

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what plans to be an action packed half term in the run up to Christmas. As we reluctantly know, darker nights and inclement weather is not too far away. We hope the new routines on the EYFS and Lower School will help to prepare for such times. Warm coats, gloves, scarves and woolly hats are essential items for everyone at this time but please make sure all items are name labelled. The ever growing pile of unnamed lost property makes it frustratingly impossible to return items.

Many of you will be aware that 9th November marks the passing of Mrs Karen Maltby. Although the Wednesday Evensong is not normally sung, our Chapel choir will sing in the Cathedral with Evensong starting as normal at 5.30 p.m. I know that many of you will want to attend or will have your own thoughts and prayers on that day.

'We saw a lion Mr. D.G. who went raaaaaaaar' was my favourite comment this week from the Nursery children who visited the arboretum. Also the Reception children learnt about and celebrated Diwali. My special thanks to Mrs Jansari for making this such a colourful and enjoyable experience for the children.

The Year 6's have been busy completing their final preparations for their production of Hamlet in the Shakespeare Festival. We are all excited by the prospect of watching their performance on the 9th November and hope they all 'break a leg'!

With best wishes



Greg Das Gupta
Headmaster of St Marv's Preparatory School

Congratulations to the following
pupils who have been awarded
Certificates recently:

CERTIFICATES

RB	Ileri Johnson
RCS	Shivani Jansari
	Hugo Mann
1CG	Drew Walker
	Macy Gunn
	Freya Elias
	Hannah Salem
1D	Charlie Hansord
	Poppy Wraith
	Nicholas Dickens
	Ciara O'Beirne
1M	Herm Butcher
	Benjamin Howard
	Lucy Mathew
	Amy Read
	Abigail Thomas
	Alexander Sanders
2C	Geroge Burkitt
	Idris Hill
2N	Lucy Allen
	Nathaniel Rushton
	George Stapleton-Marshall
2S	Jessica Bowlzer
	Eri Olanrewaju
2W	Grace Mathews
	Ted Gogerty
	Ben Taylor
	Emily Taylor

YEAR 3 ECO MEMBERS

Amaya Clarke
Minaahil Shahzad
Connie Ferrer

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the
following pupils who were
awarded a Merit Award in
Assembly today:

3B	Edward Morris
3H	Amaya Clarke
3KB	James Alford
4G	Maryam Hill
4K	Charlotte Thomas
4W	Dimitry Yarwood
5L	Divishish Sharma
5P	Tia Johnstone
5T	James Ketch
6D	Ross Sinclair
6DM	Bronya Sheldon
6H	Joshua Bowes-Smith
Sports	Gwen Butcher
Music	Harry Douglas

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Save the date...

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

More detailed information will
be sent out shortly.

We hope you will be able to
attend & look forward to
welcoming you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Nuria Garcia-Gonzalez has just
won a prize – the
'Provost and Governors Prize for
Academic Achievement' from
Bishop Grosseteste University.

NEXT WEEK'S

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday 7th
2.30pm

U9 A , B and C Hockey v St
Hugh's Woodhall Spa (a)
U9 A, B and C Rugby v St
Hugh's Woodhall Spa (h)

Tuesday 8th
7.00pm

FOLMS Meeting

Wednesday 9th
2.30pm

3B Assembly
U10 & U11 Hockey v Ranby (h)

Thursday 10th
9.00am

House Assembly

Lunch menu = week 4



LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS' EVENINGS

TUESDAY 8TH AND THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Reception and Year 1

Teachers will not be running their clubs on this day due to Parents Evenings.

TUESDAY 15TH AND THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Year 2 and Year 3

Teachers will not be running their clubs on this day due to Parents Evenings.

All other clubs will run. It may be an idea to book ahead if you require After School Club facilities.

UPPER SCHOOL PARENTS' EVENINGS

TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Year 5 Parents' Evening

Teachers will not be running their clubs on this day due to Parents Evening. Prep, Cricket & Speech & Drama clubs will run as normal

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Year 6 Parents' Evening

Teachers will not be running their clubs on this day due to Parents Evenings. Prep club will run as normal for those required to stay.

DIVALI CELEBRATIONS



On Wednesday 2nd November Shivani's Mum came to the Reception classes to help us celebrate DIVALI. Mrs Jansari looked beautiful in her sari and the children enjoyed dressing up in Hindu clothes. We painted Diya pots and made Rangoli mats to welcome Rama and Sita. The Children and Grownups all tasted some delicious Indian snacks and listened carefully to the story of Rama and Sita. We would like to say a BIG "THANK YOU" to Mrs Jansari helping us to celebrate DIVALI.



THE DENTIST VISITS YEAR 3

During the first part of term Y3 have been learning about teeth and healthy eating. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Reed, who is a dentist, came in to tell the children about the role of a dentist and how to avoid tooth decay. She explained that many foods have sugar in them in some form or another, but some are better for our teeth than others. The children thought the idea of eating a whole packet of sweets at one time instead of spreading them out and increasing the time when acid can be formed which will attack teeth was a great idea!! They were quite surprised to know that foods cheese, yoghurt and milk help to stop the acid attacking the teeth. Mrs Reed showed them how to clean their teeth to stop plaque forming. Y3 are very grateful to Mrs Reed for giving up her time to come and visit them. They were able to revise what they had learnt already as well as learning some new information.

ST. MARY'S SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming lessons start this Saturday at the Priory City Academy, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln. There are still spaces available to join this club. Please telephone Katherine Cockhill on 01522 811636 for further information or to reserve a place for your child.



POPPY APPEAL 2011

Poppies will be on sale from Monday 7th to Friday 11th November.

For EYFS and Lower School, donations in sealed envelopes may be best to ensure that money is kept safe.

On the Upper School site Year 6 pupils will take poppies around the form rooms in the mornings and then onto the playground at playtime. Donations will be collected using the provided charity 'Poppy collecting box'.

UNIFORM SHOP

If you require another kilt they are now in stock at the Uniform Shop – from waist size 22" up to 28".

Navy school fleece hats, scarves and gloves are available to purchase from the Shop. Thank you

During November

the Uniform Shop will open at the following times:

Mondays	8.30-10.30am
Wednesdays	2.30-5.00pm
Fridays	2.30-5.00pm



BOOK FAIR WEEKS

Lower School

Thursday 24th to Tuesday 29th November

3.30pm – 4.15pm

In the Damant Hall

Upper School

Tues 6th to Fri 9th December

3.50pm – 4.45pm

in the School Library

Parents are welcome to attend and we would encourage purchases where possible.

VOICE AUDITIONS

NOVEMBER 19TH 2011

If your child is interested in becoming a chorister please call into the Upper School office for an application form for a voice audition.



Once again this year we are collecting shoe boxes in aid of Operation Christmas Child. Pupils have been given leaflets with all the details on. Boxes are to be handed in by **Friday 18 November 2011**.

They should be handed in to Room 3 on the Upper School, Early Years Foundation Stage and Lower School to the Reception Office on Winnowsty Lane.

A request is also made for a cheque, payable to Samaritan's Purse to the value of £2.50 or cash, to assist in the transport of the gift.

Thank you for your support in this very worthwhile cause.

COFFEE MORNING

IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER NURSES



Saturday, 19 November 2011
10.00am to 12.00 noon

Upper Prep School on Eastgate

The boarding community are holding a fund raising coffee morning for the Macmillan Cancer Nurses. It is approaching one year since the school lost Mrs Maltby and the boarding pupils and staff thought it appropriate to organise such an event to promote awareness and raise funds for the specialist Cancer Nurses. The Macmillan Nurses provide high quality, up-to-date cancer information for cancer patients, their families and carers. They are funded almost entirely through the generous voluntary donations of their supporters.

Tea and Coffee will be served, along with cakes prepared by the boarders and there will be a raffle. Please come along to support this event if you can.

PUPIL ILLNESS

A REMINDER THAT CHILDREN WITH VOMITING OR DIARRHOEA SHOULD BE KEPT OFF SCHOOL. THEY SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME FOR 48 HOURS AFTER THE LAST SYMPTOMS HAVE DISAPPEARED.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL



Friday November 18th 2011

Beetle Drive & Hot Supper

Senior School Refectory

7:00 pm for a 7:30 start - 9:15 finish
Prices: Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children) @ £25.00, Adult tickets @ £8.50 each
Children's Tickets @ £6.00 each

Please return your reply slips/ticket requests to school next week

Christmas Market

Once again, the Friends are selling refreshments from the Upper School dining room (on Eastgate) and in the courtyard during the Christmas Market.

We need your help!

If you could spare a couple of hours during Saturday or Sunday (3rd & 4th December) to sell refreshments, please contact **Sally Mundy** on 07976 772493 or email

sallymundy7@googlemail.com

Many thanks.

UCST JUNIOR HEAD'S WALK



The Junior Heads of the UCST decided that they should do a virtual sponsored walk (walking a little bit at a time and adding up the total as they went along) from each of the schools to Lincoln Cathedral School for Karen Maltby at their Annual Conference. However it didn't seem fair that the Head at Hull Collegiate would only have 41 miles to walk when the Head at Hampshire Collegiate would have 208!

Working as a team, they added up their respective distances totaling 1667 miles and decided that if they each walked 150 miles then the distance would be comfortably covered. So the challenge was set, just 145 miles to walk before

October when they met to walk the last 5 miles together, ending at Lincoln Cathedral. So far they have raised £4,500 for Beating Bowel Cancer in memory of Karen. *Debbie Rickart*

LOST

Alex Gulley 1D Lower School has lost his named waterproof.

ACTIVE ZONE



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed a spooktacular week in holiday club. We created some amazing creepy cookery, including witches hat biscuits, chocolate apples, worms in dirt (chocolate angel delight with various sweets inside), eyeball cakes and much more. Pumpkin carving proved to be a bit of a challenge but with determination and perseverance we got there and made some fabulous looking pumpkins. The older children had a 'Bin Bag Costume of the Year' competition where we saw a variety of creative costumes ranging from Wicked Witches to The Three Little Pigs!!! WELL DONE all of you!

Treasure hunts proved to be the most exciting part of the week. The younger children loved searching the school grounds to find their own bag of treasure to take home. The older children completed a historical treasure hunt of Lincoln which started by the Castle, took us down Michaelgate, into the centre of town and back up Steep Hill - learning lots of interesting things about Lincoln on our way. We finished back at school where they too had their own bag of treasure to find - not as easy as they first thought!

On Tuesday we had a super day out at Pleasure Island. We almost had the park to ourselves - perfect, no queuing needed! The children went on ride after ride after ride!!!! Everyone took the challenge of braving at least one ride they hadn't been on before!

Friday was a busy day started off by a spooky game of Bowling. The Bowling Alley had made a huge effort to dress up the lanes, put the lights on and the UV glow! So much fun had by all. We then popped to Daisy Made to enjoy a delicious ice cream and some time with the animals. We finished the week with a run around at Playzone. We also welcomed a surprise visit from Adam & Anna Novak all the way from the Czech Republic. It was lovely to have them with us for the day and enjoy time with their friends.

Many thanks to Miss Graves, Miss Herridge, Mrs. Campbell, Megan and Miss Harley for all their hard work. Special thanks to Mr. Dave, Mr. Bob and Mr. Rollin for driving us on our wonderful days out.

Our next holiday club is running from 19th - 23rd December. If you have not yet had your booklet please see myself or any of the office staff. Trips are booking up fast and places are limited. Miss Skelton becky.skelton@church-schools.com



GUITAR CLUB

Please note there will be no Guitar Club on Wednesday 9th and Wednesday 16th November.

BROWNIES

There will be no Brownies on Thursday 17th November or Thursday 8th December as Mrs Skelton has Parents' Evening.

HOCKEY

St Mary's 6 - 1 Ranby House



Well done to everybody who played in the match against Ranby House School.

6-1 to the St Mary's Under Nine A's, it was our first victory and the first of many I hope.

We played the match in four quarters so all the team got to play. We had some great defending in this match it was a huge success.

Let's keep up the great work and also well done to the people who scored goals and the people who helped, Let's keep this up for a really, really long time.

Thank you Mrs Kelly for being a really good coach and thank you Mrs Eyre for our yummy match tea. By Evie Thorne



RUGBY

St. Mary's v Hull Collegiate 28-14

This was the second time we had played them with them beating us 28-14 last time. This time we turned it around to a 28-14 victory thanks to Mr. Easton and all the sports coaches. Ross set us up scoring his first try of the season, followed by Luca also scoring his first try. Tom Haywood also made a great break through and now we were in the lead with all trys converted gracefully between the post by Jacob. Hull were in for a chance driving towards the try line and ended up scoring a converted try. As soon as that was over and with a BANG, CLASH, WALLOP and a pass down the line Thomas was putting the ball down on the other side of the line. Hull were on their toes again and they did score a try. The whistle blew and the game was over - we had won!!! To end the term we did a victory dance. By Joshua Bowes-Smith

EXTRA HOCKEY & RUGBY FIXTURE

Monday 7th November : U9 A, B and C Hockey, away at St Hugh's Woodhall Spa. 2.30pm start.
U9 A, B and C Rugby v St. Hugh's Woodhall Spa at home.
Details on games notice board

There will be no Team Sports on Thursday 17th November (staff training)

CANCELLED HOCKEY & RUGBY FIXTURE

Friday 25th November : U11s Hockey & Rugby cancelled versus Westbourne School.