HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

It has been great to see the children reconnecting with their friends over the course of the week, with the sharing of stories from the festive break a considerable source of conversation.

A significant focus this week has been on the children in Year 8, as they prepare for their entrance exams and interviews to their respective senior schools. I have had the distinct pleasure of providing them each with a mock interview, taking them through the types of questions they will be asked. The independence of their thoughts and ideas was a privilege to hear, helping to spark a number of interesting and engaging discussions across a number of topics. I have no doubt that they will greatly impress their prospective senior schools.

This week Pre Prep had a visit from two special dogs, Daisy and Luther, who are currently part of a training programme that will ultimately enable them to work across various specialist fields. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting them and seeing what they are already capable of doing, while also learning about safety around dogs. We all look forward to hearing about how they get on in the near future.

In the Prep department, the House meetings focused on ‘Hygge’, a Danish word relating to the creation of a warm atmosphere while also enjoying the small joys of life with friends and family. It was great to see the library develop its own ‘hygge’ area, something that has already proven to be really popular.

On the staff news front, we say a fond farewell to Miss Amy Guymer at the end of next week, who has been a Teaching Assistant in Year 1 for the last 5 terms. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Fiona Potter will be re-joining us as her replacement, someone who is already well known to the children in Pre Prep.

Next week sees the start of the hockey and netball seasons for the boys and girls respectively, as well as our Mini Explorers programme.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes