



# Heath Mount School

12<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Dear Parents

## **SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

It has been brought to our attention that people are still driving too fast in the School grounds. It is imperative that everyone adheres to the speed limit of 10mph to ensure the safety of us all, especially our pupils!

## ***PREP MATTERS***

### **COMMON ENTRANCE EXAM ENTRY DATE**

Please note that entries for Year 8 Common Entrance have to be in by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Any alterations after this point will carry a £50.00 penalty. Entries were verified on parents evening, but if there are any changes please inform Mrs Greer as soon as possible.

### **HALF TERM GRADES**

Your Year 3 to 8 children will be bringing home in their book bags this Friday their half term grade reports.

### **MADAME SPAKE**

Unfortunately, due to family circumstances, Madame Spake has not been able to attend the Year 7 Parents' Evenings or to complete all of her half term report grades. We will provide half term grades to those parents who have not received them after the half term holiday.

### **LAMDA EXAMS – SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Forty-three pupils will be taking exams in Acting, Verse & Prose Speaking, Spoken English and Reading for Performance, all subjects which will help increase confidence and promote communication skills.

Children should be practising their pieces over half term. Exam schedules should arrive 10-14 days before 6<sup>th</sup> March, giving candidates individual times, and all parents will be notified.

On exam day, candidates should arrive no later than 15 minutes before their set time. Please remember that anyone taking an Acting Dialogue exam will not be permitted to take part if their partner is ill on the day.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

To celebrate this day we will, in keeping with previous years, be dressing up as a character from a book. Over half term pupils may want to start thinking about who/what they will come dressed as. Prizes will be awarded for the best ones – homemade, original costumes will be more likely to win than hired ones!

Also, on this day, David's Bookshop from Letchworth will run a book fair from 12.00-5.30pm. They will bring a large range of books, both fiction and non-fiction, for all ages. Pupils will get a chance to visit it during the day and parents are welcome at any time to browse and buy. Books can be purchased on the day by cash, cheque or credit card. Pupils may reserve books and parents can (if they wish) purchase them later during the day. Alternatively, we can add the cost to the end of term bill.

If you have any questions about World Book Day, please feel free to contact Mr Armstrong.

### **EAST HERTS COUNTY SWIMMING TRIALS**

Well done to all of the children who attended the East Herts County Swimming Trials. It proved to be one of our most successful years ever, with six of the fourteen children being selected for the East Herts team for the first County Gala:

Daniel Hood	Boys' Captain, individual backstroke and freestyle relay
Markus Schofield-Bezer	Individual butterfly and backstroke in the medley relay
Alexander Portas	Individual freestyle and freestyle relay
Piers Martin	Individual breaststroke and breaststroke in the medley relay
Carsten Backhaus	Individual backstroke and breaststroke in the medley relay
Annie O'Gorman	Individual breaststroke and breaststroke in the medley relay

### **MUSIC LESSON TIMETABLE**

The timetable for next half term will be available to view on the VLE from this Friday.

### **EQUESTRIAN TEAM**

On 21<sup>st</sup> March, a team of four horse riders will represent the school in an Inter-Schools Cross Country Competition in Bedfordshire. Lucy Kelly, Isla Cuthbert, Lara Mitchell and Hannah Barham will be the first pupils to represent Heath Mount in an equestrian competition for a number of years. Last weekend, there was a competition at the same venue as the Inter-Schools event and Hannah and Lucy took part as individuals. They came 7<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, respectively, in their class and they then entered a pairs class together, achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place. If they had finished the course one second faster, they would have won! We wish all four young riders the best of luck in March.

### **STUDENT LEADERS**

Year 7 pupils have been trained as mediators and will offer a service to younger pupils after half term. This will involve helping younger children to play together sensibly and helping to resolve minor fall-outs.

### **SCUBA DIVING**

As Mr Norman is not available, there will be no scuba diving after school on Monday the 22nd Feb, Thursday 25th Feb and Monday 1st March.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

The boot room has been emptied and all unclaimed shoes are in lost property with Matron. Please collect by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February as any remaining items will be disposed of.

### **SPORTS RESULTS W/C 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Congratulations to all teams on some terrific performances and sportsmanship! The Colts D match must have been incredibly exciting!

## Boys

1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby v Edge Grove	D	36-36
2 <sup>nd</sup> XII Rugby v Edge Grove	L	14-37
Colts A Rugby v Edge Grove	W	21-0
Colts B Rugby v Edge Grove	D	12-12
Colts C Rugby v Edge Grove	W	35-5
Colts D Rugby v Edge Grove	W	65-60
U9A Rugby v Edge Grove	W	40-15
U9B Rugby v Edge Grove	L	25-30
U9C Rugby v Edge Grove	D	10-10
U9D Rugby v Edge Grove	L	20-40

## Girls

U11A Netball v Bishops Stortford	W	11-6
U11B Netball v Bishops Stortford	L	2 – 8

## FIXTURES W/C 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2010

### Boys

Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> XV, Colts B, Colts C v Westbrook Hay (A) – <i>estimated return time 5.30pm</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> XII, Colts A, U9A, U9B v Westbrook Hay (H) U10B, U9A Hockey v Westbrook Hay (H)
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### Girls

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	U11A, U11B Netball v Stormont (A) – <i>start time 3.40pm/estimated return time 5.30pm</i>
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> February	U13, U12A, U12B Netball v Princess Helena College (A) – <i>start time 4.15pm/estimated return time 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 3-6 Swimming Gala v St Francis (H) – <i>start time 4.30pm</i>
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> February	U10A & U10B Haileybury Netball Tournament, 10am-3pm ( <i>if sufficient interest</i> )

## PREP DIARY DATES

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> March	LAMDA Exams
	Du Maurier Quiz Night, 7.00pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Edge Grove U9 Rugby Festival
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Chapel Service (parents welcome)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 Play, 7.00pm
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Heath Mount Goes Pop! Concert
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> March	House Matches/Lunches End of term

## ***PRE-PREP MATTERS***

## RECEPTION PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Reception Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Appointment slots will be posted in the Reception classrooms from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, allowing parents to "sign up" for their most suitable time. Appointments are for 15 minutes.

If there are any concerns that require a lengthier discussion, please see the class teacher to make a separate appointment.

### **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2010**

We are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Vouchers are available from all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and on-line groceries between 17<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> June. A collecting box will be in the Pre-Prep Hall from after half-term. Thank you for your support.

### **PRE-PREP JUDO CLUB**

This club has now started and benefits from outstanding instructors. The philosophy of Judo (The Gentle Way) is to teach 'benign touch' to children; that strength and gentleness can be combined in sports. Children are taught to be respectful towards others and that Judo techniques are only appropriate at Judo Club.

### **PRE-PREP DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Year 1 Poetry Day  
Year 1 Parent Consultation Evening  
Year 2 to the British Museum 9.00am  
Nursery Browser Session 9.00am - Elmers

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 Parent Consultation Evening  
Nursery Browser 9.00am - Caterpillars  
Reception Parent Consultation Evening  
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Yours sincerely

Robert W Middleton  
Headmaster