



# MALSIS SCHOOL

## The Newsletter

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### THE CHANGING FACE OF BOARDING

Having talked in Chapel about the need for us to believe in ourselves, Mr Michael Spens, Headmaster of Fettes College in Edinburgh, spoke to parents about how he had seen boarding change beyond recognition in the 35 years he had spent in boarding schools. The comfortableness of accommodation, the contact with parents, the quality of pastoral care, and the varied structure of schools ensured that these days it is a matter of 'living with friends' rather than being 'sent away to board'.

Questions came from an appreciative audience of parents on topics ranging from what to look for in a senior school as a prospective parent to the growing popularity of the International Baccalaureate. All agreed it had been a most worthwhile occasion and were grateful to our engaging guest.

Please make a note in your diaries of the visit of Andrew Johnson, Head of Stonyhurst College, on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – an opportunity not to be missed.

### 'OLIVER!' REMINDER:

A polite reminder that by the start of half term all costumes must be handed to Miss McKenna, and should be clearly labelled.

- Every cast member needs a pair of black plimsolls.
- Workhouse orphans only need plimsolls, not a costume; we are supplying these.
- The 'Oom-Pah-Pah' chorus and 'Who Will Buy' chorus and Fagin's gang need costumes and plimsolls.
- Costumes for principle parts will be sourced at school but plimsolls will be needed.

Any queries to me or Mrs Peel as soon as possible please.

*Glenda McKenna*

### MALSIS SUMMER BALL AND FASHION SHOW

I would like to thank all who supported either or both of these grand events last term by attending, bringing friends or being part of the Friends of Malsis committee who organised things so splendidly. I was thrilled to be informed this week that we raised the sum of £2,750.

As always with these Friends' events, the prime objective is to celebrate Malsis and come together as a community. However, my colleagues and I are grateful whenever there are funds made available that enable the purchase of items and the development of projects that would not necessarily have been considered essential but which nonetheless enhance what we are able to offer the children in the classroom and beyond.

*Chris Lush*

### HARVEST THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generous contributions at the time of our Harvest celebrations this year. The display of food in Chapel by the Pre-Prep was magnificent, and there were many 'loaves and fishes' bags returned full of provisions after the Exeat. These were duly collected on Thursday by Captain Gardner of the Salvation Army in Keighley who, in a short address to children from the Pre-Prep, assured us that our gifts would go to those most in need not too far from us.

The collection from the Chapel Service has gone to help relieve the suffering of flood victims in Africa.

### FRIENDS OF MALSIS WINTER EVENT

A warm invitation for you to join us for what promises to be a most enjoyable event at the Cavendish Pavilion on the Bolton Abbey Estate on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Please return your ticket request and menu forms to Gayle Hill or leave in the School Office as soon as possible.

### YEAR 7 and 8 PARENTS' FORUM – New Date

A reminder that the Year 7 and 8 parents' forum is on

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30pm.**

Not Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October as previously advertised.

## FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>**

6.30pm Year 4 Parents' Forum

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>**

pm Malsis Cross Country Championships

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup>**

11.00am Open Morning for prospective parents

10.30am U10 Hockey Workshop - Ben Rhydding HC (h)

4.00pm Choirs depart for Glenalmond

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>**

Glenalmond Choral Day

## YEAR 4 PARENTS' FORUM

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm.**

This year's series of Forums starts with an opportunity for the parents of children in Year 4 to meet with each other and the Headmaster, with light refreshments and the opportunity to discuss matters that are generally of importance at this stage of the children's time at Malsis.

I look forward to welcoming you.

The children are most welcome to stay to supper and for activities – we will be finished by 8 o'clock, as will they.

*Chris Lush*

## MOUNTAIN BIKES

We will soon be purchasing some more mountain bikes for use during games and in activities. If you have any bikes, suitable for Yr 3 or Yr 4 children, at home that you are thinking of selling, or might wish to donate, please have a chat with Ingrid Lush.

## NATIVE RUSSIAN SPEAKER SOUGHT

Do you know anyone who speaks fluent Russian and could spare half an hour each week to come in and talk to Tim Rawlins in Year 3? Please let Ingrid know if you can help.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

The weekly Newsletter is available on the school website. From half term we will be emailing it to parents for whom we have an email address in order to save on printing/paper. Please notify the Office of your address (if we do not already have it) and keep us up-to-date with any changes. Thank you.

## MALSIS TERMINOLOGY EXPLAINED: *G to I*

**G:** Nothing to report

**H:** Houses *Coates* (a former Chairman of the Governors)

*Gadney* (a former Headmaster, 1938 – 1960)

*Montagu* (the first Headmaster, 1920 – 1938)

*Lund* (the owners of the estate when Malsis was built in 1860)

The four houses provide a group identity and pastoral support for the children. A Housemaster or Housemistress (HM) has a team of House Tutors to assist in looking after 25-30 children, boys and girls of all ages. We try to establish an even balance amongst the houses on entry so that competitions are fairly contested, but it is usual for children to follow into the same house as other members of their family.

The children have lunch on House tables and they compete in sport, music, debating, general knowledge and the daily completion of duties. Senior children have the opportunity to take responsibility within their House.

There is a House Meeting every Friday morning at 8.35am, presided over by the HM.

**I:** Nothing to report

## NEW FIXTURE FOR CALENDAR

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Swimming gala v Ghyll Royd (@ home)  
U9, U10 & U11 teams, 4.00pm start

Please come along and support the teams!

## GARTERS

The matrons' department would be grateful for the return of any rugby team garters which may have made their way home in kit bags. NB All children should have a pair of their own garters for wearing during daily games sessions.