



## From the Head

Dear Parents  
The Spring Term is progressing well and we are pleased that the new children who have joined us all seem to be settling in well.

Last term's Christmas Fair raised approximately £8,000. I am very grateful to the SPA Committee members and the many parents and staff who worked so hard to make it such a successful and enjoyable event.

eat healthily we also want to reduce the amount of food that is wasted at lunch times.

### Morning Registration

Please can I remind you that the children need to be in school in time for registration at 8:40 a.m. Pupils who are late have a disrupted start to their day and may miss information that is passed on during form time.

### Break Time Snacks

The children are encouraged to bring in one or two pieces of fruit or a small healthy snack for their morning break. Sweets, crisps and chocolate are not allowed. Please ensure your child only brings in a small snack. As well as encouraging the children to

### Sports Kit

In the coming weeks sports staff will be checking that all the children's Games, P.E. and Swimming kit is clearly named. Check dates are displayed in the classroom and the children have been told. Please assist us by checking at home beforehand. Thank you.

Mrs C Nichols

### Author Visit

The Children's author, Jonathan Meres, will be visiting the Junior School on Wednesday 1 February.

Jonathan has written books for a wide age range and has also written for TV (Yo! Diary! For CBBC) and radio as well.

We shall be selling a selection of his books during the previous week which Jonathan will be happy to sign.

Jonathan will talk to the children about his writing, especially his latest book "The World of Norm - May Cause Irritation", answer questions and, as 'in his other life' he was a stand-up comedian, I think we are all in for an entertaining afternoon. You are most welcome to join us for this event.

Mrs J Mercer

### Sports Day Plea

We are still in need of three Maclaren-style, fold-up push chairs that are no longer needed. Although the Summer seems far away at the moment, the children were introduced to their House Chariot Racers recently but, so far, we only have one 'chariot' for Junior Sports Day. If anyone has a pushchair that they would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

Mrs C Nichols

## HOUSE CAPTAINS SPRING TERM 2012

Congratulations to the following Year 6 pupils who have been chosen to represent the School and their Houses. New House Captains are chosen each term.

### Arden

Matthew Barker  
Anna Davies

### Vernon

Scott Phillips  
Gwendolyn Rayworth

### Nicholson

Dev Vaish  
Milly Nickisson

### Warren

Harley Dace  
Kitty Taylor

## Chinese New Year



As part of the Near and Far topic 2RS are learning about China. In their class assembly the children shared what they had learned about Chinese New Year traditions and enjoyed acting out the story of how the Chinese Zodiac came about. The children demonstrated their expertise in Mandarin with great enthusiasm. They have also created some lovely lanterns which can be seen in the classroom. Today is the start of the celebrations for the

Year of the Dragon. Kung Hay Fat Choi – Happy New Year.

Mrs R Scott

## Fantasy Football Managers of the Month - December

Year	Individual	Team	Points
Years 2&3	Sam Foster	Marching on Together	94
Year 4	Ciaran Morgan	Little Town FC	80
	Daniel Grant	Daniel's Dream Team	80
Year 5	Joe Hallows	Hallows Hotshots	104
Year 6	Y6HT	Team	104
Seniors	Dhruv Vohra	The Asian Persuasion	93
Staff	Miss Gay	The MG Dream Team	98
Parent	Mr Jones	Mr Broth's 2nd 11	116

## Junior School Taster Day

On Tuesday 17 January we welcomed a number of pupils from other schools to join us for a 'Taster Day'. Activities included an orienteering exercise in small groups, following a trail of clues and mathematical problems in and around the Junior School, a probability experiment in which we predicted the outcome of totals when rolling a pair of dice one hundred times, a

science experiment looking at insulation with hot water bottles covered with a variety of different materials and lastly, a games session.

A good time was had by all and the day certainly passed quickly.

Mr S Milnes

## House Netball

On two different Wednesdays last term, Arden played netball against Warren, Nicholson and Vernon. Our first match was against Vernon. With some great defending by Anna and our wings doing a great job, the final score was 1-0 to us.

Our next match was against Nicholson; it was a tough match but, with some super shooting and attacking, we won 2-1.

Our final match was against Warren. We managed to attack well but in the end the score was a draw.

Over the three matches Arden came first in the tournament.

Thank you to everyone who

played and to Mrs Tunney and Mrs Nicholls for organising the matches and cheering us on.

Charlotte Jones, 6M  
Arden House Netball Team



## Science Day

Following the success of our first ever Science Day two years ago we have decided to hold another one on Wednesday. The day promises to hold as much excitement and energy as the last one. Following the National Science and Engineering Week theme of 'Our World in Motion', the children will, amongst other things, be taking part in

practical workshops run by 'Science Boffins'. We will also be hosting a Café Sci presentation by a senior lecturer from Manchester University. Throughout the day children will be given many challenges and will be taking on different roles relating to the application of science in everyday life.

Mrs N Hurst

## Traditional Tales

Boys and girls in the Infants had some new stories to listen to soon after the children in Year 3 wrote their own traditional tales to share with them.

As part of their English lessons, the children in Y3S read lots of classical storybooks together, picking out the tales' heroes and villains and discussing the similarities in their plots.

The children then used what they had learned to write their

own traditional stories, which they shared with the Year 2 classes before being put on display in their classroom.

As a reward for all their hard work, the class then brought the story of The Gingerbread Man to life by decorating their own gingerbread men and making masks of the fairytale's villainous fox.

Mrs C Smith

## Cardboard Tubes Bear Hunt

Miss Gay is collecting (hygienic) cardboard tubes for craft activities in the infant department. Please leave any donations in RH classroom. Thank you

We had a Bear Hunt morning in Reception. We all brought our bears in and did three activities: read the story in a bear cave; went on a bear hunt around school and we made and tasted porridge. It was yummy.

Miss M Gay

## Results

### Football

U11A v. Rossall	3-0 won
U11A v. Bolton	1-5 lost
U11A v. Arnold	0-1 lost
U11A v. St Ambrose	0-0 drew
U11B v. St Ambrose	2-3 lost
U11B v. Arnold	1-0 won
U10A v. Cheadle Hulme	4-0 won
U10B v. Cheadle Hulme	2-5 lost
U9A v. Lady Barn	0-2 lost
U8A v. Lady Barn	1-0 won
U8A v. Altrincham	0-2 lost
U8B v. Altrincham	2-2 drew
U8C v. Altrincham	4-4 drew

### Hockey

U11A v. Arnold	2-0 won
U11B v. Arnold	3-0 won
U10A v. Kirkham	0-1 lost
U10B v. Kirkham	1-3 lost

### Netball

U11A v. St Pius	12-9 lost
U11B v. St Pius	3-3 drew
U10A v. Beech Hall	9-8 won
U10B v. Beech Hall	6-1 won

## The Weeks Ahead

Monday 23 January	Swimming Gala v. Westholme (H)	Boys & Girls Years 4-6	4.00—5.30 p.m.
Tuesday 24 January	M.E.N. Arena Trip Vocalists		
Wednesday 25 January	Science Day Netball v. Manchester High (H)	U10A & B	3.30—5.15 p.m.
Thursday 26 January			
Friday 27 January	Football v. Birkenhead (A) Netball v. Birkenhead (A)	U11A & B U11A & B	Pick up 5.45 p.m. Pick up 5.45 p.m.
Saturday 28 January			

Monday 30 January			
Tuesday 31 January	Football v. Altrincham (H)	U9A, B, C & D	K.O. 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 1 February	Author Visit—Jonathan Meers Swimming v. Rileys	Boys & Girls Years 4-6	4.00—5.30 p.m.
Thursday 2 February	Football v. King's Macclesfield (A) Netball v. King's Macclesfield (A)	U10A & B U10A & B	Pick up 5.15 p.m. Pick up 5.15 p.m.
Friday 3 February	Football (7-a-side) v. King's Chester (H)	U11A, B, C & D	K.O. 2.45 p.m.
Saturday 4 February	Hockey v. Queen's Chester (H)	U10A & B	9.15—11.15 a.m.

Please check the notice boards for the most up-to-date information. Times and fixtures can be subject to changes.