



RANBY HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 3

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Welcome

Welcome to the third edition of the new School Newsletter. Apologies to those people who were expecting an edition of 'The Ranby Times' at this stage of term. There has been such a positive response to the new format of newsletter, that it has been decided that the two hundredth edition of 'The Ranby Times', at the end of last term, will be the last. As explained in the last newsletter, this publication will be sent home five times per term, as well as being available on the website. In future, sports reports will be published in 'The Ranbian', although we hope to develop our new website to include sports reports in the near future.

The academic year has started extremely well and it is difficult to realise that we are already half way through the longest term.

Staff News

Mrs White, Director of Music, will be leaving us shortly after half term to take maternity leave. During her absence, the Music Department will be administrated by **Mr Baker**. **Mr Sam Mulliner** will be joining the staff for the second half of this term to cover Mrs White's class teaching, after which the role will be undertaken by **Mr Ward**, who is joining the school in January as Deputy Headmaster. It is with regret that we are saying goodbye to **Mrs Pinkney**, our Lower Strings tutor: Mrs Pinkney has been with us just over a year and is leaving to take up a full time post with Lincolnshire Music Service. After half term we will be welcoming **Miss Zoe Elsom** as our new Lower Strings tutor. Miss Elsom already teaches at Worksop College and, in addition to Cello and Double Bass, also teaches Bass Guitar.

Calendar

Please note the following addition to the calendar:

Thurs 30 th Oct	Year 1 Theatre Trip
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Reports and Parents' Meeting

Parents' Meetings to discuss pupil progress will be taking place after half term for the following year groups: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 8. Letters of invitation will be sent to parents with further details. Mid-Term reports for all pupils who have joined the school in Years 4 to 8 will be sent home in the week after half term. Prep School Parents may wish to read the school's Report and Parent Meeting Schedule which is available to download from the parents' area of the school website. Alternatively a paper copy can be obtained from the School Office.

Drama

You are warmly invited to two drama productions in the second half of term. On Saturday 8th November at 11.30am in the Theatre, Year 4 will be presenting 'Cinderella'; there will be no charge for this event, and it will not be necessary to obtain a ticket.

Just before second exeat, Year 6 will be performing 'The Beasts of St Bozo's' in the Theatre at 7pm on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th November. As this is an evening production, there will be a charge: details of how to obtain tickets are provided on a separate letter.

Pupils' Appearance

Thank you for your support over the school rules about appearance, which were outlined in the first newsletter of term. The advent of half term provides an opportunity for boys to have another haircut. As a reminder, boys' hair should be short and sensibly cut, and certainly off the collar at the back and off the ears.

Bonfire Party

This year's bonfire party will be held on Sunday 2nd November. A fantastic firework display will begin at 5.30 p.m., and the bonfire will be lit at 6.00 p.m. Food will be served in the Dining Room from 5.30 p.m., and a Licensed Bar will be available in the Old Library. You, your family and friends are all warmly invited to this event. Tickets, priced at £5.00 each, are still available from the School Office. May we please ask that all children are carefully supervised during the evening, and that you do not bring your own fireworks or sparklers.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Once again the school is involved in our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Last year we were delighted to send almost 200 shoeboxes to children in Kyrgyzstan. We would like to invite you and your children to take part again this half-term. Please find enclosed a leaflet which gives full details of what is involved. Boxes should be returned to school during the first week back after half-term. Please note that the Appeal will close on Friday 7th November. Prep School pupils should bring their boxes to Chapel, Pre-Prep pupils should bring them to their class teacher.

Christmas Concert

The highlight of the Music Department's term is the annual Christmas Concert, which is being held on Thursday 27th November at 6.30pm. Although there is no charge for the Concert, space is usually at a premium in the auditorium so parents wishing to attend should obtain tickets from the School Office.

Second-Hand Clothes Shop

The decision has been taken by the school to formalise the opening hours of the Second-Hand Clothes Shop. The purpose of the shop is for the re-sale of clothes, rather than for short-term borrowing of items to replace mislaid kit. Parents will no longer be able to obtain the key from the School Office themselves. Rather, the shop will be open on Tuesday mornings between 8.30 and 9.00am and on Wednesday afternoons between 2.45 and 3.30pm. If you are unable to attend at these times, an appointment can be made through the School Office. May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Claire Hunt who runs the shop as a volunteer with the help of other mothers.

Morrisons Vouchers

Many thanks to those of you who shop at Morrisons, who have been collecting the 'Let's Grow' vouchers on behalf of the school. Nearly one thousand have been collected so far. We would be grateful if you could continue to collect the vouchers up to the closing date of 6th November, and place them in the collection boxes in the Front Hall and in Pre-Prep.

News in Brief

A highly entertaining **Group Music Competition** involved all Prep School pupils and staff: congratulations to St Alban who retained the Cup.

Through our **Harvest Festival** services this year we were collecting for two charities, Seeds for Africa and Send a Cow: thanks to your generosity, a total of £500 was raised. Gifts of food and produce were also passed on to local elderly residents and, through 'The Well' at Retford Baptist Church, to needy families.

As always, great fun has been combined with learning in our recent **Book Week**. Visiting authors and poets have entertained the pupils – as well as challenging them through writing workshops. A fantastic array of costumes was seen at the end of the week when pupils came dressed as their favourite book. The results of the Poet Laureate competition and prizes for dressing-up day costumes will be announced in a Book Week Celebration Assembly after half term.

Sports Results

Rugby

1 st XV v Denstone College (H)	Won 27-10
1 st XV v S Anselm's (H)	Lost 12-31
1 st XV v Hill House (H)	Won 58-0
1 st XV v Oakham (A)	Lost 15-24
1 st XV v Wellingborough Prep (H)	Won 19-17
U13B v Denstone College (H)	Lost 7-40
U12 v Denstone College (H)	Won 48-5

U12 v Oakham (H)	Won 28-12
U12 v S Anselm's (A)	Won 50-0
U12B v Denstone College (H)	Won 50-12
U12B v Oakham (H)	Won 7-5
U11 v Highfields (A)	Won 40-0
U11 v S Anselm's (A)	Won 36-5
U11 v Hill House (H)	Won 22-5
U11 v Barlborough Hall (H)	Won 43-0
U11B v S Anselm's (A)	Lost 0-5
U10 v The Elms (A)	Lost 0-42
U9 v S Anselm's (H)	Won 10-5
U9 v Wellow House (A)	Lost 10-15
U9 v Barlborough Hall (H)	Lost 5-20

Hockey

U13 v Witham Hall (H)	Won 2-0
U13 v Hill House (H)	Drew 0-0
U13B v Witham Hall (H)	Lost 2-4
U12 Tournament at Oakham	3 rd Place
U11 Tournament at Foremarke Hall	Runners-up
U11 v Witham Hall (A)	Drew 0-0
U11 v Lincoln Minster (H)	Won 14-2
U11 v Barlborough Hall (H)	Won
U11B Tournament at Wellow House	3 rd Place
U10 v Witham Hall (A)	Drew 1-1
U9 v Witham Hall (H)	Lost 2-4
U9 v Lincoln Minster (H)	Lost 2-4
U9 v Barlborough Hall	Lost 1-4
U9 v St Mary's, Lincoln	Won 15-10

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country Boys' and Girls' Teams who ran so well in the local event that they have both been selected to represent Bassetlaw in the Nottinghamshire Primary Schools' Cross Country in Ashfield on Wednesday 15th October.

Chess

Both the 1st and 2nd VI teams played well in their away matches against S Anselm's. The result in both matches: Ranby House: 2 boards; S Anselm's 4 boards.

Intermediate Girls' Group Hockey

1 st St Columba	3 rd St Dunstan
2 nd St Alban	4 th St Benedict

And Finally...

I wish everyone a very restful and relaxing half term holiday.

David Sibson, Headmaster.