



# MALSIS SCHOOL

## The Newsletter

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### FIXTURES/EVENTS

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XV tour
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XV return
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Mothers v Daughters' hockey Rugby house matches (weather permitting)
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm Friends of Malsis Committee (date changed)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Pre-Prep Christmas Nativity Show
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Chapel: Jeremy Goulding, Headmaster of Shrewsbury School 7.00pm 'A Celebration of Advent', St Andrew's Kildwick
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Dinner
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm Carol Service (Chapel) – all welcome
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm Carols around the tree (all welcome)
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	12noon End of Term Assembly (all welcome)

### 'OLIVER!' - THANKS

We are hugely grateful to all who have helped us realise our goal of delivering an 'Oliver!' to be proud of: a show that has generated fond memories that will last for many years to come, a show that gave such wonderful opportunities to the young of Malsis to develop their talents and confidence.

Many parents have supported us greatly with their time, expertise and sponsorship. A number of local companies have also made a special contribution, including Q Events who served us canapés on the gala night and who would be very pleased to hear from you if you or your friends would like to consider holding a function at Malsis.

Finally, many thanks to all who gave most generously to the end of show collections.

*Chris Lush*

### 'OLIVER!' GALA – VICTORIAN ENGLAND

All those who attended the 'Oliver!' Gala Evening on Friday marvelled at the beautiful 'Victorian Christmas' decoration.

It is still possible to buy some of the items used in the display. They will remain in the Library until Wednesday so do please take the opportunity to have a look when collecting on Monday or Tuesday evening.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

In the past the children have come into school with vast quantities of Christmas cards, many of which have been left lying around after a day or two at the end of term. Some of the children have come up with the idea of a Christmas Card Board and would like your support as follows:

- One card per child, to be addressed to the their class, House, or the school as a whole (not to individuals, please)
- The card can be hand-made or bought in a shop
- We have started with who large boards in the main corridor, suitably decorated for the purpose.

Of course, there is no obligation upon children to participate; furthermore, this is not intended as a complete ban on individual cards. It is hoped that we will have a distinctive, community based focus to the sending of Christmas greetings this year in the school, maintaining the spirit of goodwill without necessitating great expense for you as parents.

### KILDWICK CONCERT

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Kildwick

- \* Chapel and Chamber Choirs \*
- \* String Group \* Concert Band \* Woodwind Group \*
- \* Junior Choir \*

A concert of seasonal music and readings for Advent, in anticipation of Christmas

Please bring your family and friends

- Choirs remain for rehearsals at 4.15pm
- Day children go home from the church after the concert (8.15/8/30pm approx)
- Tickets £6 (£5 concessions), children free of charge, in aid of the St. Andrew's Building Development Appeal (on the door)
  - Refreshments after the concert

### BOARDING IN THE SPRING TERM

Do you want to change or add nights? Do you want to change from Occasional to Home and Away or Full Boarding? Do you want to begin boarding or come in to have a chat about the possibilities?

I would be very grateful if you could confirm your boarding requirements before the end of this term.

*Louise Peel*

### BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet **on January 10th at 6:15 pm**. Our first book will be **Louis Sachar's 'Holes,'** an excellent novel about youth, justice and friendship. It is a multi-layered book, with much to interest both adults and children.

Six parents have signed up for the club. If there are any other interested parents, please could you contact me directly at [mdalrymple@malsis.com](mailto:mdalrymple@malsis.com).

### PARENTS' ADDRESSES

I am aware of the sensitivity these days about data protection, but many parents have asked for the list of parents' contact details to be made available. In the past I have been reluctant to do this.

However, I now propose that such a list (addresses and home telephone number only) be included in the end of term mailing. I will repeat this proposal in three newsletters before the end of term giving parents every opportunity to contact Claire Lodge in the Office if they do not wish their details to be included. I hope this is considered both responsible and reasonable.

### PARENTAL INSIGHT INTO SENIOR SCHOOLS

Stemming from a discussion at the recent Year 7/8 Parents' Forum, I would like to propose that a list of parents with older children currently at senior schools and those with sons or daughters in Year 8 registered for entry in 2008 might be drawn up.

The intention is to give parents who are at present searching for the appropriate senior school for their child a chance to be aware of which parents they might talk to for an informed, parental perspective on a particular school.

If any parents do not wish to be included upon this list for any reason, please contact Debbie Goodson as soon as possible. It will be published at the end of term and distributed to parents with reports.

## 'Oliver!'

Months of rehearsal and preparation came to fruition most magnificently last week. Glenda McKenna's cast thrived on the energy she transmitted and the air of anticipation that filled Malsis. On Tuesday they had young and old in the audience transfixed: on Thursday they stepped up a gear; and on Friday, with the buzz of the Gala Night fuelling the adrenalin of all associated in any way with the production, the children excelled themselves. They thrived on the knowledge that they had been meticulously prepared by James Ashworth and that they were performing in a remarkable show. They also drew upon the warmth that comes from being part of a tightly knit, talented and enthusiastic team, on stage and behind the scenes. Technically and artistically this show was so firmly underpinned.

The children were all stars. True, Ferdie Reynolds and all with leading roles exuded talent and enjoyment to an extent that would have rivalled any performance by young people. Nonetheless, the energy and commitment of the chorus children was equally enthralling. The audience's various emotions were worked upon as the drama of Dickens' tale unfolded, interlaced with scenes of skilfully delivered comedy.

All who shared this experience knew they had been treated to something very special. "Is it really all over?" The memories will linger for a long while. "What next?!" The junior drama show in March is already on the horizon.

### Noah's Ark – The Peaceable Kingdom

The children of Year 4 have produced a wonderful piece of art – 'Noah's Ark – The Peaceable Kingdom', in their lessons with Mr Cassar. It will shortly take pride of place on the wall in the Front Hall.

We have produced some greetings cards using the collage made by the children, which you can see on the notice-board in the Front Hall. These cards are available for you to purchase at £3.50 for six cards, including envelopes. Please contact Debbie or Claire if you would like to buy some.

Noah's Ark  
The Peaceable Kingdom  
mixed media collage  
by Year 4

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