



MALSIS SCHOOL

The Newsletter

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Welcome back to you all at the start of the new academic year. I wish you and your children a happy and successful term.

C.J. Lush

KEEPING PARENTS IN TOUCH

My colleagues and I work very hard to keep parents in touch with the progress of their children: regular Reports and Reviews, Parent-Teacher meetings and Parents' Forums, not to mention the opportunity to make appointments to meet to discuss matters in person with teachers, Form Tutors or myself.

I hope that receipt of the new 'Parents' Curriculum Document' in the next few days will go even further towards enabling you to encourage your children with their academic work and to support their teachers. Year 3 parents have a meeting with Mrs Green on Tuesday 18th September and there is an opportunity for parents of new children in Years 4-7 to meet informally with other teachers before the first Friday exeat on 28th September.

I am currently considering the value and practicality of sending the children home with their exercise books every so often. Any thoughts?

DOGS

Many parents and staff own dogs and from time to time bring them to Malsis. I am keen to support this; I believe it adds to the family, friendly feel of the school. If you own a dog, please read the accompanying set of principles and guidelines carefully. To a large degree they reflect current practice by the dog owners we have in our school community.

CHAPEL

Saturday 15th September, 9.00am

Our speaker next Saturday is the Reverend Robin Figg, vicar at St. Andrew's Church Kildwick and a long time friend of the school.

Saturday 22nd September, 9.00am

We are looking forward to welcoming the children's grandparents to Chapel for our service, after which they can have a tour of the school with their grandchild and even sit in on a lesson if they wish!

APPOINTMENTS

Head of School: Edmund Irvine-Fortescue

House Captains:

Edmund Irvine-Fortescue (Coates)
Millie Farquhar (Gadney)
Alastair Jordan & Thomas Lush (Lund)
Alex Donaldson (Montagu)

Deputy House Captains:

Max Rose (Coates)
Luis Cobas (Gadney)
Charlie Austin (Montagu)

House Sports Captains:

Jack Robinson (Coates)
Robert Radcliffe (Gadney)
Rory Whitaker (Lund)
Ben Stewart (Montagu)

Thirteen members of Year 8 have been invited to Prefect Training Sessions. This list can be added to. Not everyone will necessarily become a prefect or sub prefect; but we try to find positions of responsibility for as many children as possible. Appointments will be made after the first Exeat.

OPEN MORNING

Our next Open Morning is on **Saturday 13th October**, from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Thank you to those displaying our new 'car sticker' in their vehicles. Do please take an invitation from the Front Hall and give it to anyone you think might be interested in coming along.

FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11 th	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 12 th	Coates House Outing (Headingley & Duties Cup winners in July)
Friday 14 th	Mugen Taiko Dojo Concert, Ripon
Sunday 16 th	Charity Abseil, Bamburgh Castle

LEWIS BOOTH 7's

We got the rugby season off to an encouraging start on Sunday. Ben Stewart led the seniors into a competitive semi-final with Oakham, having notched up victories against Cundall Manor and the Barbarians. We did not progress to the final but we gave a very good account of ourselves.

The Colt, packed with players from last years successful Under 9's, found it hard work against larger opposition, notably St. Martin's Ampleforth and Bramcote. However they notched up a victory against Rossall and Ghyll Royd; in the final of the plate against Giggleswick we scored a winning try with the final move of the game. Thrilling for all concerned! Well done to James Bruce and his team.

Thanks to Mr Andrew Raikes and all his helpers for organising a superb tournament.

STAFF NEWS

New Staff:

Mrs Kate Nayler, (Director of Enhancing Learning), has a brief to work with children with learning difficulties and to collaborate with her colleagues to develop an exciting whole-school approach towards enhancing the learning of every child at Malsis. Mrs Nayler joins Lund.

Mr Gareth Archer, (Graduate Assistant), comes to us from New Zealand. Most of his time will be spent supporting children and staff in the classroom and coaching rugby. He joins Gadney.

Mr Christopher Anderson, (Head of Information and Computer Technology (ICT) and teaching Classics), will be involved in the coaching of cricket, football and rugby in addition to his teaching. Christopher has experience as a school inspector. He joins Coates.

Mr Richard Skillington (Head of Science and 1st XV Coach), brings considerable experience at senior and junior level in the classroom and beyond. He is also a boarding inspector. Richard joins Montagu.

There will be another opportunity to meet these new members of staff after Chapel on Saturday.

FRIENDS OF MAL SIS

A date for your diary – the Winter Dinner and Dance will be held at the Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey, on Saturday 24th November.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

September:

- 18th Year 3 Parents' Curriculum Evening (6.30pm)
Friends of Malsis Committee Meeting (6.30pm)
- 22nd Grandparents' Day (9.00am onwards)
- 26th Pre-Prep Harvest Celebration (10.15am)
- 28th Parents of new children (Yr 4-7) 'Meet the Staff' (11.00am)
Harvest Thanksgiving in Chapel (12noon)

October:

- 3rd Mini Concert (6.30pm)
- 5th Jeans for Genes Day 'Dress to Impress'
- 6th 'The Changing Face of Boarding' (10.30am)
- 7th Supper at Malsis (5.30pm for 6.00pm)
- 9th Year 4 Parents' Forum (6.30pm)
- 11th Malsis Cross Country Championships
- 12th Year 7 & 8 Parents' Forum (6.30pm)
- 13th Open Morning (11.00am – 1.00pm)
- 14th Glenalmond Choral Day
- 16th Andrew Johnson, Stonyhurst College (6.00pm)
- 17th Friends of Malsis Committee Meeting (6.30pm)
- 19th Commendation Assembly & Concert (12.15pm)
- 30th The Big Debate (5.30pm)

November:

- 3rd Loretto School Concert (10.20am)
- 5th Bonfire & Fireworks (6.30pm)
- 7th Mini Concert (6.30pm)
- 10th Service of Remembrance (10.30am)
Chapel Choir Concert, Keighley (7.00pm)
- 11th Supper at Malsis (5.30pm for 6.00pm)
- 13th Friends of Malsis Committee Meeting (6.30pm)
- 16th Commendation Assembly & Concert (12.15pm)
- 19th Year 8 Parent/Teacher Meeting (6.00pm)
- 20th ABRSM Music Examinations
- 24th Friends of Malsis Winter Dinner Dance
- 27th 'Oliver!' Matinee performance (2.00pm)
- 29th 'Oliver!' (7.00pm)
- 30th 'Oliver!' Gala Performance (6.30pm)

December:

- 5th Friends of Malsis Committee (6.30pm)
- 7th Pre-Prep Christmas Nativity Show (2.00pm)
- 8th 'A Celebration of Advent', Kildwick (7.00pm)
- 10th Carol Service in Chapel (5.00pm)
- 11th Carols around the Tree (5.30pm)
- 12th End of Term Assembly (12noon)