

23 May 2014

Dear Parent,

Summer term literacy focus

We continue to encourage boys to read widely. The focus of our literacy work in the Summer term continues to be on improving spelling. Any help you can give to encourage your son to improve the accuracy of his spelling would be most helpful.

Building projects

Though our bid to gain funding to refurbish the Science laboratories was unsuccessful, I am delighted to inform you that we have received a grant of £648,000 to build a sports hall at our playing fields. I have attached a plan of the new facility for your information. This is a long overdue, much needed development. Building work has already started and the project will be completed by the end of March 2015. This project will enable the school to continue its focus on sporting excellence so that increasing numbers of boys can compete at county, national and international level.

PTFA Activities

<u>Tea at Allington Manor – Sunday 22 June from 2:30-5:30pm</u>

Tea will include a selection of finger sandwiches, cakes, scones with clotted cream and jam, and a selection of loose leaf teas. Weather permitting, there should also be live music and guests will be able to take tea in the garden. Tickets are £15 per person. Cheques should be made payable to 'The King's School PTFA'. The closing date for tickets is Wednesday 4 June.

Harvest Ball - Friday 3 October 2014 at Belton Park Golf Club

Tickets for the evening cost £38 each and include a 3 course dinner and dancing to music by The King's School Soul Band. Tables will seat 10 or 12 people. Tickets will be issued strictly on a first come, first served basis and need to be paid for, in full, at the time of booking.

Achievements throughout the term

Junior Quiz Team

The Junior Quiz Team are now the Regional Champions and go through to the Inter-Regional competition. The team were Harrison Lockyer, Pip Mattison (cpt), James Grainger and Aaron Trevor.

County Chess Championship

Our boys did a superb job at the County Chess Championship winning the following categories: Under 13 Dan Godfrey; Under 15 Will Knight; Under 16 James Kelly; Under 17 Perry Gresham

In addition the following boys qualified for the national semi-finals to take place in Manchester in July: Will Taylor, Dan Southern, Haydn Godfrey, Jacob Storey.

Table Tennis

I am pleased to report that Matthew Leete of Year 9 has been selected to represent England (U14) in the forthcoming Schools' Table Tennis International competition to be held in Wales in June.

CCF

Matthew Bye (Year 12) has been selected for a rock climbing challenge in Spain, sponsored by the Army. There will be a Year 8 Taster Day on 2 July. This is a very important date in the CCF calendar, used to recruit new entrants for September 2014. There will be a Regimental Dinner for CCF Cadets on 3 July.

Football

The first XI played their final game of the season on 2 April against Spalding Grammar, needing 3 points to win the league title ahead of Carre's. They produced a superb 6-1 victory, with outstanding performances all over the pitch, most notably Luke Kightley & Sam Allen. King's finished 2 points ahead of Carre's and take the Lincolnshire Schools Trophy for the first time in a number of years.

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Having reported on the success of Year 7 boys in my last letter to parents, I am pleased to report the achievement of other year groups:

The **Year 9**s won the Lincolnshire 7s with a convincing win in the Final against Carre's (30-15). Player of the tournament and Captain was Joshua Hough.

Year 10s won the Lincolnshire County 7s, defeating Carre's in a close final (22-20). Player of the tournament was Joe Tomlinson.

Year 11s won the Leicester Grammar 7s, defeating Loughborough Grammar School in the final (29-19). They were also runners-up in the Newark 7s losing narrowly to Stowe School in the final.

National Competition: Competing in the prestigious London Oratory All England National 7s, the **Year 11** team reached the last four of the tournament.

Dates for your diary

- Londonthorpe Church Concert Tuesday 24 June at 7.30pm
- Summer Music Concert in the Head Master's Garden Wednesday 2 July at 7.30pm
- MCC match at the Sports Field Friday 4 July
- Sports day Tuesday 22 July. Starts at 1.15pm and finishes at 3.45pm at the Meres Sports Stadium. It would be superb to see as many parents as possible at this event.

Finally, may I remind you that the boys return to school on Monday 2 June. I wish you all a very happy and restful break.

Yours sincerely,

Head Master

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