



Our amazing musicians who all passed their ABRSM exams



## A letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

As we start to count down towards the end of term, we have enjoyed another Christmassy week at Godstowe. We have had Christmas quizzes, Form Room decorating and lots of carol singing rehearsals, what a week it has been!

It was wonderful to see so many of the children, and staff, wearing Christmas Jumpers today. A special mention must go to Mr Button for his Elf jumper and Mrs Reynolds for her various christmassy jumpers this week including one that lights up!

Today was Kindergarten and Transition's Nativity, The Forgetful Angel, and it was fantastic! The children worked so hard to learn all of their lines, practise the songs and rehearse their dances and actions. The main school girls were able to watch this week and all remarked how well the younger ones remembered their lines. Having just emerged from ten days of isolation I can't think of a better way to be helped into the Christmas spirit. Thank you, Kindergarten and Transition and Lodge staff!

Our final week will see the annual Christmas Crosse, our Lower School Christingle Service and our Carol Service at All Saint's Parish Church, which I know both girls and parents are looking forward to. This will be live streamed and more information about how to watch will follow early next week.

Finally I am able to inform you that the process for the recruitment of the new Head is ongoing with a strong final field and decisions still being made.

I would like to wish you all a warm and healthy weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at our festive events next week.



## Weekly Awards



### Artwork

Beatrix T

### Friday Badge

IH - Yasmin S

IM - Isla N

IC - Freya P

### Sports Star of the Week

Leela L

Tate Y

Ariella A

Evie S

Lucia T

Kelly H

### Typing Awards

Beginner:

Clemency D

Intermediate:

Safiya D

Clementine W

Advanced:

Rosanna R

### Accelerated Readers of the Week

Thisbe M-J

Rosanna R

Violet B

### A.R 100% Quiz Winners

Lower School:

Upper School:

Lucille D

Poppy H

Annabel P-W

Ruby J

### Boarder of the Week

Turner - Mariana P-M

Walker - Bikman W

Highlands - Sophia Z



This week Nursery have had a fun filled week of Christmas activities. The children particularly enjoyed decorating photo frames for their Nativity photo. We are sure that these will be treasured at home! We have also been looking again at all the sounds and numbers we have explored at already this term and playing lots of games that reinforce their recognition. We have also been matching numeral and quantity, with an angel themed activity. On Tuesday the children enjoyed baking gingerbread and it was delicious!

We were delighted to start the week in Beginners with the perfect introduction to Winter by having a light dusting of snow. We quickly came to understand the change of temperature Winter can bring as we went for a quick wintry walk, taking note of how the snow had fallen on the trees and plants. We have enjoyed recreating these wintry effects through our art work, using different materials to draw and paint what we had seen. Also this week we have started the real countdown to Christmas by talking about Advent and what that really means. Our week continues to be filled with all the busyness and excitement of this festive period as well as our usual learning.

This week, Kindergarten have continued to prepare for their Nativity and in Literacy, wrote the Christmas story in their own words. They enjoyed making salt dough Christmas tree decorations in Art, and learning about Christmas traditions in Religious Education. In Maths, the children focussed on ordering and comparing numbers to 20. Kindergarten also recorded the weather this week and discussed the transition from Autumn to Winter. The snowy conditions have certainly added extra excitement to a festive week!

It has been a festive week in Transition! Much of the focus has been on our Nativity performance of 'The Forgetful Angel'. It was lovely to be able to perform to the rest of the school on Wednesday and Thursday, and of course to the parents on Friday. Well done to everyone who took part for a fabulous performance! We are looking forward to our final week of term, especially on Monday when we are having Christmas lunch and wearing Christmas Mufti. We are also doing our bumper bundle spelling test that morning! Please could everyone bring in a large named carrier bag to take home Art work at the end of term. We are also looking forward to our PK Awards on Wednesday, the last day of term.



## FC Falcons Lacrosse

Are you 14+? Can you play lacrosse? Or maybe you know someone who can?

FC Falcons, based in Farnham Common, are looking for new members.

They train Mondays from 6.30pm at Farnham Common Sports Club and the ladies league matches are on Sundays.

You must be 14+ to play

For more information, find them on Facebook "Farnham Common Lacrosse Club" or call captain Emma Smith on 07814 762868



# Sports Results



Results from Netball Fixtures this week:

UI3A vs Bishopsgate: 35-8 (won)

UI2A vs Bishopsgate: 30-1 (won)



Our Lower Interhouse Netball was unfortunately cancelled however the girls got to enjoy Interhouse Dodgeball.



## Reminder about our upcoming Sports Events

We are delighted to announce four sporting events coming up, to which Parents are invited, there may even be Hot Chocolate...

Each event involves every girl in that year group:

**Monday 6th December, 14:30-16:00 - Uppers Christmas Lacrosse, worth watching for the outfits alone!**

**Tuesday 7th December, 14:30-16:00 - Fourths Christmas Lacrosse**

**Wednesday 8th December, 14:30-16:00 - Middles Interhouse Netball.**

Please note that everyone coming to watch an event must have tested negative on a Lateral Flow and wear a mask when passing through reception.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on the sidelines for these exciting competitions.

# Amazing ABRSM Exam Results

Melanie Martin, Director of Music

26 girls took their ABRSM examinations this half term and I am pleased to say that all passed their respective grades with lots of merits and distinctions. A special mention to Claire L and Evie vR who both passed their Grade 8 Piano with high marks, and Sula M who achieved 141 out of 150, the highest mark out of all the girls, for her flute exam. Well done to all the girls who took part!



Lucy B	Eleanor B	Hikari I	Talitha S
Stephanie J	Freya W	Neeva P	Hermione R
Katie M	Freya J	Victoria GR	Leona W
Raychi H	Charlotte S	Zara M	Wendy J
Sula M	Charlotte F	Lottie D	Orissa D
Chrissie Z	Mia Z	Theodora B-S	Angel M-I
Claire L	Evie v R		

## More fantastic musicians...

Lily-May M, Eleanor E and Georgina E have all secured a place with the National Children's Orchestras. This is a fantastic achievement for all three girls. Congratulations!





# National Online Safety

Anneliese Smith, Head of Computing

A few weeks ago, we launched our National Online Safety partnership. As part of this partnership, we have access to a full range of insightful resources for all parents and guardians. These include Parent and Guardians courses (presented by Myleene Klass, online video resources, webinars and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics.

We are asking for all parents and guardians to create a free account, please follow: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/godstowe-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set "Parent/Guardian" as your user type.

There are also apps on Apple store or Google play store, just search for "National Online Safety".

We hope that you find this comprehensive resource useful and we look forward to working with you to keep our children safe online.



# Godstowe Uniform Shop

Heather Morley and Sarah Couch

The Uniform shop will be open 2-4pm on Wednesday 5th January for any pupils requiring last minute uniform items before the start of the Spring Term. Alternatively, parents are welcome to order goods on the web shop, [www.directclothing.co.uk](http://www.directclothing.co.uk), search for "Godstowe School".

Anything ordered between Tuesday 7th December and Wednesday 5th January will be left at Reception in time for the first day of term on Thursday 6th January, or can be collected from the Uniform shop on 5th January.

# Friends of Godstowe's Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last Saturday, either by attending on the day or contributing beforehand. The weather wasn't on our side but that didn't dampen the spirit.

The class reps did an amazing job of rallying their year groups and creating activities for the children and their parents. The silent disco proved a great hit with children and cold adults alike.

FoG would also like to thank the teaching staff who turned out to man the very popular candy floss machine and the grounds and catering teams without whom the event could not have happened.

Well done to the hamper winners, the hampers all looked spectacular.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year for more Godstowe events.

