



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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SCHOOL**
A SPORTS COLLEGE

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Welcome to New Teachers

We are delighted to welcome 3 new teaching staff to Devizes School this term. We wish them every success as they take up their new posts.



Mrs Little (DXL) is the new Head of Business Studies and joins us from Henbury School in Bristol. Mrs Little has also joined the sixth form tutor team (12/13SJD)



Mr Laker (APL) joins the Business Studies department from The Dorcan School in Swindon. Mr Laker has also taken over from Mrs Sands as the tutor for 9RAS.



Mr Cameron (ALC) has joined the ICT department from St. Mary's School, Calne. Mr Cameron has also joined the 6th form tutor team (12/13SXB)

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JANUARY

- 24th Prospective Sixth Form
Parents' Evening -
7.00p.m.
- 27th Year 10 Parents' Evening
4.30 - 7.30pm
- 31st KS4 Option Information
Evening - 7.00pm

FEBRUARY

- 10th Year 9 Parents' Evening
4.30 - 7.30pm
- 11th TD Day
End of Term 3
- 21st Start of Term 4
- 24th Year 8 Parents' Evening

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PARENT GROUP

At the meeting on Wednesday 12th January, the Parent Group agreed to fund or part-fund the following items for the benefit of the school:-

- 35 mini-whiteboards and pens for Science
- An overhead projector for Geography
- 5 tripods for Photography
- Activities to occur on Citizenship Day
- An electronic scoreboard/timer for PE (Basketball)

Thanks again to the Parent Group for all the work they do in raising funds for the school.

Mr M Knighton

PARENT GROUP 100 CLUB

Terms One and Two Prize Draw

The three winners were selected during the Parent Group Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2005.

First Prize	£100	04072	Mrs R Collis
Second Prize	£40	04015	Mrs B Smart
Third Prize	£20	04078	Mr D Forsey

The winners will receive prize cheques in the post.

'Congratulations'

Mr C Ellis

for the Parent Group



DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR MARKS IN ALL SUBJECTS?

BOYS - GET READING!

Reading is a great way to improve your English and literacy skills. Aim to read a little daily and get into a routine. If you read regularly, you'll probably see your grades go up in all subjects!

Here are some suggestions:

Books about boys, for boys, by boys:

Warpath Series - **Jim Eldridge**

Facts and adventures in a variety of gripping events



Boy Kills Man - **Matt Whyman**

A story of savage revenge

Fat Kid Rules the World - **KL Going**

Life in a struggling boy band

Piggies - **Nick Gifford**

Ben finds his village is filled with vampires...

Faking it - **Pete Johnson**

What to do if you can't find a real girlfriend

Crocodile River - **Geoffrey Malone**

Tom's visit to his Australian uncle has hidden dangers...

Mrs Carpenter

TSUNAMI DISASTER

On Tuesday 11th January, a collection was organised for the tsunami disaster. Eight members of Year 10 went around the school collecting as much as they could to help. Many people gave all their spare change and a few very generous people gave notes. No matter how much they gave they were helping in very many ways. In total we managed to raise £157.61. This money will help save thousands of lives. We want to say thank you to everyone who donated money and also to the Red Cross, who will make our money go to good use in rebuilding many lives. Also a big thank you to:

Charlotte Keen, Jasmin Duxberry, Louise Drake, Allie Winchcombe, Faye Angel, Lucy Rose and Us!!

Becky Sainsbury and Paula Forrester

STUDENTS TO GET "WELL FIT"

As the New Year starts and the days start to get longer and the nights shorter, we are encouraging students to get "well fit" as part of a health and fitness campaign. Students are being encouraged to get active and have received "well fit" magazines in tutor periods to start discussions on why it is important to exercise. Posters displayed in tutor bases in Years 7, 8 and 9 also encourage students to exercise by obviously taking part in a regular sports club but also by:

walking the dog regularly
washing the car

doing the housework
carrying the shopping

So all students should now be volunteering to help their parents in all or some of the above tasks! I am certain parents will be able to think of many more tasks around the house and garden to keep their sons and daughters fit and healthy.

Students will also be receiving an individual timetable of all sports clubs and activities, for them to keep. There is one on the back page for parents to stick on the fridge!

Please encourage students to get active both at school and at home and discuss its importance. Ask them every week about one club they regularly attend and how it works. Better still, get active with them! Tell students to go and see PE staff if there is something they fancy doing, which isn't currently available.

WATER

A reminder to all parents that we now encourage all students to drink water in lessons throughout the day. Please make sure all your sons and daughters come to school with a clear plastic bottle with a sports cap. They can fill it up at break time and lunchtime in any of the halls. Please make sure it's clearly named.

We all need to drink regularly, even when it's not hot!

SIXTH FORM INTER TUTOR GROUP HOCKEY

Wednesday 5th January saw the Sixth form participate in the first inter tutor group event of the year. On a very cold afternoon, the students performed exceptionally well and the event was well supported.

Results:	8th place - MLS	4th place - SXB
	7th place - SPL	3rd place - JML/MAW
	6th place - NAC	2nd place - EJH
	5th place - DOR	WINNERS - SJD

Mr Hammond

SCUBA DIVING

There are still a few spaces available on the Thursday 3rd February and Thursday 3rd March Scuba Diving Taster Sessions.

Cost - £14.00 only

If you are interested, pick up a letter from Reception.

PE Department

Puzzle a Week!

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

The easiest approach is that if he works no days, he will lose £180. For every day he works, he gains £15 on this, being the £9 payment plus the £6 which he doesn't forfeit. So he must have worked $180/15 = 12$ days.

PARENTS - REMINDER

A reminder that parents are required to send in notes when their children are absent from school for a trip to the dentist or to the doctors etc.

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