



## ONWARDS

### Charity at South Wilts

December was definitely a month for giving – the Christmas craft fairs, carol singing at Waitrose by 10E/11E and the non school uniform day just before Christmas raised just over £1,100 for the school charities. Well done to everyone who took part! A group of pupils from 8E and a few 6<sup>th</sup> formers visited Stratford Court Care Home on the last day of term to sing carols. It was a lovely way to finish the year and we hope to maintain the contact next year.

This term has seen a cake sale organised by Years 12 & 13 and a very successful charity fair organised by 8A. Some brave Year 13 pupils jumped at the chance to abseil down the side of Salisbury College on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and each raised at least £20 in sponsorship.

We are on target to exceed the money raised last year and would encourage those forms who have not yet met their £40 target to plan their event. (Mrs Tallis & Miss Balaine)

South Wilts supports two charities each year: the Mayor of Salisbury's Appeal and one other, chosen by the girls themselves, which this year is the children's cancer charity CLIC-Sargent. Last year, pupils in the school raised just over £6,000 for the school charities and other good causes and the school is hoping to raise even more money this year. (Mrs Phelps)



### South Wilts Grammar School Pupils Raise £900 for Charity

What a night! South Wilts Sixth Formers, Isabella Thornely and Freddie Stuart, organised a party during the Christmas holidays to raise money for CLIC-Sargent, one of the charities supported this school year by the school. They made a staggering £900.

Isabella and Freddie did all the organisation from booking the venue, organising transport to designing and selling the tickets. The owners of the Legends night club, where the event was held, complimented the girls on the behaviour of the party goers and also on their organisation. (Mrs Phelps)

### London Marathon – Sunday 13th April 2008

Nearly a year ago, while I was watching the London Marathon on the television and trying to spot Mr Blundell, I made a decision – next year, that's going to be me! Unlike most of those crazy spur of the moment promises, I am carrying this one through. During last summer, I secured a place to run for Clic Sargent and so I was delighted when the school decided to support the same charity this year.

I am training hard and those 26.2 miles seem closer all the time, but I still have a lot of money to raise to fulfil my pledge. This is where you come in! If any of you feel able to sponsor me or make a donation to my marathon fund, I would be incredibly grateful. You can do this by visiting my online fundraising page at [www.justgiving.com/jomilkins](http://www.justgiving.com/jomilkins) or by sending donations to me care of the school along with the form below. Please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer, as Clic Sargent can claim back 28p for every pound donated.

Thank you so much for your support – it is gratefully received. I will keep you updated on my progress in the next newsletter. Tear off donation slip on back page. (Mrs Milkins)

### Teddy Bear Parachuting

If your children have a brave teddy, you may be interested in supporting the Mayor of Salisbury's "Teddy Bear Parachuting" which is taking place at Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 1 until 4pm. Teddies must be registered (Tel: 01722 429005 or email [info@starsappeal.org](mailto:info@starsappeal.org) for an entry form and sponsorship pack. See also the poster on the Charities notice board (near Reception). Some South Wilts girls will be "teddy medics" and ensure that the teddies come to no harm. (Mrs Tallis)



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### Internet Safety

Many parents may have watched the early-January Panorama programme about the dangers that face young people on the internet. Some of the findings were disturbing.

- Most young people underestimate the dangers on the web.
- Most young people release far more personal information than is safe.
- Web-cam use can be a particular danger. In an interview a reformed stalker described how his first action on viewing a young contact using a web-cam was to decide if the PC was being used in a bedroom or a more public room in the house. He would also look for signs of other people being in the background. Only if the PC was being used in a bedroom or other private room would he proceed with the grooming process.
- He also admitted that the grooming process could often be short and intense, looking to elicit useful information quickly. He had sometimes managed to turn the conversation to highly suggestive content within twenty minutes.

Many young people feel that they are in control of the situation when the reality is quite different.

Another serious concern is in the misuse of social-networking sites such as Bebo and MySpace. Many young people are still not fully aware of the implications of placing inappropriate images or video-clips of themselves or their friends on the web. Once the offending item is copied, the original owner loses all control. There are world-wide examples of young people suffering prolonged depression because inappropriate items, often captured on mobile phones, have been made public on the web. If this happens the situation can never be reversed. (Mr Parks)

### Discount Priced Microsoft Software

RM, the educational ICT supplier, has launched a joint project with Microsoft called "The Basement" to sell its products at highly discounted prices to UK pupils and students. For example Office 2007 sells for £34.99. To find out more visit [www.rm.com](http://www.rm.com) and look for the hyperlink to the basement on the home-page. If you decide to order then check the specification requirements of the PC carefully. (Mr Parks)

### Maths Enrichment

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 20 of us were lucky enough to visit Chippenham for a Mathematics Enrichment Day. We learnt how bubbles are really very mathematical and can be used in all sorts of real life applications involving finding minimum surface areas. We were given an insight into A-level mathematics, including a statistical investigation into whether boys are more intelligent than girls. By pure chance, two of us were picked to represent the girls. Although the boys scored more than us on the test, the result was not statistically significant so the boys were **not** shown to be more intelligent.

In the afternoon, we were persuaded that maths can be mysterious and beautiful and shown how it is used in Art in many different cultures. All in all, the day was much enjoyed by all. (Jocasta Patel 11E)



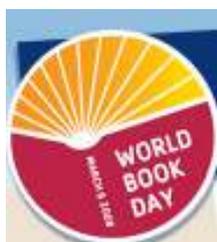
### "Early Words - What do they tell us?"

On Tuesday 5th February, Mrs Coundley and a small group of year 13 English Language students enhanced their knowledge of Child Language Acquisition at a lecture given by Dr Graham Schafer who is researching early words at Reading University. The talk entailed a focused look at the nature of early words, how they are learned and the methods used to study them.

As A-level students, it was very useful to take a more in-depth look at early words. Some of the ideas that we have touched on during the course were expanded upon, such as the words for 'mother' and 'father' in different language, and how the sounds tend to be similar in different cultures. (Emily Knowles 6JXL)

### World Book Day Short Story Competition

Congratulations to Eleanor Salkeld in 8A whose short story 'Granny Ocean' was selected from over 3000 entries to feature in a collection of 12 short stories to be published on World Book Day (March 6th). This is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to seeing Eleanor's story in print. Well done also to the other students who submitted stories for the competition – they were of a very high standard and the judges must have had a very tough decision. (Mrs Milkins)



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### The Ash Girl

This year's school production was The Ash Girl by the playwright Timberlake Wertenbaker. With over 170 students wanting to be involved in the show, 140 of those auditioning for speaking parts right across years 7-13, Ash Girl instantly proved to be a 'hit'. Many of those who didn't get acting parts have got involved with other aspects of the show such as lighting, props, set, sound, front of house and as dancers.

Everyone involved has been working extremely hard over the past 3/4 months, using their lunchtimes, breaks and lots of late evenings to ensure the success of the show. Ash Girl, a modern retelling of the classic Cinderella tale with a 'twist' incorporates the classic characters of Ash Girl, the prince and the two mean stepsisters, but also some strange and sinister characters (based on the seven deadly sins) who formed the unseen monsters that controlled the thoughts and feelings of the humans. A lively and comical interpretation, with lots of great acting and dancing. Miss Vice is very proud of everyone involved and thanks them greatly for all of their hard work. (Miss Vice)



The Ash Girl



The Ash Girl

### Date for your Diary - Medea

27th and 28th March. An upper school production directed by Sam Scott in year 13.

Medea tells the story of the jealousy and revenge of a woman betrayed by her husband. She has left home and father for Jason's sake, and he, after she has borne him children, forsakes her and betrothes himself to Glauce, the daughter of Creon, ruler of Corinth. Creon orders her into banishment that her jealousy may not lead her to do her child some injury. In vain she begs not to be cast forth, and finally asks for but one day's delay. This Creon grants, to the undoing of him and his. Jason arrives and reproaches Medea with having provoked her sentence by her own violent temper. (Miss Vice)



The Ash Girl



**NEED EXTRA TIME?  
ART EXAM AND COURSEWORK DEADLINES AROUND THE  
CORNER.**

**ART CLUB EXTRA COULD BE THE ANSWER**

All Art Students in Year 11

Tuesday & Wednesday

Room 019

3.45pm - 4.45pm

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### Year 9 Languages Day

On 25th January, Year 9 had their Languages Day. A week before this date, we were asked to choose two out of a selection of languages including Japanese, Chinese, Swedish, Russian, Basque and Italian. We were also told to bring some continental/international food. Most of us didn't have much idea about why we had to bring this, but we were soon told that we would be having an International picnic for lunch on Languages Day.



The day arrived and we quickly became involved in our first workshop. These were led by parents and teachers who spoke another language. Activities varied from playing bingo with foreign numbers to greeting someone and trying an Italian coffee (after ordering it in Italian!) Our second workshop followed. This was the second language that we had chosen and we had high expectations after our first workshop. We had great fun in both of these workshops.

Next, the picnic. Food ranged from dips to cheese, spring rolls and quiche. We all thoroughly enjoyed sampling foods from around the world, and it was quite amazing to see the variety of foods that people had brought!

In the afternoon, we viewed plays that we had been practising for the last few weeks (in either French or German.) These were great fun to watch, and the performers had an immense amount of enjoyment from performing the plays. Content varied from 'Cinderella' to 'Blind Date' and 'Strictly Come Dancing' to dancing, rapping rats!

All Year 9 students had a lot of fun and enjoyment on Languages Day, and we would like to say thank you very much, Miss Balaine for organising such a fantastic day. (Rebecca Bostock Year 9)



Year 9 Languages Day

### Houses of Parliament

On the very first day of term, 33 Year 9 students visited the Houses of Parliament. The visit began with an education session to investigate the movement to abolish slavery. The House of Commons staff were very complimentary about the quality of presentations given by the students on the key features. The highlight of the tour, to many, was to see the sniffer dogs checking the galleries prior to them being used.

We also visited the Division Lobbies, the Debating Chambers and the Despatch Boxes. Before we left we were lucky enough to go into the Strangers' Gallery within the House of Lords and watch some of the afternoon sessions. (Mrs Stammers)

### Battlefields' Expedition

On the 15<sup>th</sup> January nearly sixty girls left England for the Battlefields of France and Belgium. Amazingly the weather was dry, although splashing around the trenches and tunnels of the Sanctuary Wood trench system somewhat made up for this.

Day one of the Expedition brought the girls to Tyne Cott cemetery – the biggest Commonwealth War cemetery in the world. Here was a time to consider the terrible cost of war. Later it was on to the Menin Gate and Ypres, before returning to our base in the lovely 17<sup>th</sup> Century Old Abbey Hotel.

The battlefield of the Somme was the focus of day two. Here we followed in the footsteps of the heroic Newfoundland brigade through the trenches and out into No-man's-Land.

On Friday we visited Brugges to see the historic 14<sup>th</sup> Century town square, as well as the numerous chocolate shops which make Belgium famous. This was a very successful trip and a profound learning experience. (Mr Dennis)

### International Events

Look out for:  
21st February - International Mother Tongue Day  
25th - 2nd March - Fairtrade Fortnight  
6th March - World Book Day  
10th March - Commonwealth Day  
14th March - World Maths Day



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### Concert at St Martin's Church

On 26<sup>th</sup> January A Cappella, SWGS Chamber Orchestra and Flute Band gave a concert in the wonderful setting of St Martin's Church. The programme opened with Sandstrom's arrangement of *Es Ist ein Ros*, performed from the Sanctuary by A Cappella, the singing resonating magically around the building's lovely acoustic. The Chamber Orchestra followed, playing Vivaldi with beautiful solos from Victoria Clarke and Ruth Scott, and Walton under Mr Parson's direction. The warmth of the audience's applause showed their appreciation of the orchestra's highly accomplished playing. A Cappella were then joined by an ensemble of invited brass players and organist for a concert performance of Jongen's Mass, Op. 130, parts of which they had sung previously in a Eucharist at Salisbury Cathedral. The performance, given with great conviction, was full of colour, drama and contrast. The second half began with an exquisite rendition of Holst's *Ave Maria* for 8-part girls' choir. The Flute Band, directed by Mr Dufield, followed with a sparkling performance of Bach's *Sleepers Wake!* The evening concluded with A Cappella, brass, organ and percussion performing Rutter's *Gloria!*, captivating the audience with its range of emotions, sonorities and exciting rhythms. We are, as ever, immensely grateful to the friends who join us to sing and play, enabling us to enjoy such wonderful music and to the A Cappella Trust for its support of our activities. (Mrs Poppleton)

### Mr Ottoway's Pupils' Concert

The evening before we broke up for Christmas Mr. Ottoway, one of our singing teachers, gave a delightful informal concert with his pupils in the main music room. The concert was much enjoyed by friends and family. (Mrs Poppleton)

### Congratulations to:

All who have passed individual music examinations, including **Amy Bromley** for passing grade 8 violin and piano – both with merit – a very considerable achievement!

**Madeleine Mould** on being accepted to join the Southern National Youth Training Choir.

**Charlotte Ford** who left SWGS in 2004 and graduated from Royal Holloway College, London University with a 2:1 in Music last summer who has been given a place for September on the MA Performing Course at Trinity College, London.

### Forthcoming Dates

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

12.10pm Lunch-Time Concert

**February 29<sup>th</sup>**

12.45 – 1.30pm Sarum College Lunch-Time Concert

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm School Hall – Instrumental Groups Concert

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

A Cappella sing Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Joint Choral Concert for SWGS Senior Choir and BWS Choir presenting a programme of opera choruses and items from the individual schools.

### Contact Rugby

Contact rugby has finally taken off at South Wilts. Since October a lunchtime club has been run and an encouraging number of girls have shown dedication and enthusiasm towards the sport.

On Tuesday 5th February the team, only four months old, took on their first opponents. The girls gave it their all, their determination was unquestionable. Passages of play showed skill beyond what would be expected from the limited training they had received. No effort was spared as they threw themselves into tackles. Rachael Kidner, Amelia Clifford and Abby Dalziel all contributed to the score line with well deserved tries. The whole team played together as a unit and should be proud of their achievement.

Game played: 5/02/08, Opponents: Perins Sports College, Winchester, Results: 15-40 to Perins. (Alice Foster and Ellen Heathcote)



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### Salisbury Schools' Football League

South Wilts has entered teams in the **Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16** Salisbury Schools' Football League for 2008. The first fixtures in this local competition kicked off at The Butts opposite Five Rivers Leisure Centre on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, with a triangular mini tournament between Salisbury High School, St Edmund's and SWGS. The South Wilts **U12 team** had a nervous start, not being used to playing 7-aside on a small pitch. Captain Lidia Fedyszyn soon adjusted and with help from two excellent goals by Bryony Osbourne she secured the team's first victory with a goal of her own. SWGS won 3 – 0 against Salisbury High. The second match of the tournament versus St Edmund's was less challenging although prolific striker Elizabeth Clifford had great difficulty finding the net in the early stages of the game. Not to be outdone by a smaller goal Elizabeth fired shots at every opportunity until at last two shots found the back of the net. Lidia Fedyszyn netted four goals with ease against a tired St Edmund's defence and was named 'Player of the Tournament'. South Wilts won 6 – 0 against St Edmund's. The Under 12's will now train hard to secure a qualifying place in the Wiltshire Youth Games, by winning their age group at the Salisbury District Football Festival on TUESDAY, 11 MARCH at Salisbury City Football Club.

**Under 12 Team:** Lidia Fedyszyn (C ), Elizabeth Clifford, Zoe Maylin, Eleanor Wolverson, Emma Beck, Bryony Osbourn, Becky Gwyther and Alice Elgar.

In cold and very windy conditions the SWGS **Under 16** team played their first match in the Salisbury Schools' Football league on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Salisbury High School hosted the match versus St Edmund's, old rivals from the County competition last term. SWGS took the pitch with the knowledge that their last encounter had ended in a 5 – 0 win to South Wilts but without coach Symon Pickett on the sideline and in almost gale force winds, victory was not such a certainty.

St Edmund's took a 2 – 1 lead by half time with the wind behind them, but when SWGS were wind assisted, the tables turned. Captain Hannah Billingham scored two super goals and Hayley Ranachan secured the 3 – 2 victory with a timely goal early in the second half. The Under 16's now play Salisbury High School on Wednesday 27 February to complete this league competition.

**Under 16 Team:** Hannah Billingham (C ), Naomi Goddard, Laura Beal, Emma Keegan, Sarah Mills, Izzy Grigg, Hannah Smith, Frances Carney, Mairead Sheehan, Olivia Jennings, Hayley Ranachan, Zoe Cullen and Louise Sleeman. (Mrs Godber)

### Salisbury District Netball Association – Central Venue U12 & U13 Leagues

The **Under 13** Central Venue Netball League concluded last Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February after fortnightly fixtures at Salisbury High School Netball Centre since September 2007. The SWGS Under 13 A and B teams have battled the weather and the opposition, in hard fought matches during this extended league season (15 scheduled matches). The SWGS B team in particular has shown a marked improvement with excellent defensive play and more consistent shooting in the last round of the competition. SWGS A placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the league and SWGS B 6<sup>th</sup>. Coach Mrs Hole has been unable to watch how well both teams have been playing. She will get a very nice surprise when she sees them at their Netball Festival on Tuesday, 26th February.

**Squad Members:** 'A' - Stephanie Sherbourne, Hannah Brown, Laura Hollingbury, Rosanna Grant, Cate Morrison, Emily Kalik (C ), Eleanor Ingram, Anna Carter, Meg Dickson, Olivia Wilson, Hannah Stacey, Holly Holme-Powell 'B' – India Charter, Georgina Bromilow, Hattie Yeldon, Emily Gunn, Laura Wingrove, Hannah Smith, Georgina Bromley, Olivia Stannah, Nicole Esdaile, Sophie Landon, Sushmitha Jay, Lucinda Bailey, Louise Davidson, Jessie Whittick.

The SWGS Under 12 Netball teams have also played a long season of fixtures as part of the Salisbury District Schools Central Venue Netball League. Both teams have had to improve their tactics to try to overcome Godolphin's supremacy in this age group. Final matches will be played on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at Salisbury High School, with presentations at 5.15pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

To conclude the netball season, the Under 12s will take part in the annual Netball Festival on Thursday, 13th March, 4 – 6pm at the Salisbury High School Netball Centre.

**Squad Members:** 'A' – Jerry Edwards, Rebecca Foggitt, Eleanor Wolverson, Tori Birch, Elizabeth Clifford (C ), Hannah Wood, Emily Howard, Jess Millward, Jenny Snell

'B' – Georgia Smith, Jade Creighton, Julia Howard, Naomi Coomber, Elly Prichard, Elly Crosthwaite, Suzie Douglas, Isabel Ryan, Isobel Grant, Jess Quigley, Tabitha Miller. (Mrs Godber)

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### Cross Country - Salisbury Schools' League

South Wilts have dominated the Salisbury Schools League again this year with outstanding and consistent individual performances from Elizabeth Clifford (Minor girls), Imogen Wolsey (Junior Girls), Sophie Davie (Intermediate Girls ) and Nadine Rowe and Alice Butt (Senior Girls). The Salisbury event is run over four events so consistency is a key factor in the teams competition. South Wilts also came first in the Junior and Senior Girls Team events. Presentations were made recently when Wyvern College hosted the final race in the series.

Results:

Minor Girls Individual – Elizabeth Clifford (1st)

Minor Girls Team – not eligible

Junior Girls Individual – Imogen Wolsey (1st), Holly Kirkham (2nd),

Junior Girls Team – South Wilts (1st)

Intermediate Girls Individual – Sophie Davie (2nd)

Intermediate Girls Team – (2nd)

Senior Girls Individual – Nadine Rowe (1st) and Alice Butt (2nd=)

Senior Girls Team – South Wilts (1st)

A special thank you to Jeff Butt whose dedication and enthusiasm has inspired South Wilts Cross Country runners to keep striding and striving. (Mrs Godber)

### Wiltshire AA Cross Country Trials

Held at Marlborough College on Saturday, 19 January in cold, wet and very MUDDY conditions, 20 athletes from South Wilts tested their mettle to gain selection for the Regional round of this competition. Elizabeth Clifford ran in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Minor Girls event to gain selection, Imogen Wolsey cruised home 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Girls with Hannah Kirkham not far behind. Amelia Clifford had a stunning run, finishing just shy of Alice Butt and Nadine Rowe in the combined Intermediate/Senior girls race. The aforementioned go on to compete in the WAA Regional Cross Country Finals on Saturday 9 February in Gloucestershire. (Mrs Godber)

### Equestrian Club

On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of February SWGS competed in their first National Schools competition. We had originally entered five teams over the two days. After balloting we were left with three.

We were fully prepared for the event, having already competed in an unaffiliated Show Jumping competition at Sparsholt, as well as hiring the outdoor arena the previous Saturday at Hoplands Equestrian Centre for a training session.

The course at Millfield was up to height and imposing. Our girls rode with enthusiasm, confidence and a smile. They came back with a huge pile of rosettes, 4 medals and a trophy. A very successful first official outing. (results right). (Mrs Holland & Mrs Scaife)

### National Schools Equestrian Association South West Region Held at Millfield

Saturday Qualifier Competition

Class 4 2'6"-2'9"

**First Place Team:** Alice Elgar, Rosanna Sykes, Rolo Uloth (BWS)

**Second Placed Team:** Abbi Pownall-Gray, Eleanor Pownall-Gray, Jess Wheeler

**Individual results:** 1st: Alice Elgar, 4th: Rosanna Sykes, 6th: Rolo Uloth (BWS)

Sunday Qualifier Competition

Class 6 3'3"-3'6"

Keri McNamara, Harriet Allen, Suzi Nodder  
Team rode well, unfortunately they were not placed.



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### In Memory of Tony Goldsmith Recent Design and Technology Technician.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Tony Goldsmith. Tony had battled with cancer for many years and this battle was finally lost just before Christmas. He was a man of tremendous character and his exceptionally cheerful disposition and good humour were an inspiration to all who knew him. Above all he was an able craftsman with many years of experience including senior technician in the defence industry. Our girls, and indeed our staff, were quick to realise his resourcefulness and during his time at South Wilts he ably supported thousands of students with their projects. Although Tony recently retired he was still able to visit us quite regularly and he will be sorely missed by all. (Mr Crouch)

#### SWGS Uniform Shop

Telephone number: 01722 343774  
E-mail: [uniform@swgs.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@swgs.wilts.sch.uk)  
Website: [www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/uniform.asp](http://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/uniform.asp)

#### The term time opening hours are:

Tuesday 8.30 to 9.30am  
Thursday 12.00 to 1.00pm  
1st Saturday of each month 9.30 -11.30am

#### Lost Property

A reminder to parents to name all property belonging to students, particularly coats, trainers, lunch boxes and umbrellas.

There are a lot of belongings in lost property at the moment without names which cannot be returned to students.

You are welcome to come along and have a look for lost property at lunchtimes. (Mrs Taylor)

#### Tesco Computer Vouchers

We will be collecting vouchers again this spring. We banked our vouchers last year in order to order some high-specification equipment this year. Please help by sending vouchers in via your daughter to one of the three collection points around the school once Tesco start issuing the tokens.  
(Mr Parks)



#### Tesco Sports Vouchers

Thank you so much for collecting the Sports for Schools vouchers.

The PE department were very lucky to be able to order four new netball goals and two new football goals with all the vouchers collected by you.



#### 1000 Club

Many thanks to all those parents that have renewed or started memberships and have helped increase the first prize to **£100!!** If you aren't yet a member, then please make it a New Year's Resolution to join. See the School website for an application form or contact me if you have any queries.

I have yet to make the draw for January but look out for the winners in the next newsletter.  
(Yvonne Hughes 01980 590543)



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