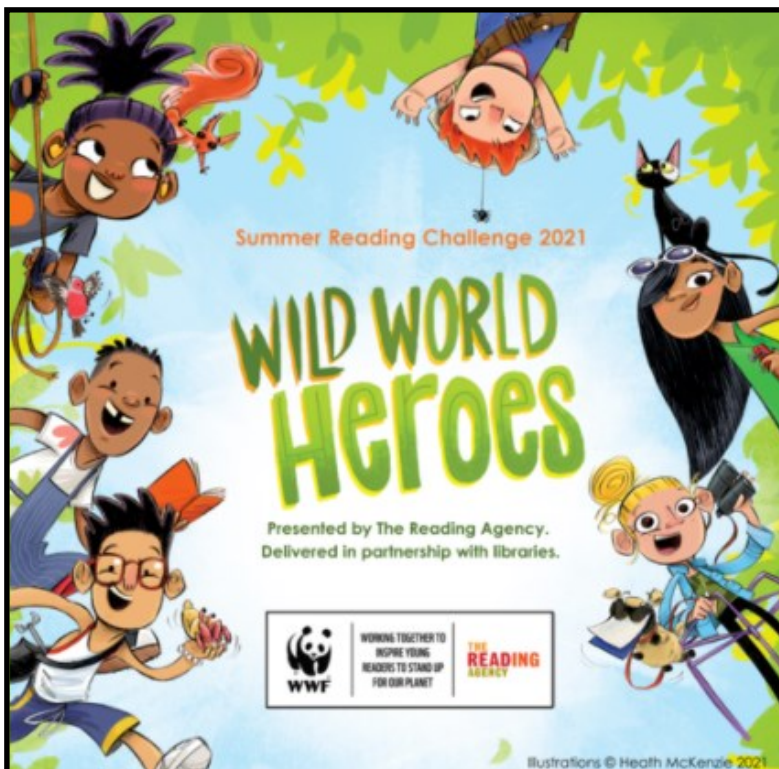
SWIMMING

We are thrilled that Swimming is recommencing for all of our KS2 children.

A full swimming timetable for the year will follow next week, but from next Thursday, for the duration of Term 1, it will be the turn of Holly, Cedar and Hawthorn.



2021 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



We know that many of the Lady Boswell's children will have enjoyed taking part this summer in the Wild World Heroes Reading Challenge. Just a reminder that the scheme closes on the 11th September.

For more information, follow the link below:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/summer-reading-challenge-2021>

DIARY DATES

All diary dates can also be found on the Lady Boswell's website under Parents>Calendar. Please note that these plans are aspirational and events may need to be cancelled or postponed depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

TERM 1 —DIARY DATES		TERM 2—DIARY DATES	
3 and 6/9/21	Year R Parent interviews	1/11/21	First day of Term 2
7, 8 and 9/9/21	10.00am to midday. Year R taster mornings	3/11/21	Open Morning for prospective parents of children starting school in September 2022. For more information please see website
9/9/21	Term 1 swimming commences—Holly, Cedar and Hawthorn Classes	4/11/21	Term 2 swimming commences—Sycamore, Oak and Elm Classes
10/9/21	Year R Teddy Bears' Picnic	5/11/21	Primary School application process opens
w/c 13/9/21	8.55am till midday Year R in School	12/11/21	Flu Immunisation—information will follow
16/9/21	2.30pm Parent Volunteer Meeting—see Parentmail of 3/9/21	19/11/21	Inset Day—Parent Consultations—details to follow
w/c 20/9/21	8.55am till 1.30pm Year R in School	26/11/21	Remembrance Service
29/9/21	Harvest Service—more information to follow	1/12/21	RULER Parent Webinar—details to follow
w/c 27/9/21	Year R commence full days in School	9/12/21	2.30pm and 5.30pm KS1 Nativity
1/10/21	Bentley Photographic Portrait Photographs	10/12/21	2.30pm KS1 Nativity—more information to follow
3/10/21	11.00am Lady Boswell's Annual Church Service—St Nicholas Church—details to follow	14/12/21	Christmas lunch
4/9/21	Reserve date for Harvest Service—more information to follow	15/12/21	6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at St Nicholas Church—information to follow
13/10/21	RULER Parent Webinar—details to follow	17/12/21	Last day of Term 2
16/10/21	PTA Circus—details to follow		
21/10/21	Last day of Term 1		
22/10/21	Inset Day		





Lady Boswell's puts sport at the forefront

Lady Boswell's Primary School lies at the heart of Sevenoaks Town bordered by Sevenoaks Leisure Centre on one side, Sevenoaks Rugby Club on another and with Knole Park to the rear. How could the school not be inspired by these surroundings and have allowed it to influence their passion for sport, healthy living and the great outdoors?

This love of sport is also driven from within through outstanding teaching as well as staff who nurture their own passions for particular disciplines, and allow this to encourage and inspire their pupils to take part. Specialist PE teacher, Paul Putland, brings a breadth of experience and knowledge and allows the pupils to develop key skills in many sporting activities.

In non-COVID times the school offers a myriad of sports from hockey to swimming and from tag rugby to ballet (for the Reception children). Pre-Covid, the school normally boasts around 40-50 extra-curricular clubs offering additional creative, scientific and sporting opportunities.

All teachers will understand that importance of 'brain breaks' in the

classroom, allowing the children a few minutes between lessons to stretch, move, clear their heads and be refreshed to return to their seats. As a result, last year a programme called 'Fit in Five' was introduced across the school; the start of one of these sessions is always met with great excitement and completed with unbounded enthusiasm. It proved to have an enormous impact on concentration and energy levels within the classroom.

In encouraging the youngest children (both Reception and Year 1) to enjoy healthy living, the school has expansive tailored outside play and learning areas and a stunning Forest School where many happy hours of exercise and investigative learning take place.

A love and interest in sport is nurtured throughout the school. With healthy competition being developed through inter-house competition and fixtures with other schools from the area. With inter-school competition not being possible during the last 16 months, and with the importance of ensuring that children remain in their class bubbles, Lady Boswell's has, this year, taken a different

approach. Jemima Harris, PE Subject Leader, explains: "We appreciate how important it is for the children to develop their ability to work collaboratively and team sport plays a key part in this. As a result, this year we have led inter-house sporting competitions in all Key Stage 2 classes with every child being encouraged to take part in cross country, netball, football, tag rugby and kwick cricket [sic]. We appreciate the importance of inspiring those who are a little reticent to join in; when these children see the part that they play within their team and feel the support of their house mates it certainly helps to develop their confidence".

Co-Headteacher, Sharon Saunders said: "Lock down has clearly demonstrated the importance of exercise and the sense of freedom and joy that this brings. Our School has a holistic approach, with faith at the core of all that we do, but with wellbeing and sport walking hand-in-hand with academia. We want every child to leave us knowing that they are a unique child of God and with their heads inspired and their hearts enriched".


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