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Welcome back to the Trinity Term. I hope that you all had a restful break. Our first newsletter of the term aims to provide you with information and some key dates for your diary this term. Additional information will be sent in the emailed weekly bulletin and all main diary dates can be found on the school website.

Reflections on the End of Term



Alice

Although it already seems a long time ago, may I take this opportunity to say another huge 'well done' to the Junior girls for their hard work in Alice and thank you again to all the parents who gave up their time and got involved. John Fitzgerald has taken some lovely individual and group photographs which can be ordered via his website, using the password m0312.

Easter Fun

Both the Preparatory and Junior girls had fun at the end of term. Melrose Juniors were invited to the Senior School to participate in a House Easter Competition.

The first round was a quiz and the second was a Treasure Hunt around the school, where the items of treasure were then exchanged for chocolate eggs! The girls had a really enjoyable time and demonstrated fantastic collaborative team work. They were guided brilliantly by house representatives from the Senior School who assisted the groups during the morning. We are extremely grateful to them and Ms Ledger for organising a really enjoyable event and a very close competition. Congratulations to all who took part, but especially to the winning HouseCarey!



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On Friday 7th April the Preps had a very exciting morning, the Easter Bunny hopped in and left a trail of eggs all hidden over the garden with a letter telling the girls what colour eggs they had to find. They had a wonderful time hunting high and low to find lots of coloured eggs which were swapped for a yummy chocolate egg. Then the girls had the extra excitement of the Golden ticket hunt, one ticket to be found for a 'Big Egg', this year it was found by Caitlin Vidamour in UP. The weather was glorious and all had fun.



Cake Sale

We ended the term with a fantastic Cake Sale run by the Prep Department parents. A huge array of cakes were on offer and an impressive £212 was raised for the Emergency Disasters' Fund to support those affected by the famine in Africa. Many thanks to all those parents who baked cakes.

News and Information



Staff News

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs de la Fosse had her baby yesterday! Alicia Sophia de la Fosse was born on 27th April, weighing a delicate 4lb 9oz. Mother and baby are doing well and our good wishes are sent to the whole family.

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs de la Fosse will replace Mrs Beebee as Deputy Head when she returns from her maternity leave next April. Mrs de la Fosse has already been a key figure in the running of the school, through her role as Junior Co-ordinator, and will continue Mrs Beebee's excellent work.

Mrs Le Conte and Mrs Jackson have already settled in well, teaching Junior Remove during Mrs de la Fosse's maternity leave.

The Lower Prep class teacher post is being advertised this week and we will, of course, inform you when an appointment has been made.

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School Photographs

Class, sibling, group and individual photographs will take place for Melrose girls on Thursday 4th May and for the Pre-Preparatory girls on Thursday 11th May. Although Summer uniform is not compulsory until after the end of May Bank Holiday break, girls should wear summer uniform for the photographs. Blazers are not required. Pre-Preparatory girls should wear their normal uniform. **Please note that Summer uniform should be worn with short, white ankle socks.**

Sun Safety & Rainy Days

As the weather is slowly starting to improve, I am sure everyone is aware sun protection is very important, even when the weather is cloudy. There are several 'all day' sun creams available on the market. The staff would be most grateful if you could ensure that you apply this to your daughter before she comes to school each day. Many of the girls spend a good deal of time outside and a **school sunhat** is also essential, particularly if we get any really hot weather. If your daughter is particularly fair skinned and you feel that she may need to reapply sun cream during the day, for instance, following a swimming lesson, she may of course bring some sun cream to school. However, we would request that all bottles are clearly named and that they are given to the class teacher and not kept in school bags.

We should also be prepared for all weathers and whilst blazers will be worn to school on nicer days, girls should always have their blue coats, with the fleece removed, as a waterproof, in case of showers during the day.

A Gift for Learning Phase 3

Before the Easter Holidays you will all have received a flier about Leaf A Legacy – if you would like to have a leaf on the Phase 3 Donor Tree, please send in the completed form before our extended deadline of Friday 13th May

Dates for your Diary

We have many exciting events planned for this term. There are two new events which I would like to mention.

Sponsored Swim

We will be holding a Sponsored Swim in the Senior School Pool on the morning of Friday 2nd June for all Melrose girls. The Pre-Prep girls will hold their sponsored swim at Beau Sejour on Monday 5th June.

We usually take part in the annual Swimarathon at Beau Sejour to support local charities. However, we did not take part this year as a large amount of the chosen charities were the PTAs at other schools. We have therefore decided to hold our own Sponsored Swim and choose three good causes to raise money for.

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We are very keen to replace the Prep Climbing Frame as soon as possible and have asked the PTA to offer a contribution. Therefore, our PTA will be one recipient of some of the sponsorship. We are further developing our link with The Cheshire Homes and would like to send some money to this very good cause. Finally, we have asked the girls, through the School Council, to nominate a charity to support and they were very clear that they would like to send some money to the GSPCA. So we will be raising money for the Melrose PTA fund, Cheshire Homes and the GSPCA. The girls will swim in groups in a relay format and so this will not be too demanding and the emphasis will be on fun. A sponsor form will be sent out in the next couple of weeks and we really hope that you can support us in this event.

Den Day

This will be a fun challenge day on Friday 23rd June. Parents will be invited into school for part of their day to work alongside their daughters in a den making project. There will be more details, closer to the date but please make a note of this enjoyable event in your diary.

Whilst this term's dates can be viewed on the website, please can you ensure that you have the following important dates in your diaries.

31st May – House Athletics

1st June – Melrose Summer Concert – 6pm

2nd June – Sponsored Swim – Juniors - 9-10am, Preps – 10.15-11.00am

21st June – Junior House Swimming – 1.30pm

23rd June – Den Day

28th June – Meet the teacher – 6pm

4th July – Celebration Of The School Year - 10am

We look forward to another busy and exciting term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Ozanne
Head Teacher