



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pupil's Name: _____ Tutor Group _____

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DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday 12th December – 3.45 p.m.

Year 7 Christmas Fair

**YEAR 7
CHRISTMAS FAIR
FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER
3.45 – 5.30 P.M.**

**Come along enjoy the fun and
support
Year 7**



TRIP TO PARIS – JULY 2004

There are now two places available on the July 2004 trip to Paris. The cost is £270. This trip is open to students in Years 8 and 9. If you are interested please see Mrs Auty or your French teacher by **Wednesday 10th December.**

E C Auty



CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2003

It's just possible that you have heard already that the school achieved the target of raising £1000 for Children in Need on Friday 21st November. As a consequence Mr Evans, who had expected to get away with it, was dressed as a fairy for most of the day. Despite attempts he made to prevent any record being made of this, pictures appeared on the school Intranet within half an hour and the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald allegedly also have images.

Following investigation, there has been no evidence found of Sixth Formers demanding money from staff and pupils with menace! Nor is there any truth in the rumours about younger students being picked up by the ankles and shaken until loose change fell out of their pockets!!

Mr Evans, apparently recovered, has now returned to his normal role.

DEVIZES SCHOOL FIFTH ANNUAL RUGBY TOURNAMENT – SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

The biggest concern during the big build up to this event was the adverse weather conditions, but luckily (due to England's recent success as WORLD CHAMPIONS) all spirits were high and there was still a buzz of excitement at the event.

Seventeen schools took part travelling from all areas of the South West including teams from Devon, Bournemouth, Dorset, Somerset and plenty from Wiltshire. As teams arrived and registered the first question teachers and parents asked were 'Have we got Millfield in our group?'. Even with the hype and pressure as pre-tournament favourites they certainly didn't disappoint.

This year I added a new award to the proceedings to keep all teams motivated throughout the day. The 'Fair Play' award was introduced to continue the outstanding example set in the Rugby World Cup by the professional players. The Year 7's were a credit to themselves and the sport with their great display of sportsmanship throughout the day.

The highlight of the day for me, as organiser, was the semi-final of the Plate between Abbeyfield and Kingshill, the game was tied at 5 – 5 after full time and therefore went into extra time. After three periods of extra time we couldn't separate the two teams and the game was decided by a drop goal competition with Abbeyfield the victors.

The Tournament takes many hours of organisation and there are a number of people I would like to thank for assisting me with preparations and the smooth running on the day.

Carol Turner and Christine Ottaway for their time spent on the computer and the phone helping with administration.

Mr Strickland, Mr Long, Mr Murdoch, **David Flower** and **David Challinor** for refereeing.

Mrs Musgrove and Miss Cradock for compiling the results.

Sally Bayes for catering. The Devizes School Parent Group for selling hot drinks and tuck.

Mr Herring for arranging outstanding raffle prizes including Grandstand tickets at Gloucester Rugby Club.

Mr and Mrs Dawson for the use of their PA system and general support.

The Year 8 and 10 Rugby boys for setting up, marshalling, timekeeping and packing away.

The local businesses for their sponsorship.

Results:

Cup: Millfield 20 – Clevedon B 0

Plate: Sheldon 10 – Abbeyfield 0

Vase: Downside 10 – Grittleton House 5 (AET)

Fair Play: Clevedon A

M D Hammond

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Nine teams entered the tournament on Wednesday 26th November. There were two teams from Devizes made up of Year 7 and 8 girls.

The teams played matches in their pools with **Rebecca Noyes** helping the Year 7 team to a 4 – 0 win. The Year 8's battled well with **Megan Evans'** goal enabling a draw.

Unfortunately both Devizes teams were knocked out in the first round. The final was won by John Bentley in a penalty shoot out with Abbeyfield. Special thanks go to Sixth Form helpers, **Daniel Bull**, **Dan Kingsbury**, **Andy Flower** and **David Challinor** for refereeing and thanks also to **Megan Stevens** and **Charlie Underwood** for doing the scoring.

Tournaments would not run as smoothly without such helpers. Well done to all involved.

N B Cradock

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER



draw. The menu will be:

From Monday 1st December, Christmas Lunch tickets will be on sale at breakfast or lunch time from the dinner halls at a price of £2.75. All tickets bought in advance of the day will be entered into a lucky prize



Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey with Stuffing

Sausage

ROAST POTATOES, CARROTS, PEAS

and Gravy

CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH CUSTARD OR BRANDY SAUCE

or

Strawberry / Chocolate Mousse

Drink Christmas Cracker

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2003

£2.75