

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Christmas Fair, Christmas Fair, Christmas Fair. An enormous amount of excitement is reverberating around the school as everyone has first sight of the Christmas tree and decorations. The dining room has also been transformed in readiness for Christmas lunches at the end of next week. Friends of Godstowe and friends of Friends of Godstowe are all busying around with their preparations for tomorrow. Father Christmas (remember, we are fortunate enough to have the one and only real Father Christmas) will be in attendance and has his booking sheet throughout the event. His grotto will be in the Recital Hall foyer. Needless to say, he is looking forward to meeting people and welcoming them to the festive season. Many of the girls will be running stalls of their own and refreshments are available throughout the day down in the dining room. The Fair will straddle various parts of the school from the Recital Hall right up to the JK Hall; be sure not to miss anything. Please do be sure to join us and support the school.

Godstowe Castle at Lodge has been grandly opened by Lady Howe who, as many of you will remember, had three girls here at Godstowe and was for many years a member of the governing body. She joined us at lunchtime today brandishing a pair of very sharp scissors in order to cut a red ribbon and declare the castle ready for use. Two of our boys presented her with a bouquet of thanks.

Awards and achievements

The Monday Badge was awarded this week to **Sophie Rouse-Jennings**, for sharing with others.

This week's Colour Team Shield holders are the **Green Team**.

Boarders of the Week are **Anna Oh** (Highlands) for her enthusiasm and happy smile, **Rosa Watson** (Walker) for her friendliness and kindness and **Zahra Ladan** (Turner) for her improved organisation and cheerful disposition. Well done, girls.

Artwork of the Week is by **Monica Park** for an outstanding pencil drawing.

The Deputy Heads' Tidiest Form Room Competition has been won this week by **IG** (Lower Division), **LIHH** (Middle Division) and **IVH** (Upper Division).

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

All Library books and home readers should be returned to your child's form teacher by Wednesday, 3 December, please.

After the Nativity play, your child will return to his/her room and be dismissed from Lodge as usual. While the children are changing, parents and visitors are invited to the JK Hall for tea and mince pies.

Next week, Transition H and W will have a **BUMPER BUNDLE** spelling test, ie all the lists and high frequency words from the autumn term.

Form I Art – Mrs Sloggett

Could I please ask again that all Form I girls bring in a small, empty plastic drinks bottle for use in their forthcoming art lessons. Many thanks.

Friends of Godstowe News

We looking forward to seeing you all at the Fair tomorrow - hopefully your children brought home the flier with details of what is happening and where.

Don't forget to pick up any hoodies you ordered from the 'FOG Shop' in the JK Hall where you will also be able to buy the shopping bags illustrated with girls' self portraits, Godstowe Teddies, and where we can take orders for the Christmas plants – samples will be there for you to see. Any hoodies not collected will be distributed to the girls next week.

Book Tokens – Mrs Evans

The closing date for ordering free books using the tokens from the Times newspaper falls during our Christmas holidays. If you are gathering a collection of tokens at home, please could you bring them in to school before the end of term so that they can be included in our total? There are collecting boxes at Main School Reception and at Lodge. Thank you.

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was turnip. Next week: curly kale, which is very high in Vitamins C and K and beta carotene.



Cake Sale Total – Mrs Kenyon

Last Friday's cake sale raised over £200 for Play Watch and the Kanyadevi School in Nepal. Thank you so much to everyone who made a contribution, whether you baked, bought or helped at the sale.

Sports News and Results – PE Department

Saturday, 21 November

U11 Godstowe Invitational Netball Tournament

Lost 2, drew 1, won remainder to finish 4th overall.

Saturday, 21 November

U12 & U13 Lacrosse v Heathfield

U12 won 21-1

U13 won 9-6

Monday, 23 November

U11A & B Netball v Maltman's Green

Cancelled due to bad weather

Wednesday, 24 November

U10A & B Netball v Berkhamsted

U10A lost 3-15

U10B lost 0-8

Keys Found – School Office

A silver Yale-type key on a ring with Tesco Clubcard and Contours Gym tags was found in Lodge recently. If this is yours, please come to the Main School Office to claim it.

Middle Third Production DVD – Mr Ludwick

A reminder that the DVD recording of the Middle Thirds' production will be on sale at the Christmas Fair. The price of these is £10, which goes towards the cost of lighting hire. If you would like to reserve a copy for collection at the Fair, please contact me via email with the number of copies that you would like. I prefer cash, or cheques payable to Godstowe School, on delivery as adding things to the school bills at this stage in the term gets complicated. jludwick@godstowe.org

The last word – Mr Gainer

Please remember that if you would prefer a printed copy of Snippets, please contact Mrs Wright in the School Office and she will ensure you receive one. Call her on 01494 429021 or email lwright@godstowe.org. Have a great weekend, and I hope to see lots of you tomorrow at the Fair.

Next Week's Sports fixtures:

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Autumn_2009/

NOVEMBER				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Saturday, 28 th	Form I – MIII Cross Country	Chartridge School	Away	9.00am
Monday, 30 th	U11A & B Netball	Pipers Corner	Away	4.30pm
DECEMBER				
Wednesday, 2 nd	U12A & B Netball (rescheduled)	Wycombe High	Home	4.30pm
Saturday, 5 th	U12 & U13 Netball	Pipers Corner	Away	9.30am