

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

I can't remember seeing such a white-out for years. People who have lived around here for longer than me say that they've never experienced so much disruption in the High Wycombe area. Nevertheless, stalwarts as we are, we moved things forward as quickly as possible and cleared mountains of snow thanks to a huge working party and a JCB I managed to secure. All in all, we only closed for two days, although this week has been disrupted a lot. It seems many more drivers are having to use the main roads because all the side roads have been so treacherous. Thank you for your patience and support and we look forward to the rest of the term passing without further incident – fingers crossed.

Please could I remind you at this stage to be sure you have amended your summer term diary, which should now say that term will begin on Tuesday, 13 April (Monday night, 12 April for boarders). We fully understand if some arrangements have been made that are impossible to undo.

Thank you to all of the girls who spent time being snappy happy with their cameras. I have over 100 photographs and we will compile a display in the library and in the link corridor so that parents and visitors can see the quality of our budding photographers. We will also ask for some of them digitally so that we can extend our snow gallery on the website. By next Friday we will announce the winners, although photographs are still coming in.

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## Friends of Godstowe News

We remain hopeful that the weather will improve and allow us to hold the children's discos as planned on Saturday, 30 January. They will take place in the Recital Hall and the timings are from 5.30 to 7pm for Lodge and Form I and from 7.30 to 9pm for Form II through to the IV Form. Tickets cost £5 and include the cost of a glow necklace and bracelet, together with a drink and a bag of crisps. We are sending home forms for tickets in the book bags. If you have any questions, please call Tara Leaver (07941 251488), Norma Gardner (07801 958956) or Sosefin Malinowski (07799 454313). We look forward to a fun evening!

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## Godstowe Development Trust – Jennifer Thomas

Were you or a friend a pupil at Godstowe? We are currently updating our Alumni Database and would love to hear from you. Please contact me, Jennifer Thomas, Development Manager, at [jthomas@godstowe.org](mailto:jthomas@godstowe.org) or call/text 07980 003252.

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## DVD Donations – Mrs Kenyon

Thank you so much for your donations of films for wet breaks last term. We now have an excellent stock of videos, but I would very much like a few more DVDs if possible. If you have any DVDs that your children have grown out of, I would be very grateful to receive them.

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## Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

Each week, girls in Main School are set ten general knowledge questions. They do not need to hand their answers in, but will take part in a quiz on all the questions so far at the end of each half term. This week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of Luxembourg?
2. Who was the only British Prime Minister to ever be assassinated?
3. In which Spanish town can the tourist attraction *The City of the Arts and Sciences* be found?
4. Yaks live on which mountain range?
5. From which Latin word do we get the English word *decimal*?
6. Which artist invented the scissors?
7. How many semi-quavers are there in a dotted minim?
8. Name two sports in which you need a stick.
9. Where was the United Nations meeting on climate change held in December 2009?
10. Which one of these machines is often powered by gas: radio, car, oven or alarm clock?

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## Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was celeriac. Next week: cauliflower, a good source of Vitamin C and folate.

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## The last word – Mr Gainer

Please remember that this is a busy term for parents' evenings. Please be sure to follow the various reminders you will receive on ParentMail so that we can accommodate all parents with the staff they want to see and make the necessary arrangements in good time. Therefore, for example, parents of Middles should be particularly on the ball as your parents' evening comes next Friday, 22 January.

Sorry about the fixtures being cancelled this weekend – we still have no pitch. Global warming? They can't even get tomorrow right.

*Next week's sports fixtures follow*



## Next week's sports fixtures

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to [www.godstowe.org/Current\\_Info/Fixtures/Spring\\_2010/](http://www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Spring_2010/)

JANUARY				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	UI0A & B Netball <b>POSTPONED</b>	High March	H	
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	UI3A & B Netball	Pipers Corner	A	4.30pm
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	UI1A & B Netball	St Piran's	H	4.15pm
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	UI0A & B Netball	Maltman's Green	H	4.45pm