



Dunhurst *Friday Report*

25/11/11

Friday 25th Nov	Block 2 Parent/Teacher meetings (all staff) JAW: Children's presentations for HOPiT Fair Groups train departs Petersfield Groups train arrives Waterloo	4.00—6.00pm 4.30—5.30pm 4.18pm 5.43pm
Saturday 26th Nov	Block 2 Parent/Teacher meetings (all staff) Groups Activity—Drama Blocks Train departs Petersfield Blocks train arrives Waterloo	11.00—1.00pm 11.30—1.00pm 1.48pm 2.57pm
Sunday 27th Nov	Train departs Waterloo Train arrives Petersfield	6.30pm 8.17pm
Monday 28th Nov		
Tuesday 29th Nov	Christmas Brass, Woodwind and Piano Platform Concert	6.15pm—7.00pm
Wednesday 30th Nov	U8/9 & U11 Netball v Meoncross (H) tbc U13 & U12 Netball v Portsmouth High School (H)	2.30—4.00pm 4.30—6.00pm
Thursday 1st Dec	Block 2 tutor parties Christmas Strings and Vocal Platform Concert	6.15pm—7.00pm
Friday 2nd Dec	JAW: Fran Box 'The Christian Story of Christmas	4.30—5.30pm
Saturday 3rd Dec	Groups children to arrive HOPiT Fair	10.30am 11.00—1.00pm



Letter from Jane...

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have just two weeks left until the end of term. The pupils have achieved and done so much and yet they still have real enthusiasm for what is to come.

Do keep a close eye on your calendar as there are so many events packed into the last couple of weeks. The Block 2 parents' meetings take place today from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm and again tomorrow from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. This will give all parents a chance to discuss their child's progress and also for the team to advise you on the approach needed for the Bedales entry assessment in the Spring Term. I will also be there if you have any broader concerns that you wish to discuss with me.

I have been impressed with the range of ideas and energy that is being shown by the pupils for the HOPiT fair. The big event will be on Saturday 3rd December and I am told this is a real highlight of the term. With high levels of pupil participation, I am certain we can raise a lot of money for charity.

Music highlights for your diary: the two platform concerts on Tuesday 29th November (Brass, Piano and Woodwind) and Thursday 1st December (Strings and Vocal). These are small and informal performances and they will be held in the music room; a great first opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Don't miss the 'Concert in the Quad' which is our end of term final concert that takes place in the Bedales Quad, on Tuesday 5th December.

I have received very positive feedback for the new car park arrangements. In the mornings, Bev can be seen encouraging parents to drop off their children in the new drop off area. The queues have decreased and traffic seems to be flowing more freely. My thanks to you all for your cooperation with this.

I was delighted with our (unbeaten) U13 football team's performance against Bedales U14s. Bedales were a skilful and tough opposition but the Dunhurst boys managed to achieve a magnificent 5- 0 victory. On Wednesday they were victorious again in our very own football tournament (do read the full story in their match report). Jo Webber tells me that there are some fantastic players coming through from Dunannie and the younger teams at Dunhurst are in great shape. I am certain that sport across all the three schools of Bedales for both girls and boys is in the ascendancy.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Block 2 Parents' meetings.

*Warm Regards
Jane*



What's going on ...

Train Arrangements

Friday 25th November

Depart Petersfield 4:18pm Arrive Waterloo 5:43pm

Saturday 26th November

Depart Petersfield 1:48pm Arrive Waterloo 2:57pm

Sunday 27th November

Depart Waterloo 6:30pm Arrive Petersfield 8:17pm

(depart Guildford by bus 7:19pm)

Train to Hove departs Saturday at 1:32pm and arrives at 3:15pm

Gaps Duty Mobile Number 07827478489

Christmas Platform Concerts



Tuesday 29th November: Brass, Woodwind and Piano Platform Concert 6.15-7pm.



Thursday 1st December: Strings and Vocal Platform Concert 6.15-7pm

Both concerts will take place in the Lully Room in the Music Department and light refreshments will be provided.

The following pupils are involved in the concerts, which includes some children from Dunannie.

The lists may grow as we anticipate that more of our pupils will be signing up over the next few days.

Brass, Woodwind and Piano, Tue 29th November: Amber, Gabi, Alfie, Flissy, Ernie, Charlie, Josie, Toria, Issy, Ellie, Rachel, Anna, Molly B and Molly M

Strings and Vocal, Thursday 1st December: Gus, Gaby, Archie, Dora, Tara, Jemima, Thomasina, Grace, Olivia, Charlie, Isabelle, Leela, Esme, Mabel, Minna, Meg, Sophia, Romy, Josh, Ellie, Kitty, Oscar, Pippa and William.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.



What's going on ...

Oliver Rehearsals

Tuesday 22nd Nov					
Who Will Buy?	6 – 6.30pm	Leo, all workhouse / Londoners	Where is Love?	6 – 6.30pm	
Consider Yourself	6.30-7pm	Antonia, Leo, Theo, Fagin's Gang	Be Back Soon I shall scream	6.30 – 7pm	
Reviewing the Sit	7 – 7.30pm	Quito, Theo, Fagin's Gang			
Monday 28th Nov					
Pick a Pocket or 2	6 – 6.30pm	Quito, Theo, Imogen de L, Barney W, Toby A, Ben A, all of Fagin's Gang	Fills / chases	6 – 7	Peter W, Luca
'Oliver'	6.30-7pm	Stella, Noah and workhouse			
Who Will Buy?	7 – 7.30pm	Leo, all workhouse / Londoners			
Tuesday 29th Nov					
It's a Fine Life	6 – 6.30pm	Antonia, Alia, Fagin's Gang	I'd Do Anything	6 – 6.30pm	
I'd Do Anything	6.30 – 7pm	Antonia, Alia, Fagin's Gang	tbc	6.30 – 7pm	
Consider Yourself	7 – 7.30pm	Antonia, Leo, Theo, Fagin's Gang			



What's going on ...

COMMUNITY SERVICE

An update for new parents and parents of pupils in the Blocks.—from Louise

Dunhurst's School's Community Service Programme runs for Block One and Two pupils. It provides opportunities for children to get involved in helping within the school and in the wider community. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to see the world outside the school and play a role in supporting and helping other people. The children very much enjoy taking part and become confident volunteers with valuable team work skills.

Pupils are expected to do one term of Community Service in the whole of their two years as a Block pupil.

Those pupils who have matches on Wednesday afternoons can sign up to help out with Dunannie playtimes or Dunhurst Groups reading.

On Wednesday afternoons the pupils visit Steep Primary School and Hollywater School for the Learning Disabled to help out with various activities.

Chris Foster, teacher at Hollywater School, said: "*The pupils at Hollywater have very complex needs and communication is often very difficult for them to understand or express. Dunhurst pupils have worked enthusiastically with the children, adapted to various roles - played games, helped create resources, acted and helped the children to access stories in a multi-sensory way as well as being sensitive to the pupils' needs. Our children have enjoyed their company.*"

At the moment our Hollywater helpers are Alice Lester, Tom Bradshaw, India Gardiner, Ollie Brewer and Joni Hasselbach.

This is what some of them have to say about their experience.

THOMAS "I have been working with children in the sensory room. The other day, just as I was leaving, a little boy I had been playing with held onto my arm and said 'don't go!' I was very touched.

OLLY "I have been working with the severely disabled children. We have been making planets for their project on the galaxy. I have been helping one boy who's in a wheel chair cut out the pieces but he is unable to use scissors so I have to hold them for him. He guides my hand by holding it and moving his body in the direction he wants me to cut. When he's happy with what we've done he smiles at me. I've found that by helping others you're helping yourself"

ANAIS "I have been helping with the youngest pupils. It is the most fulfilling thing I've done in my life"

At the moment Heather Lester, whose daughter is in Block 1 has kindly been helping out with lifts to Hollywater school. If you are interested in volunteering your help on occasional Wednesday afternoons, please can you contact me- lbanks@bedales.org.uk



What's going on ...



Dunhurst HOPIT Fair

Saturday 3rd December 2011
11am – 12.30pm



Come and see our wonderful children coming up with terrific ideas to raise money for our HOPIT charities



Plenty of ideas for Christmas presents

Lots of treats

Have fun with family and friends!





What's going on ...

Car Park

Dear Parents- In order to increase the amount of playground space for the children, we are sectioning off the area towards the Modern Foreign Languages department at the far end of the car park for morning break and lunch time. This will only happen when there are no big events at the school.

After extensive trials and ensuring the knock-on effects are not too great, we are going to make this area available to Blocks children to skateboard, rip stick or use scooters from next Monday 28th November. As part of an ongoing programme this will free up space in the playground in front of school for Groups to skate board etc. and for all children to play football, basketball or netball.

On the practical side of things, the playground will only be sectioned off between 10.00 am and 2.20 pm. Parents are most welcome to park in this area before and after these times, which means there will be ample space to park at drop off and pick up times.

We will make the area available to the children on a regular basis and on the days when it is in action there will be a sign in the area indicating that the car park will be out of use.

Our main drive for this initiative is to give the children that bit more space to play in and we value your support in this venture. Kind regards, Alan.

A Note For Your Diaries

Full details for the Christmas Concert will be in next weeks Friday Report but as per the calendar there will be no Groups Activities on Tuesday 6th December apart from horse-riding. Groups children will go home at 3.50pm and return at 6.30pm with their parents.



Friends of Dunhurst

Check out any updates on the following link:

<http://www.bedales.org.uk/friends-of-dunhurst/noticeboard/>



Sport ...

SPORTS ROUND UP

The highlight of this week has to be our U13 football team's winning performance at the Dunhurst tournament on Wednesday. I was lucky enough to be able to watch them play on Tuesday against Bedales U14 team (we won 5-0) - they were a joy to watch then. Their ball skills and passing were outstanding! The team thoroughly deserved their gold medals on Wednesday after a nail-biting final against Frensham heights, extra time and penalties. Well done to all the boys and to Alan for coaching them. You've made Dunhurst proud!



There were plenty of other matches this week - amongst them our U13 netballers had some pleasing results at the Highfield tournament beating King Edwards, drawing with Bohunt and Felton Fleet. They just missed out on the semi finals by 1 goal. The U10 netball team played 5 matches at the Westbourne House tournament learning much along the way. The U11 football and netball teams played at St. John's, the boys narrowly missed equalising in the last minutes.



OPRO mouthguard reminder

All pupils will need a mouthguard in January. We have OPRO visiting school on **Thursday 8th December**. Please go on line and book a fitting if you would like an OPRO mouthguard for your child. www.opro.com. Thanks, - Rachel



Portsmouth FC v. Leicester City FC on Saturday 26th November

Fruin, Goose, Archie G, Taran, Kyle, Michael M, James O, Felix W, Finn M, Nicko, Patrick, Jonny, William. The boys need to meet at the **Main Entrance to the Petersfield Train Station at 1:15pm** (the train leaves at 13:32). Fratton Park is a very short walk from Fratton Station. The children will be accompanied at all times by Dunhurst staff.

Please collect from the Main Entrance to the Petersfield Train Station at 18:00. Our train is due to get in at 17:57.

Please Note: If there is heavy foot traffic on the way back to the station (or very busy trains) we may have to get the next train, which will get in at 18:17.

You may wish to bring £5 - £10 for a programme/ hot drink/ bite to eat. Wrap up warm – gloves, scarf, coat, hat etc!! Please phone me if you have any problems or queries.

Ryan: 07739 320958

Yesterday we played St John's Southsea. In the first half it was an even game and no goals were scored. Michael worked hard and brilliantly in goal and William was awesome in defence. Early in the 2nd half they scored a good goal. They held onto their lead until the final minutes when Patrick did an amazing dribble down the right wing, crossed it to Oscar who nutmegged the keeper, bringing the score to one-all. Thank you Ryan for organising it and Charlie for your sideline coaching. Oscar and William



Sport ...

The U11 A team played their final match of the season at St. John's on Wednesday. We knew it was going to be a very tough match – they were the losing finalists at the Churcher's 6-a-side last week. We were very slow to start and they raced into a 3-0 lead. The boys quickly got back on track and started playing some great football. The real strength of this team (yesterday and all season) is that they always try to play "proper football". They don't panic and start hoofing the ball upfield or chasing the game. We regrouped at half time, and set out to win the match 4-3. The second half was brilliant. Fruin kept a clean sheet, Nicko and Goose, with support from James were solid and passed out from the back. Finn and Luca were threading balls through from mid-field to Louis, Kyle and Archie, who all had spells in attack. Kyle was set free twice and never looked like missing – he made it look easy, bringing the score back to 3-2. We had other chances and St. John's were hanging on, Luca set Kyle free once more in the last few seconds. Bearing down on the keeper, when many other players would start panicking, Kyle cheekily scooped the ball over the keeper's head, but it trickled just past the post. The final score was 3-2, but the boys were fantastic.

The U11 B team also played one last match this season. Up against St. John's B team, they played a closely fought match. The score was 1-0 to St. John's for a lot of the game, but the boys kept going and worked hard to get back in the match. In the last few seconds, a great run from Patrick was finished off by Oscar – making the final score 1-1. Well played boys.

Dunhurst U13A Football

What a fantastic week this has been for this talented bunch of lads. On Tuesday we took on the Bedales U14 team and beat them by 5 goals to 0, then on Wednesday we hosted an eight team six-a-side competition and won the whole thing.

I was so so proud of them and so pleased for them as they have worked so (lots of so's) hard over the course of this season and thoroughly deserve every accolade.

The Tuesday game was not an easy ride. Playing a team a year older is quite a physical challenge but ultimately skill and team play shone through.

There were some cracking goals and—I would add—bravery in defence.

On Wednesday we were undoubtedly the best side in the competition but when you are only playing a ten minute game anything can happen, which made this competition very exciting. We did very well in the pool stages going through as top of the group. In the semi's we came up against Haslemere Prep in a game that went to extra time which we won through a well taken goal from Tom. And so to the final against Frensham and oh yes after 15 minutes of play it went to penalties. Tye put on the gloves and made a stunning save, which was a bit of a psychological blow for the Frensham boys, so much so that Frensham next penalty went wide. On the other hand Both Luca and Tom put away unstoppable to give us the game and the tournament.

The boys thoroughly deserve it, their attitude was exemplary and it was a great afternoon not just for the team but for all of the 70 boys involved in the competition. We do not have a match next week but play in a league match against More House on the final Wednesday of term. In the final Friday newsletter of term I will give a full round up of the season.





*Parents' **action** page ...*

1. Do come and support the Christmas Platforms next week.