



# Dunhurst *Friday Report*

24th June 2011

Friday 24th June	Jaw Athletics Production 'The Isle of Wonders'	4.30—5.30pm 7.30pm
Saturday 25th June	Blocks may come in at Or have an optional lie—and come in at Groups children come in at Dunhurst Parents' Day Lunch in the Marquee <b>CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND UNTIL 1.00PM</b> Production 'The Isle of Wonders'	8.25am 9.30am 10.15am From 10.30am From 12.00pm 1.45pm
Sunday 26th June	Train departs Waterloo Train arrives Petersfield	6.30pm 7.37pm
Monday 27th June	Block 2 Wetlands trip Block 2 induction evening with Bedales staff. Block 2 pick up for day children	9.00—5.30pm 5.30pm 7.00pm
Tuesday 28th June	Block 2 Work shadowing day Strings Summer Platform Concert	All day 6.00
Wednesday 29th June	U11 Cricket v St Edmunds (H) U13A and B Cricket v St Edmund's (A) U13A and B Rounders v Windlesham (H) U9 Rounders v Portsmouth High School (A)	2.30—5.30pm 1.45—5.00pm 2.30—4.00pm 2.30—5.00pm
Thursday 30th June		
Friday 1st July	Jaw Athletics FoDs BBQ	4.30—5.30pm 6.00—8.00pm
Saturday 2nd July	Sports Day	9.30—12.45pm



## Letter from Penny...

Dear Parents

By the time you read this 'The Isle of Wonders' will have enjoyed its First Night. Despite some damp, cold rehearsals the imaginative performances of the children and the results of the total commitment from staff shine through. Do come and see the play tonight, Friday or the final performance which closes Parents' Day on Saturday. Special thanks to Simon and Jamie West—Oram who created the drama and music and to Kathy and Rosie who masterminded dance and other magic. More on this next week!

I am very excited to tell you the magnificent response to the recent Sponsored Swim! The total raised currently raised for charity stands at £5,300 and not all the money is in. This is a marvellous achievement and great thanks are due to Alan Simmons for driving this initiative and to all the children who swam. Many people less fortunate than those in our community will benefit from this whole school effort.

Congratulations, too, to the two hundred children who contributed to the recent Dunhurst Creative Writing publication professionally produced under the leadership of Melissa. The book is available from to order from Reception or Melissa on [mecanter@bedales.org.uk](mailto:mecanter@bedales.org.uk), and is a clear affirmation of the creative talent that lies amongst us. Fran's short story competition, The Eyes of Mr Croaker, finally reached a crescendo in the awarding of prizes in assembly this week. Congratulation to all the winners (published last week) and especially to the Barlett family who (almost) swept the board.

A report produced by Ofsted following the Boarding Inspection a few weeks ago has been emailed to all of you this week. It is an 'outstanding' report which pays tribute to the work done by all the Boarding staff over recent years and to the happiness, enthusiasm of our community, energy and high standards of pastoral care now delivered to children (and staff) at Dunhurst.

Many thanks to the small but select group of parents who joined us for the Great Lunch Box Consultation this week. Thank you to Ian who made three presentations to parents, children and staff respectively in an effort to improve the standard and quality of our packed lunches. His 'before' and 'after' prototype lunch boxes certainly encouraged animated debate and the children will now be trialling the new formula lunch boxes.

Next week offers the Wetlands trip for Block Two who also go out of school on Work Shadowing Day on Tuesday. Plenty of cricket and rounders fill Wednesday afternoon in the lead up to Sports Day on Saturday. Let's hope the sun comes out at some point as our spirits rise in anticipation of the last week of term. All very sad for me, of course, but still plenty to enjoy!

Penny



# What's going on ...

## Train Arrangements

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

No train requested

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June

No train requested

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Depart Waterloo 6:30pm Arrive Petersfield 7:37pm

Depart Guildford 7:10pm

**Gaps Duty Mobile Number 07827478489**

## **WORK SHADOWING DAY ON TUESDAY 28th JUNE**

On Tuesday of next week all Block Two pupils will be going out for their Work Shadowing assignment .

Block Two parents should have received details of their child's placement with contact information. Please can you remind your child on the day to take their Work Shadowing folders with them which contains vital information?

### **TRANSPORT**

If you are a parent who has said you could take your child to their placement please will you make sure you know where they are going, that your child has told you the start and finishing times and estimated time of departure. There is a document with all this information on the Workshadowing board at the back of the Well. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **CLOTHING**

By now they should have contacted their business sites and asked what they should be wearing and bringing. Although we always run a preparatory session on clothing and manners, we have had some years when pupils have still turned up in inappropriate outfits (T-shirts with unsuitable slogans, torn tights, very short skirts or trainers when shoes have been asked for). If your child is working on a farm or in a garage they may well have been asked to wear wellies or old clothes. Please will you prompt your child about clothing on the day?

### **LUNCH**

You will have by now indicated what kind of lunch your child is having or if they have permission to join friends for a snack near their work place. If your child is travelling straight from home we assume that they will not be having a school packed lunch.

### **PHONES**

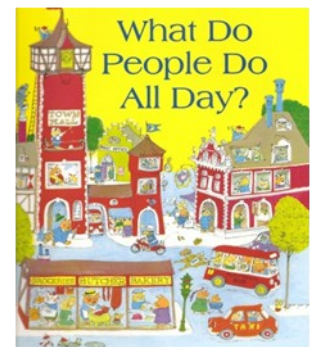
Pupils will be allowed to take mobile phones with them on the day. This is for emergency or essential contact use only.

### **PREPARATION**

As usual Block Threes from Bedales, who shadowed last year, have visited Dunhurst and passed on their advice about the day to the Block Twos. We always repeat the wise words from Ben Dale, when he said to the prospective shadows "The day is what you make it!"

Many of our regular sites very much enjoy having Dunhurstians for the day. Even if their day is tiring or challenging I hope it will be an enlightening experience.

Wendy





# What's going on ...

## Block Two Trip to the Wetlands at Arundel 2011

This is a trip that builds upon the trip to Marwell Zoo last year where they studied endangered species, zoo enclosure design and captive breeding programmes. Now we are looking at creating new, more varied habitats from existing or denatured places.

Time: **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011** - all day

In school at normal time - leaving **9:00am**

Returning between **5:15pm to 5:30pm**

The children have chosen their packed lunches and snack will be provided on arrival and departure.

Staff will have first aid kits.

Each child should come to school with the following:

**Day sack for carrying packed lunches**

**Sensible shoes such as trainers**

**A warm jumper**

**Waterproof 'jacket'**

Optional are:

Water bottles

Hats

Suncream

Camera

This trip has become a regular and enjoyable last trip for the Block Twos before leaving Dunhurst and we have been working on our knowledge of wetland birds before our trip

Best wishes - **Alan**

*You are warmly invited to....*

### **The String Summer Platform Concert**

**Tuesday 2<sup>8th</sup> June at 6.00pm**

*Dunhurst Well*

*The following pupils will be performing:*

Superstrings	Group 1 String Quartet	Groups String Trio	
Toria	Finn Wr	Grace	Ellie E
Fiamma	Charlie F	Thomasina	Olivia B
Tara	Marlene	Robbie	Emma D
Hanna B	Antonia	Rhea	Olo
Clemmie	Kath	Plus 2 Dunannie pupils	

### **Block 2 Leavers Dinner—Wednesday 6th July**

Please be aware, that no extra boarders can be accommodated on this evening. Day children are to be collected at 9.30 pm.



# Sport ...

## SPORTS ROUND UP

Since the last Friday reports we've had a number of fixtures in spite of the rain. Last Thursday evening we hosted an U9, 10 & 11 swimming gala against Meoncross. Many children were keen to compete and really enjoyed the experience. Anyone that wanted to swim was included and our Dunhurstian spirit prevailed with every swimmer being cheered on during their race – a great team effort.

On Friday our U12 cricket team competed in a tournament at Morehouse School. This was a great opportunity to improve their match play. They only lost by 1 run on the last ball to the eventual winners having improved their performance as the day went on. Well done boys!

On Wednesday our U11 rounders team went to a tournament at Westbourne House where they showed strong fielding skills and came back with a determination to improve their batting.

Our groups ones played mixed rounders with the U8's from Dunnanie against Langrish. Some great skills were shown. We are looking forward to seeing their team performances next year.

Our group one boys are off to Churchers Junior School as I write this report. They are very excited and can't wait for their match.

NEXT SATURDAY 2ND JULY is one of the sporting highlights of the year where all pupils compete in inter-house athletics on Sports Day. This event is all about team work and team spirit whilst showing off their athletics skills.



## U12 cricket tournament

The under 12's went to a cricket tournament at More House school on Friday. We had a limited amount of players; there were only seven of us.

Our first game was not our best start to a tournament, we lost the toss and ended up batting. Max and Barney opened. It was a reasonable opening partnership and Barney top scored with 8 runs and George took a good wicket.

In the second game we won the toss and decided to bowl against the eventual second place team. Ally took a wicket with some excellent fielding, as he ran out the player from his own bowling. When we batted it was eventful and max top scored with 18. We needed 6 off the last ball, and Rory almost did it with a four!

In the third match we lost the toss and ended up batting first. Rory and Max opened. We struggled a bit when we lost a few wickets but we recovered well and scored a strong 32 off five over's. Rory got the highest score with 15.

Then we bowled Rory got an early wicket with a good catch by Barney, and Barney stumped a bowl from Orlando. We again had a chance to win, but they overtook our score with 3 balls left!

Our final game was against the winners of the tournament, this was our best game, Barney and George opened the batting and we didn't lose any wickets, and ended up with thirty six runs; Barney got 15 and George got 12 and they gave away nine extras. We went into bowl full of confidence that we could get something out of this game. We got a great wicket; their best batsman from Max. Rory then bowled well and kept the runs down. Orlando got a great caught and bowled and then Theo got a wicket from a great catch from Barney. At this point Box Hill was cheering us on as if we won, they would!

Then the final over came. They needed seven runs to win off six balls. They scored 5 off the first 3 but George then put in dot ball and then they stole a single from nothing.

It came down to the final ball. The scores were tied and we would have won due to the more wickets taken. George couldn't have done much better, nor could Barney. It was played and missed but they ran and made it! We came last but narrowly lost all of them.

Well played to everyone and many thanks to Ralph for taking us.

By Max & Rory



*Sport ...*



## Pre-season Netball!!

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

On the Bedales' netball courts  
(or the Sports Hall, if wet)

**Groups from 10am until 12 noon.**

**Blocks from 1pm - 3pm.**

We hope to have some fun activities and games to begin the new school year.

Please wear your games kit and bring a drink.

If you would like to come, please ask your parents to email me asap.

[dpayne@bedales.org.uk](mailto:dpayne@bedales.org.uk)

It would be fabulous to see you all there.

Have a great holiday.

**Debbie**



# What's going on ... Friends

## Friends of Dunhurst

invite you to



When? Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 6pm – 8.00pm Where: Dunannie Playground. How Much? £10 per adult £5 per child to include supper. Cash bar.

Be part of the best TIN POT band in town! – get your friends together, dress Caribbean style and make a band out of anything you have to hand (no 'real' instruments)! Limbo Dancing – how low can YOU go? Face Painting – impress your friends Hair Braiding – impress your parents! and more...

PRIZES – PRIZES – PRIZES – PRIZES

For tickets apply to [sam.featherstone@me.com](mailto:sam.featherstone@me.com)  
or bring cash on the night.

There are no paper tickets in advance this year –  
the cost will be put on your school bill.

Remember Parents' Day

THIS Saturday (25<sup>th</sup>) from 10.30

See you there...

~ Friends of Dunhurst ~



## *Parents' action page ...*

1. Do come to Parents Day—tomorrow from 10.30am.
2. Don't forget to order your copy of 'We are the Writers'.
3. Block 2 Parents please make sure your children are adequately equipped for their trip to the Wetlands on Monday.
4. Do come and see the Summer Strings Platform Concert on Tuesday.
5. Parents of netballers email Debbie and reserve your place for pre-season netball training.
6. Make sure you come and enjoy the FoDs BBQ next Friday.