



Headlines

Spring Term
11th January 2019



“The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent.”

ISI inspection report

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday and some down-time with your families.

We start the New Year with good news on the healthy food front. Over the last few months we have taken care to put out an ambitious tender for our catering services. We looked at the best operators across the sector and after careful diligence settled on CH&Co (by Royal Appointment, no less) who have a track record of excellence across independent schools. They began to manage our kitchen from this week and, with jobs for all our serving staff assured, will gradually innovate across our menus, suppliers and staff training over the next few months. We will have a greater proportion of home cooked, nutritionally balanced dishes, more choice and a deeper investment in vegetarian options. By April, and considering our cosmopolitan community, we will offer a routine halal option in addition to all other alternatives. We've commissioned a completely new servery in order to deliver on this new depth and breadth and to make matters easier for the boys. The servery will be in toward the end of term.

All of this new kit is moveable once the proposed development is completed. CH&Co will also be providing taster events for parents in the future. Yum!

On innovation, parents will recall my letter last term outlining our plans for a rebuild of the Cowdrey building (the older, front portion of the School). Our formal planning request went into Sutton Council over the holidays. Once I have news on this, I will share details. Until then, we wait patiently.

A reminder that our uniform is now available on line 24/7:
<https://www.stevensons.co.uk/schools/homefield-preparatory-school-sutton/358>

I'm going to switch to a fortnightly Head's letter and we will provide weekly updates on music timetables and the like. Quality rather than quantity, I hope.

Let's have a great Spring Term with your kind help and support.

John Towers
Headmaster

Events for next week:

Monday

U13 2nd team rugby v Kingswood House (a)
@ Chessington & Hook FC, Chalky Lane
KT9 2NF
Start 2.30pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm

Tuesday

U10 A-D rugby v The Mall (h) @ Sutton
CC, SM1 2EG
Start 2.10pm Finish 3.15pm Return 3.45pm

Wednesday

U11 A-C rugby v Lanesborough & Ripley
Court (a) @ Stoke Park, Guildford GU1 1TU
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.15pm

Thursday

U8 A-B rugby v Ewell Castle 'A' & Reigate
St. Mary's A & B (h) @ School
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.45pm
U9 A & B rugby v Ewell Castle (h) @ School
Start 3.00pm Finish 3.30pm

Friday

Class Rep Meeting 8.30am – 9.30am (in Superstars)



Early Years Department

Welcome back to all the boys and their parents after a much-needed Christmas holiday. We hope you all had a lovely break, Happy New Year to you all. We welcome three new boys into the Nursery this term: Mikael, Jai and Sachin. They are settling very well and we hope they enjoy their time at Homefield.

The boys have all come back refreshed, raring to go and full of enthusiasm for this half term's new topic, which is 'Toys'. We have been talking about our favourite toys this week, painting pictures of them and talking about the wonderful things we got from Santa. Reception will be focussing on teddy bears. **Please could the boys all bring in their favourite teddy (soft toy) as we will be using them in our learning next week.**

Junior Department

It was lovely to see all the boys back after the festive break, and in our Tuesday assembly we shared lots of exciting holiday news. The boys have started the term with their usual gusto and are enjoying all the different activities.

We have three new boys who have joined the Junior Department: in Year 1, Aled and Hanchen and in Year 2, Rohan. They have all made a great start to their life at Homefield and the other boys are making them feel very welcome.

In Year 1, we were thrilled to hear of the safe arrival of Rudy's baby sister, Ffion, during the holiday. Congratulations to Rudy and his family!

The boys are enjoying their new topic of 'Weather' and this week they have been learning about the seasons. In Science, they have been outside observing changes that have happened to our focus tree. Next week, we will be starting learning about 'Time' and if the boys would like to bring in any relevant material from home it would be great.

Our big news this week is about Mrs Nicholson, who sadly left Homefield during the Christmas holidays. She had the opportunity to relocate to Dorset and we wish her every happiness in her new life.

In Reception, we have been practising our addition of two numbers and getting the boys used to the correct mathematical language such as, plus, equals and number sentence. They are trying really hard with this so please encourage them to practise at home.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Murray in Monkeys, for winning the 'Young Artist' prize for last term! Each term, Mr Leung will give us an art prize to present to a boy in EYD who has produced good artwork or tried very hard at learning a new skill. Well done Murray, we hope you enjoy your prize!



Mrs Nicholson has been at Homefield for many years working in the Junior Department and has supported, encouraged and worked with so many boys; she will be greatly missed by us all. She is coming back to Homefield at the end of the month to see the boys and we will be able to bid her a proper farewell and say a big thank you for her enormous contribution over the years.

We have some new officers in Year 3 this term. The Form Captains are Mikey and Owen, Vice Captains are Rayhaan and Jeyavel and the Student Council Representatives are Kai and Tobi. Congratulations boys! Thanks also to our new monitors - Aidan, Raece, Dhilan, Muhammad, Kailan, Sulaiman, Rishi and Henry.

A reminder to all Year 3 parents that we are holding a Hindleap Warren information meeting on Thursday 24th January at 3.15pm. We expect the meeting to take about 30 minutes.

A date for all Junior Department parents' diaries – we will be holding our Parents' evenings this term on the 13th and 14th of March.

Judo Club Opportunity

The first lesson back this term will be on **Wednesday 16th January** and, for the first time, boys aged 4 in Reception will be able to participate.

Reception, Years 1 and 2:
3.20pm – 4.05pm

All other year groups:
4.15pm – 5.00pm

If your son is interested in joining the school Judo Club, starting with a **FREE** trial lesson, please contact Josie Horton on 07889869859 or hortonjo@googlemail.com

Homefield Heroes

1H Benjamin for his enthusiasm for all we do at school and **Aled** for settling in so well to life at Homefield.

1S Hanchen for making a great start at Homefield. Well done Hanchen! Also to **Sabir**, for being such a sensible and hardworking member of 1S. Well done, Sabir!

2H Lachlan for making such a positive start to 2019 with super ideas and a great effort with his work.

2S Krish for a terrific start to the new term.

3H Daniyal for his neat work and beautiful illustrations.

3S Mikey for demonstrating resilience and determination.

Parents' Association

On Friday 25th January, 'Amigo's Magic' is coming to Homefield!

He will be performing magic tricks before your very eyes including live animals appearing from thin air! The highlight of the night is sure to be watching one of the Homefield teachers being cut in half! From Monday 21st, the boys will be invited to bring 50p into school to place their vote. Which one of Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Frost and Mr. Smith will be the most popular choice?!

Tickets are on sale on the Events page of Classlist.com until Monday 21st January. Ticket prices: Adults £7, Kids £5, Family ticket (4 people) £20. Doors will open at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start.

Spring Term Dates

Class Reps Meeting	Friday 18 th January 8.30am
Family Magic Show	Friday 25 th January 5.30pm
Coffee Morning	Friday 1 st February 8.30am
Senior Disco	Friday 1 st March 6.30pm
Family Film Night	Friday 15 th March 5.45pm
Quiz Night	Friday 22 nd March 7.00pm
Easter Egg Hunt	Wednesday 27 th March 3.45pm

Tweet of the Week



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It was great to see all of our boys back this morning and to also welcome 10 new boys to Homefield today. Here are some memories from last term that we thought we would share with you. Here's to an even more fantastic Spring Term!
#CreatingMemoriesSince1870



Social Media

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens....



'Homefield Sp0rt' has its own Twitter page. Follow us for all the latest sports news, fixtures and information at Homefield!



<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSchool>
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Poetry Competition

- Are you in Year 2?
- Do you like poetry?
- Have you got a good imagination?
- Would you like the chance to have a poem published?

If you have answered 'yes' please see Mrs Edwards or your class teacher.

All entries must be received by the 10th February.



Music

Congratulations to the following boys who took music exams at the end of last term:

Sebastian H 3S Grade 3 Violin (merit)
Stephen U 5H Grade 2 Piano

Well done, boys!

Birthday Treats

We enjoy celebrating birthdays and boys are welcome to bring a treat in for their friends if they so wish. However, we do ask that these treats are healthy snack items, something that can be enjoyed at break time or after lunch and easily given out by the teacher. We aim to be a healthy school.

Please do not send sugary cakes or sweets in to school; not all parents are happy for their sons to have sugar and chocolate and we aim to be a healthy school.

Whenever parents kindly donate treats, be it birthday or for fundraising events, please note that nuts are not permitted and there should be a note with ingredients supplied to avoid potential allergic reactions.