Happy New Year

We hope you all had a super Christmas break and that 2018 proves to be a terrific year for you and your family. Term has started quietly, which is as it should be following the long break. January is always a purposeful month as we get back into routines and look to get the year off to a good start. There are plenty of things to look forward to this month and later in the term so we look forward to seeing you around the school.

Quiz Night

Parents will have seen the flyer sent out last term advertising the PA Quiz Night on Saturday 20th January. This will be in the Barn and should be a terrific evening, with a bar available and a curry meal for all taking part. An order form for this event went out yesterday, inviting entries for teams of 6 – although if parents wish to attend and be placed in a team on the evening that is fine too. Please could we have returns as soon as possible in order that we can put in place food orders for the evening.

Music Scholarships

King’s Hawford Music Scholarship assessments will be held on Friday 19th January 2018. These are open to children in Years 3, 4 and 5 and successful applicants will be awarded a Music Scholarship amounting to one year of music tuition (max. 30 lessons) paid for by the school, commencing September 2018. Eligible children may be having instrumental or singing tuition already and may wish to learn another instrument, or may show musical potential, and are looking to be directed towards tuition on an orchestral instrument. Applications must be received by Mrs Hughes this Friday. shughes@ksw.org.uk

St. Richard’s Ball

Bookings are going well for the Masquerade Ball on February 3rd at Stanbrook Abbey. We have over 140 bookings with a target of 200 at the event. If you are planning to attend there are reduced rates for rooms booked at the Abbey overnight, although these are bound to sell out so early application both for tickets and for rooms is recommended, bookable via The Abbey. The evening features a number of special attractions, including a Roll the Dice game for a prize of £10,000 and an aerial gymnastics act high above the audience. Ticket bookings can be made either through the office or on the St. Richard’s website.

House Cross Country

The House Cross Country will take place on Friday afternoon, with the children competing from 1-30p.m. Timings are as follows:

1-30p.m. - Reception (1 lap of the top field)
1-45p.m. - Years 1 and 2 (2 laps of the top field)
2-20p.m. - Years 3 and 4 (one lap of the top field, one lap of the Garrad field)
2-50p.m. - Years 5 and 6 (one lap of the top field, one lap of the Garrad’s field, one lap of the bottom field)

King’s Open Morning

Parents are warmly invited to attend an Open Morning at King’s Senior School on Saturday, from 9-30a.m. to 12-30p.m.

Year 6 Mock Entrance Exams

Our Year 6 children will be involved in a day of mock entrance exams on Tuesday 16th January, running through similar assessments that they will be tackling on Saturday 27th January. The day is to familiarise the children with the timings of the assessments and to give them a feel for the demands of the day.

Nearly New Uniform Sale

There will be a sale of nearly new uniform items next week in the Barn Foyer on Thursday 18th January at 3-00p.m. Items for the sale can be left in the office next week.

Informal Music Concert

Parents are invited to attend our next Informal Music Concert on Thursday 18th January at 4-15p.m. in the Music Room. This concert will also feature a Year 3 and 4 Art Work Display.

Prep Cinema Night

There will be a Cinema Night for children in Years 3 to 6 on Friday 19th January at 6-30p.m. A letter will be sent home giving details of this evening.

Music Exams

Well done to the following children, who were successful in music exams towards the end of last term:

Elsie-Rose Lyons Grade 3 Singing with Distinction and Grade 1 Violin, Jess Newman Grade 3 Singing with Distinction, Joshua Adam Grade 5 Singing, Edmund Roberts Grade 4 Singing with Merit, Will Mason Grade 3 Clarinet with Merit, Will Thorp Grade 1 Clarinet, Anna Wales Grade 3 Clarinet with Merit and Grade 4 Piano with Merit, Poppy Wrout Prep Piano, Abigail Haldane Grade 2
Masquerade Ball

Saturday 3rd February 2018
Champagne reception 7.00pm
3 course meal
Entertainment
Games, raffle and auction

Tickets £45.00 each, tables of 10

Kindly hosted by
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CALLOW END, WORCESTER

For more information and to register please visit
https://www.strichards.org.uk/masquerade-ball

www.strichards.org.uk
Tel: 01905 763 963
Email: appeals@strichards.org.uk

St Richard’s Hospice, Wildwood Drive, Worcester WR5 2QT
Registered charity number 515668

Piano, Tilly Haldane Prep Piano, Bertie Nicholls
Grade 2 Singing, Caitlin Clements Grade 5 Singing and Grade 5 Piano, Evie Thrush
Grade 2 Flute, Annabelle Bird Grade 2 Violin, Isobel Smith Grade 1 Violin, Tilly Cook Grade 3 Clarinet, Josh Lavarack Grade 4 Tenor Horn with Merit and Grade 3 Piano with Merit.

Worcester Festival
All music WCAF entries must be received by Friday. Parents should have received the entry form in the Christmas mailing from school. All school music ensembles are entered so please can parents with children in these groups complete an entry form. The orchestra, string group, guitar group, and jazz group will be performing on Saturday 10th March. The junior choir and senior choir will be performing on Saturday 17th March. Parents are warmly invited to attend and support the performances.

Birthdays
We wish all children who will have birthdays over the next week a happy birthday. We remind parents that children are allowed to come into school in their home clothes on their birthday or the nearest school day. The children who will be celebrating before the next newsletter are: Eva Frost and Harry Bird.
King’s Music Scholarship
The King’s School Music Scholarships will take place on Friday 26th January at the Senior School. Mrs Hughes has sent out details to those Year 6 children who would qualify for consideration for these scholarships.

King’s Entrance Exams
Our Year 6 children will be involved in their King’s School Entrance Exams on Saturday 27th January. These will take place at Hawford during the morning.

Music Exams
For Information: The next ABRSM music exam visit to Hawford will be on May 3rd and 4th. Children may still be entered for music exams by their teachers in the normal exam session in March and June, in several venues and locations such as the Elgar School of Music in Worcester.

St. Richard’s Ball
There is still time to book tables for the Masquerade Ball on Saturday 3rd February. We can take bookings in the office or these can be made directly on the St. Richard’s website. It should be a super event for a good cause and we are looking forward to welcoming parents and friends on the evening.

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Year 3 Malvern Trip Meeting
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St. Richard’s Ball Silent Auction
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House Cross Country 2018
On the afternoon of Friday 12th January we held our annual House Cross Country here at school. The weather was kind to us as it was perfect running conditions, if a little cold for spectating. We were delighted with the excellent effort levels, determination and perseverance of all of the children, from Reception all the way up to Year 6, as they displayed commendable character and really seemed to enjoy the afternoon. All children did their houses proud and every single finishing position counted towards the overall total score for each house. The first place finishers in each race were:
Reception – George Marley and Harriet Bailey
Year 1 – Jack Marley and Erin Launder
Year 2 – William Lavarack and Anya Rawnsley
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Lock Lane Junction with A449
Parents and grandparents are reminded that there are restrictions on traffic at the junction of Lock Lane and the A449. Vehicles must only enter the central reservation when it is empty. Only one vehicle at a time is then allowed in the central area as the second vehicle will always create an obstruction to the view of the first vehicle. We have had reports of multiple vehicles pulling into the central reservation box and making this area dangerous. We rely on your support in relation to this manoeuvre and do not wish to report offenders, although we will do so if the situation persists.

Worcester Festival
Please can the parents of children in Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Orchestra, Guitar Group, String Group, and Jazz Group check that they have completed and returned the Worcester Festival (WCAF) entry form with the £2 fee for each class. The deadline was Friday 12th January and Mrs Hughes is still waiting for some replies and fees. Could parents please check that if your child is performing a solo or duet and requires an accompanist, there is a fee to pay for this. Please check the original letter for amounts and dates. If your child is in one of these groups and cannot attend the Festival, please notify Mrs Hughes as soon as possible. Choirs are performing on the morning of Saturday 17th March, with all other groups performing on the morning of Saturday 10th March.

PA Quiz night this Saturday
Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this event as we did not have enough teams sign up. We hope to try to run it again in the future.

Birthdays
We wish all children who will have birthdays over the next week a happy birthday. We remind parents that children are allowed to come into school in their home clothes on their birthday or the nearest school day. The children who will be celebrating before the next newsletter are: Grace Danks, Marnie Perera, Jack Jones and Ollie Mason.
King’s Entrance Exams
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St. Richard’s Ball
There are still some tickets available for the Masquerade Ball at Stanbrook Abbey on Saturday 3rd February, although we will be closing bookings at the start of next week. The event should be a terrific evening and we hope that all those attending have ordered their masks.

Year 3 and 4 Musical Production of Ocean Commotion
‘Ocean Commotion’, our Year 3 and 4 Production for later this term, is off and running but we need the help of any parents who are handy with a sewing machine, have the time to help with making props and are keen to support in any way with costumes. If you think you have the time or would like to donate or lend a hand - please could you speak to Mr Roberts for more information. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Young Writer Competition
Congratulations to Ptolemy Nelson, who is the runner up in the Rotary Club of Worcester Severn’s Young Writer competition. Ptolemy will be presented with his certificate by the President of Worcester Severn Rotary Club at assembly on Friday 16 February. We were pleased also to hear that the competition winner was Martha Davey, who left Hawford in July, thus maintaining Hawford’s incredible results in this competition. We will be informing the children of this year’s Worcester Literary Festival Young Writer Competition at the assembly, with details of the LitFest competition being available at worcslitfest.co.uk under the tab ‘LitFest Young Writer Competition 2018’.

WCAF trophies 2017
Please can all trophies won last year at the Worcester Festival, for Music and LAMDA classes, be returned in their boxes to the school office by Friday 26th January.

Silent Auction for St. Richard’s Hospice
Parents are reminded of the Silent Auction of a 5 day residential dinner party cookery course at The Orchard’s School of Cookery from Monday 5th February. This is a terrific opportunity and bids are invited in the office before Friday 2nd February.

Uniform
There was reminder in the newsletter about uniform last week. We have noted a number of incorrect items of uniform this week, most notably coats and a range of woolly hats. Girls should wear ties to school as stated in the winter uniform list. Parents will be advised by the school in cases where children are continuing to wear incorrect uniform.

KH Radio
Our first KH Radio programme of the term will be played in assembly on Monday and then uploaded to the website, Twitter and Facebook. In next week’s episode the children continue their series on what their teachers were like at 11, and there is also a review of the Hawford school uniform. This term we are hoping to do a series of interviews on unusual jobs and we are keen to hear from any parents who would be happy to come in at 3-00p.m.
on a Friday afternoon to do a very short interview with us about their work. Please be brave and come along! Contact Julia Letts on julia@lettstalk.net if you are happy to talk to us about your job.

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