

Happy New Year!

11<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Dear Parents

I very much hope you all had a super Christmas and a very happy start to this New Year.

We are all looking forward to an exciting term with lots of different new projects about to begin. Year 2 are to learn about Native Americans and are looking forward to visiting the American Museum in Bath on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Year 1 children are learning about light and dark, and the Reception classes are going to find out about stories and rhymes.

### **Clubs**

This term there are some changes to the way we are organising 'after school clubs' for the Year 2 children. We are offering a number of different clubs on each day of the week, but the numbers will be limited to 12. Some of the clubs will be offered on two different days of the week. Not every child will be able to attend every club they would like, so I would be grateful if you could prioritise the choices in numerical order. Attached to this letter is a form for your child to fill in. Please return it by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please note that Year 2 Gym Club and Recorder Club, and The Pre-Prep Choir with Year 1 & 2 children, will go ahead with the same children as before. The children attending the Science club will alternate half-termly in the same way as last term. There may be a couple of spare places available if your child is very keen to start going to Science Club.

All clubs will start in the week beginning Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Late Class**

Last term the number of children staying to late class rose substantially, resulting in the need to increase the staff commitment after school. I would like to remind parents that the late class facility is for those children who have siblings finishing in the Middle or Upper school at 4.30. We are, of course, very happy to include other children should a last minute emergency arise, but we cannot cater for this on a regular basis. We would be grateful if all children could be collected, before their older siblings, no later than 4.20 from Pre-Prep.

### **Website**

General information, including this letter, club lists and information about the curriculum can be found on the St Hugh's website [www.st-hughs.co.uk](http://www.st-hughs.co.uk)

### **Uniform**

We are trying to encourage the children to take care with their appearance and I would like to remind parents that children should wear their blazer when arriving at school in the morning and when leaving in the evening.

**It is important that your child is warm during outside play. Please remember to send in your child's outdoor coat every day.** In very cold weather a woolly hat which covers the ears, gloves and thick school coat must also be provided.

Wellington boots must also be provided and it would be useful to send a pair of **named** thick socks, which will easily go over indoor socks/tights for your child to wear with the Wellingtons. Those children wishing to play football or other ball games may bring in waterproof trousers or overalls to protect their outdoor clothing.

May I remind you that it is essential that **all** items of clothing, including **underwear** and **socks, gloves and scarves**, are clearly marked with your child's name.

### **Games Kit**

It is essential that your child has the correct kit for the various PE lessons during the week. Please ensure that white PE kit comes in to school on a **Monday** and is collected on a **Friday** for washing.

### **Parents' Evenings**

This term Parents' Evening extends over two days, allowing us more time for each discussion and affording you the opportunity of choosing either an afternoon or an evening appointment. (See calendar list for dates.)

### **Car Parking**

The hard court next to Pre-Prep will be in use on Wednesday afternoons for netball. It will not, therefore, be available for car parking for afternoon pickup. Parents are requested to use the parking facilities next to the upper tennis courts on Wednesdays.

### **Safety**

As a final note, I would ask all parents to ensure that children are supervised carefully after collection from their class teacher. In particular, I am concerned about their safety in the car parking areas and on the playground apparatus, especially during the dark evenings.

As usual, I attach a list of dates and events for your diary and some information which may be of help during the coming year.

I hope the above information will be of interest and of use and I look forward to a happy, busy and productive new term.

Yours sincerely

Sally Watts  
Head of Pre-Prep

### Dates and Events for your diary:

Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> January	Clubs start in Pre-Prep Ballet club will start on Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January (subject to the ballet teacher being able to get in due to the weather)	
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Storyteller	
Friday,	15 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM	
Monday,	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Meetings	3.30 pm onwards
Tuesday,	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' Meetings	7.00 pm onwards
		Apache visitor for Year 2 all day	
Friday,	12 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day in St Hughs Pre-Prep	
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 visit to Bath American Museum	
Friday,	19 <sup>th</sup> March	Gym Display	2.00 pm
Thursday,	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Games Tournament (Yr 1 and Yr 2)	1.30 pm
Friday,	26 <sup>th</sup> March	END OF TERM	3.30 pm