

From the Headmaster:

Hair “Parents are requested to ensure that girls’ headbands are in Beachborough colours and are of a plain material and that earrings are not over elaborate. All children should have hair of an appropriate length. Beachborough adopts a very fair approach to this issue but it is apparent that some parents acquiesce to the demands of their children rather than accepting that a certain length of hair is inappropriate, untidy and, in the case of a fringe which covers the eyes, a distraction when learning. Of course, response to such a general request is usually minimal. However, please do not be surprised if you receive a more specific request.”

Calendar To assist parents in their planning, I attach a list of the major events for this term. On the whole they are the events which involve parents directly, although some simply inform you of what the children are doing.

Would parents of children in Form V please note that a parents’ evening will be held on the evening of Monday 16th June, starting at 5.30pm. Appointment letters will be sent out by Mr. Smith as usual nearer the time.

Calling all sponsors from Lands End to John O’Groats!

Jeremy Banks (parent of Emily and Isobel) and Graham Maxa of Prodrive (parent of Eloise and Luke) have teamed up to cycle the gruelling 970 mile, 13 day challenge from John O’Groats to Lands End in July this year.

Their efforts are hoping to raise in excess of £10,000 which will be split between the new **Cancer Centre**, part of the Oxford Radcliffe NHS Trust, which will be opened later this year on the Churchill site in Oxford and **SeeSaw**, a small local charity dedicated to providing grief and bereavement support for children in cases where a parent or sibling has died or is dying.



Jeremy Banks and Graham Maxa getting ready for their challenge!

Whilst not wishing to take away any support of the school’s chosen charity, if you would like to sponsor them they are in the process of setting up an online donation through the websites www.justgiving.com and www.smartgive.com and we will update you as soon as these go live. However, if you would like to make any pledges in the meantime please contact Jeremy or Graham who will be pleased to register your donation!

Oxfordshire based businesses, Silver Stone Search & Selection and STL Communications are already major sponsors for the event, but if there are any parents out there you would like their company logo visible across the country, I’m sure they would welcome any further corporate support - there are still some prominent and attractive positions available! Please contact Jeremy or Graham as soon as possible if you are interested.

If you would like any further information on either of the charities, please visit their websites: www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk/charitablefunds and www.seesaw.org.uk.

Beachborough Association News

Bags2School

A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated to the Blue Bag collection last term, we raised **£112** for the school. The next collection is on 18th June, so please start saving any clothes, bedding etc that is no longer needed. Bags will be available soon from the front hall.

BA Coffee Stop

Don't forget the BA coffee stop next Wednesday, St George's Day. Drop by the entrance hall of the Manor House in the morning for a drink and a chat with other parents. We look forward to seeing you.

Beachborough Ball Grand Prize Draw - A reminder

The boxes are now in classrooms and the front hall for any donations you have for the themed hamper prizes for the Grand Prize Draw. Any questions please feel free to contact either Anne Maskell or Claire Davies. Thank you to those who have already kindly left donations.

Fixture Line 01280 709456

The Fixtures Line will be an essential facility during the Summer Term. Cricket and rounders are more susceptible to the weather and therefore, decisions are made later in the day. If you are in doubt as to whether a match will go ahead please contact the fixtures line which is frequently updated.

Both cricket and rounders are based on teams having an innings as opposed to allocating a specific length of time to a match, as is the case for sports such as hockey, netball, rugby and soccer. An innings in both rounders and cricket does not last for a definite period of time. Instead it depends on how well or badly the team fares. It is very difficult to judge the exact length of a match. Consequently, it is also very difficult to predict the exact time that children, who have played in matches home or away, will be available for collection. Please bear with us should children be delayed after matches throughout the Summer Term.

The Art Department would like any sweet wrappers, crisp packets, small colourful packaging of any kind for a 3rd form Art project. Please leave your wrappers in the box in the front hall. Thank you.

Clothes Shop As a trial, and for a limited period, the clothes shop will now be open every Monday and Wednesday from 8.15am to 9.00am.

Costume Department Request The costume department would like to receive any unwanted clothes rails. Please contact Erica Oram if you are able to help

Form groupings and class teachers for September 2008

Parents should be aware that no decisions have been made with respect to form groupings and class teachers for the next academic year. These will be announced in the week after half term in preparation for the induction days which take place on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June.

Summer Ball June 14th

We are delighted to announce that the Beachborough Ball is nearly fully subscribed. If you are planning on attending and have not yet put in your ticket application, please do so as soon as possible, as we would hate for you to be disappointed.

Forthcoming Matches

Mon 21st April

U13/12 A IX Rounders v Bloxham U12 IX (H) 3.30pm

Wednesday 23rd April

1st XI v Bruern Abbey 1st XI (H) 2.30pm