



# Tormead *Prep*

## Prep Newsletter

THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2024

Dear Tormead Families,

Last Thursday, the children returned to school clearly delighted to be reunited with their friends and teachers and eager to share stories of a fantastic festive holiday. On Friday, the Tormead Prep New Year was celebrated with our tradition of playing a family board game whilst learning interesting facts about Hogmanay. This year, the Fry family household enjoyed a new game, *Herd Mentality*, which was adapted for our assembly. Pupil and teacher teams, when answering the set questions, aimed to think alike creating a herd mentality of responses. The whole school were engaged and found it a terribly 'a-moo-sing' assembly.

Aware that the January blues could be lurking with decorations and sparkles taken down last weekend, on 'Blue Monday' and Thursday my assemblies saw volunteers act out the story of the 'Grumpy Giant'. Through brilliant acting and storytelling from Elkarose, Sasha, Freya H, Ember, Anohki, Clara H and Juliette in Prep and Amelia D, Daphne, Erina and Kitty in Pre-Prep, we learnt that a smile can be a very powerful tool if your mood is low.

Flurries of snow certainly brought smiles and excitement to the faces of all the girls on Monday afternoon. In the event of severe weather conditions such as heavy snowfall, icy roads or other hazardous conditions, we may decide to close the school to ensure the safety of all members of our school community. Information regarding a snow day closure plan will be sent tomorrow. Should there be the need to move to remote learning, we will use



Welcome Evie, Felicity, Daisy and Seren to our Tormead Family.

Google Meets and over the course of Friday all parents will receive the Google logins for their daughters from the I.T. Department. Children in the Prep should know these already, but we are sending them through to you as a back-up should they forget on a snow day.

With lots of exciting events planned for this new year there is much to look forward to. We will charge 'full steam ahead' and with great enthusiasm into the Spring Term.

I hope that you have a restful weekend and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

**Nicki Fry,**  
Head of Prep School



# Hall of Fame for Kindness



Amelia



Aurora



Ayda



Charlotte



Clara



Gauri



Iliana



Isabelle



Katie



Lydia



Lyra



Millie



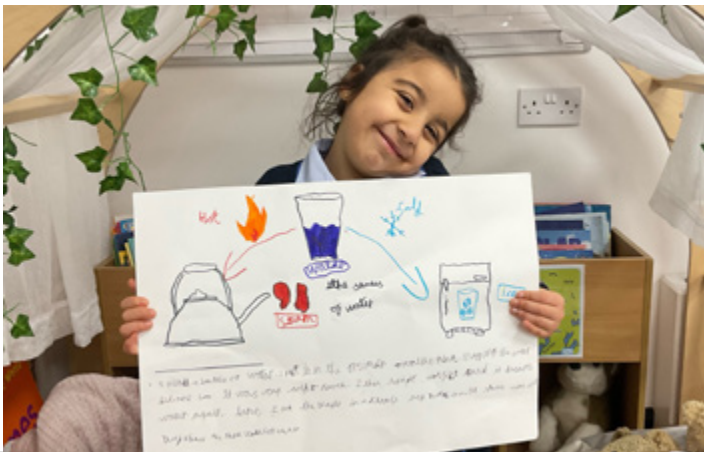
# Beacon Nominations



**Sukhi** presented an interesting Beacon all about the weird and wonderful fruit we have in the world. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils.



**Sukhi** also presented an informative Beacon all about Jemma Watson, a young girl who sailed around the world on her own at the age of 16. This was presented with confidence and a sound understanding of the topic being talked about. A wonderful class discussion around Sukhi's Beacon was had as a class which was fantastic.



**Raya** presented a brilliant Beacon project all about the three states of matter when investigating water. Raya carried out an investigation at home to see how water changes from a liquid to a solid and gas. We were all fascinated to find out more and Raya answered lots of questions.



**Lexi W-M** shared her brilliant research about animals and how to care for them.



**Autumn** made a lovely Christmas journal as a Beacon project, with photographs and writing about places she had visited during the holidays.



**Navnidhi** made a Beacon about the Sami people of Finland, following her amazing trip to Lapland.



**Inaayah** presented an interesting and well researched Beacon all about climate change and what we can do to save our planet.

Commendation ★ Juliette ★



# School Notices

## Clubs

The Spring Term Clubs grid is available on the Parent Portal.

Most clubs started w/c 8 Jan.

Please check the start dates on the grid on the Parent Portal for further details.

## End of day collection

If you are running late and have asked another parent to collect your daughter, please ensure you inform the school by emailing the Prep Office and cc in the class teacher. We will not be able to release your daughter unless we have prior notification from you as a parent.

Should you have advised the Prep Office of an ongoing collection arrangement we keep the details on file.

You may wish to write daily collection details in your daughter's reading record/homework diary, if your daughter is likely to be unsure, but the Prep Office does not need to be advised unless these details change during the day.

Please note the Prep Office telephone number is **01483 796073**

Please note the Prep Office email address is **prep@tormeadschool.org.uk**

**01483 575101 is the Senior School number.**

## Sesame Anaphylaxis

We have a pupil in the Prep School who has a severe allergy to sesame products. Many products that you might consider sending in as a healthy snack, such as tahini, hummus, crackers, bread sticks, cereal (health) bars, contain sesame seeds. In order to ensure that we reduce any risk of contact with the allergen please can we ask you to think about the healthy snacks you send in with your child each day.

As a reminder there is also a 'no nut' policy as we also have a number of pupils with a nut allergy.

Mrs Lucy Burrell, Health Care Lead

## Lost Property - Polite Reminder

Please ensure everything is named to minimise lost property. This includes water bottles and snack pots.

## Parking and driving around Tormead

Please can we ask parents to be mindful when parking and driving during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE PAVEMENTS, SINGLE OR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, CLOSE TO JUNCTIONS OR ACROSS DRIVEWAYS.**

Please do not park over at the Senior School in the visitor spaces as the coaches are being blocked in and are unable to leave the site promptly.

Three-point turns are **EXTREMELY** dangerous outside the school when parents and children are walking on the pavements.

Please take advantage of the designated parking bays in the surrounding residential roads and walk to collect your daughter. There are plenty of spaces.

Frequently neighbours contact Prep to complain and we are saddened to hear that parents are parking and driving dangerously.

The safety of everyone in our community, as well as our neighbours, is paramount.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Important Notice about snacks – Polite Reminder

Can all parents please remind their child that snacks are not to be shared at break times.

Thank you.







Please be advised that a bag from the charity **Bag 2 School** will be coming home in the next few days. Please return your filled bags, during drop-off, to Prep on **Thursday 25 January**. Please ignore the return date printed on the bag.

Please click on the link for more information: **Bag 2 School**



## DT Request

During the Spring Term, pupils will be working on various projects leading up to International Women's Day. Any new or old tea lights, corks, nuts and bolts, pen lids, tissue paper, buttons, beads, old missing puzzle pieces, Lego, shells, small/mini plastic toys, straws, chopsticks, bottle lids and empty glass jars which you may have lying around or taking up space in cabinets or cupboards would be greatly appreciated for our upcoming DT projects throughout the school. Please drop off any donations at the Prep Office, clearly marked up for DT.

## Save the Date!

### Monday 15 January

Reception Information Evening, 6.30pm.  
Prep Hall

### Tuesday 16 January

Y5 Residential Meeting 8.30am. Prep Hall

### Monday 22 – Friday 26 January

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### Tuesday 23 January

Y5 visit to Mary Rose, Portsmouth

### Thursday 25 January

Science and cinema evening, Y3-6 4.00-6.00pm

### Tuesday 30 January

Parents' Evening. EYFS, Y2, Y4 and Y6. Online

### Thursday 1 February

Parents' Evening. EYFS, Y2, Y4 and Y6. In Person

### Tuesday 6 February

Parents' Evening. Y1, Y3 and Y5. Online

### Thursday 8 February

Parents' Evening. Y1, Y3 and Y5. In Person

### Monday 12 – Friday 16 February Half-term

### Monday 4 March

Y3 Mini Performance. Prep School Hall.  
Parents to arrive at 2.15pm to sign in.  
Performance starts at 2.30pm

### Wednesday 6 March

Y6 Prep Concert. JCS Building.  
Parents to arrive at 1.00pm to sign in.  
Performance starts at 1.15pm

### Thursday 7 March

World Book Day

### Friday 8 March

International Women's Day

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Prep Open Morning

### Monday 11 March

Y3 visit to Butser Farm

### Monday 11 March

Senior School Jazz Night. Senior School Hall  
7.00pm. Prep Jazz Band performing

### Tuesday 12 March

Y6 visit to D-Day Museum, Portsmouth

### Thursday 14 March

Pre-Prep Concert. JCS Building.  
Parents to arrive at 1.15pm to sign in.  
Performance starts at 1.30pm

### Monday 18 March

Prep Spring Concert in Senior Hall.  
Refreshments served from 6.00pm  
Performance starts at 6.30pm

### Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 March

Y5 Residential trip to Lodge Hill

### Thursday 21 – Friday 22 March

Y4 Residential trip to Juniper Hall

### Friday 22 March

### Term ends at usual dismissal time

Reception 3.00pm, Y1 3.10pm, Y2-6 3.40pm  
Buses 4.00pm

**New additions in blue**





# Sport

Welcome back to the Spring Term. The weather will undoubtedly throw some challenging conditions at us over the next few weeks. Please do make sure your daughter has all her PE layers available to keep her warm and dry.

I would like to take this opportunity to stress that earrings are not to be worn in PE lessons. Please teach your daughter to remove her own earrings on PE days or remove them before she comes to school on those days. This policy is applicable to all year groups, including Pre-Prep.

We have had a very busy week of fixtures. Well done to the U10 A and B netball teams who started the term off with a double win against GHS.

The U11s have played lots of netball this week with matches against Notre Dame and GHS. Well done girls for the fantastic results at both games.

## **Sports Diary for next week:**

### **Monday 15 January**

U10 B and C v Holy Trinity (H) 3.45pm

### **Tuesday 16 January**

U11 A-D v St Catherine's (A) 4.00pm  
(All U11 Netball Club girls)

### **Wednesday 17 January**

U11 B&C v Holy Trinity (H) 3.45pm

### **Thursday 18 January**

U9 A and B v Halstead St Andrew's (H) 3.15pm

**Rachel Kemp**

Head of Prep School Sport

## **Gymnastics**

Welcome back to a new term and a new year! Please see below some key dates for your diary. This is the busiest term in the gymnastics calendar:

### **Saturday 20 January**

Competition with Rowan Prep @Tormead  
Prep National only

### **Sunday 28 January**

Floor and Vault Regionals @ Aberdour  
Prep and Senior National only

### **Sunday 4 February**

Acro Regionals @ Tormead  
Prep and Senior Acro only

### **Thursday 8 February**

Last session before half term - ALL

### **13-15 February**

Half term training - ISGA teams only

### **Monday 19 February**

First session back after half term - ALL

### **24-25 February**

U9, U15, U11 & O13 ISGA Nationals @Tormead  
Prep and Senior ISGA teams only

### **Sunday 3 March**

U10 & U13 ISGA Nationals @Haberdashers  
Prep and Senior ISGA teams only

### **8-9 February**

Milano Nationals @Stoke-on-Trent  
Prep and Senior Milano national teams only

### **Saturday 16 March**

Tormead Championships - ALL

**Scott Patterson**

Head of Prep & Senior Gymnastics



# The Week Ahead

## at a glance...

A copy of the Co-Curricular Clubs grid is available on the Parent Portal under the 'Co-curricular' tab. This includes times and collection points. Details and team sheets for all matches can be found at [Tormead Sport](#).

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## Values



NEW

S4K

# S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

## @ TORMEAD SCHOOL

S4K After School Care Club is an extension of the school day, aimed at supporting working parents, but also to giving children the chance to enjoy physical and mental well-being activities.

Every day is different, supported by S4K coaches teaching sports and fun physical games to children, mixed with activities designed to help children relax and unwind.

Each child is also provided with a light tea at our after school care clubs

£ 10.00  4.30PM - 6.00PM

### S4K SAMPLE TIMETABLE\*

Time	MOTIVATION MONDAY	TEAMWORK TUESDAY	WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY	FITNESS FRIDAY
	SET-UP				
3:45PM	NUTRITIONAL SNACKS + INDOOR CREATIVE PLAY				
4:00PM	(LEGO, Arts&Crafts, Board-Games, Puzzles, Books)				
4:15PM	PHYSICAL PLAY				
	Tag Games	Team Relay Games	Capture The Flag	Team Building Games	Obstacle Courses
4:30PM	SPORTING PLAY				
	Dr Dodgeball	Football Rounders	Balloon Volleyball	Uni-hoc Tournament	Kwik Cricket
5:00PM	MINDFULNESS BREAK				
5:15PM	MULTI-ACTIVITY PLAY				
	Hungry - Hippos	Dinamo Dodgeball	Benchball	4-Colour Eliminator	Crab Football
5:30PM	EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT + OUTDOOR CREATIVE PLAY				
6:00PM	(Soft Balls, Adventure-Playground, Tag Games)				
	HOME TIME				

JAN - FEB

FEB - MAR

BOOK NOW



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CALL 0300 303 3866



\*note this is a sample of the activities at our home club and actual activities will vary





GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

# CHORISTER EXPERIENCE Day

## Does your child love to sing? Are they aged 6-11?

Come along to Guildford Cathedral for the afternoon to sing with our expert musicians and to explore parts of the building you won't normally see. This is the biggest space in Guildford to sing in and we have a fantastic pipe organ to help you and to sound out into the space. Meet our team, have fun with others, end your experience by the once in a lifetime opportunity to sing with the Cathedral choir and enjoy our chorister experience day - all are welcome!

- Explore the Cathedral
- Learn songs together
- Tea
- Sing a service with Guildford Cathedral Choir
- £8 per child

**GIRLS AND BOYS** aged 6-11

*Children must be accompanied by an adult*

**SATURDAY**

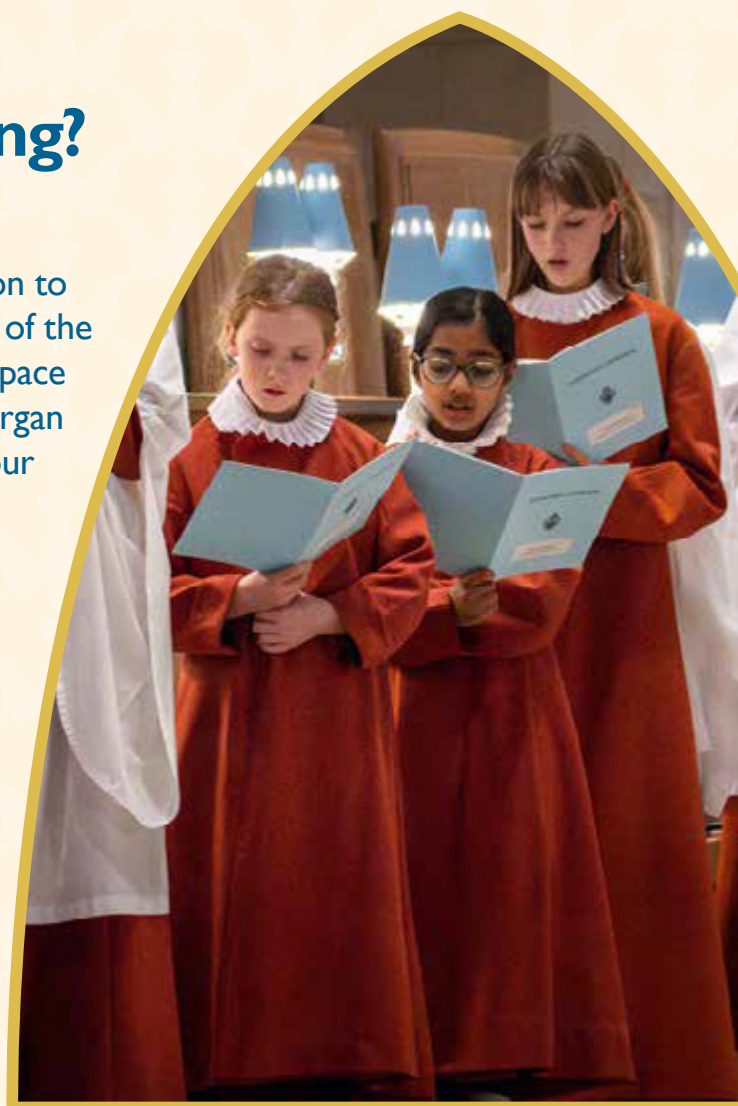
**20 JANUARY 2024**  
**2pm-6pm**

**BOX OFFICE AND REGISTER**

[www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/709](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/709)

**CONTACT**

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