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A SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends,

On behalf of the staff at Devizes School I wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. The last two terms seemed to have flown by again this year. Since September we have achieved a great deal. The completion of the Sports College capital build has added an excellent suite of rooms to the school which will help the Sports College to continue its good work in state-of-the-art facilities. The visit by the Ofsted inspectors came as a surprise in September! With only two days warning it came and went very quickly, helping to keep stress levels down and allowed us to progress without breaking step. The final report was an extremely positive one that praised the progress and achievements of the school over the last few years and endorsed our ambitious plans for the future.

As is often the case at the end of term, we are sad to be saying goodbye to much loved members of staff. **Mrs Sutton** is leaving us to join John Bentley School, Calne as their new Guidance Leader for Post 16 education (Head of 6th Form). Mrs Sutton joined the teaching staff at Devizes School in 1992. Since then she has been Deputy Head of Year, Head of Year and more recently, after maternity leave and being part-time for a while, was promoted to be the Deputy Head of the Sixth Form in September 2003. We shall all miss Mrs Sutton's sharp sense of humour and fun as well as her hard work and dedication to her students. **Mrs Kerr** joined Devizes School as Head of Mathematics in January 2000. Since then she has lead a very successful subject team producing some of the best results in the school. Mrs Kerr is moving to Stonehenge School, Amesbury as an Assistant Headteacher, in charge of their Mathematics and ICT departments as they apply for Maths & ICT Specialist status. **Mrs Auty** has worked in the Modern Languages department for four years and two terms. Since joining the school she has been a real asset to the Modern Languages department, organising trips to the continent and energising her classes with her own, natural passion for languages and culture. Mrs Auty is leaving us to live in Spain with her husband. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all every success in their careers and lives in the future.

Immediately we return from the Christmas holiday Y11 and the sixth form will be entering a two week period of mock and A level modular examinations. These are very important exams and we wish them every success.

Mr Irons

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Dates for your diary....

DECEMBER

16th Last Day of Term 2

Christmas Holiday
19th December - 3rd January 2006

JANUARY

4th First Day of Term 3

11th Parent Group Meeting
7.00p.m.

18th Orchestra practice
7.30—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)

23rd Prospective Sixth Form
Parents' Evening

26th Year 8 Parents' Evening

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www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk



HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

LUNCHBOX TIPS

Tips for reducing salt, fat and sugar

- Always check food labels for the salt or sodium content. If sodium is listed and you want to convert this to salt, you multiply the sodium figure by 2.5.
- A product high in salt is one that has anything above 1.25g of salt per 100g or 0.5g of sodium per 100g. A product low in salt is one that has 0.25g or less of salt per 100g or 0.1g or less of sodium.
- Cut down on salty snacks, such as crisps and nuts and heavily salted foods such as ready meals, bacon, cheese and smoked fish.

DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP

QUIZ SHEET ---WINNERS!!

Congratulations to Mrs S. A. Dyer who scored 100% with her answers to the quiz sheet that was published in last week's newsletter. She wins a cash prize of £20. Look out for more quiz sheets in the new year. There will also be another quiz night next year. Check the newsletter for details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held at The Moonraker's on Tuesday 10th January and will start at 7 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend.

Valerie Wiltshire

HARD GATE SCHOOL - A SERIALISATION BY ALEX BROWN - 10CYS

"They've got the coppers in" said Owen.

"Oh great!" sighed George. "I'll just pretend I got smacked in the face and keep quiet – I'll say it's the tooth"

"It's alright for you! I can actually speak and Miss Harriot has told them that I saw it all!" Owen trembled with a fear and he could not stop his hands from shaking.

"Unlucky for you. What are you going to say?" asked George.

"I don't know. I don't want to get done for lying!" Owen replied.

"Better to get done for that than to get done for dobbing. I mean who are you more scared off, the coppers, or the Knuckles Gang?" quizzed George.

Simple question, easy answer thought Owen as he stared through the cloudy, scratched glass of the window in the dim corner of the room. His eyes fixed upon two police officers walking up the front path. One was a very chubby man, his hair was short and like ginger straw. His face was long and stick like, which gave it a more dynamic look when compared with the body. The other was a woman with short black hair and dark green eyes that did nothing to compliment her pasty complexion.

"Yep, the Knuckles Gang" he said under his breath.

Look out for next issue's instalment!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The annual Christmas card recycling scheme is up and running in Wiltshire and Swindon for the fifth consecutive year. The Woodland Trust, Tesco and WHSmith have teamed up once again and recycling bins will be appearing in WHSmith high street stores, Tesco Extra and Tesco Superstores from Monday 2nd January until Tuesday 31st January 2006. Please take all your cards down to your local store. The scheme is also supported by Recycle Now.



PARENT GROUP 100 CLUB

Terms 1 & 2 Prize Draw

The three winners were selected on Tuesday 13th December 2005

1 st Prize	£100	05065	Mrs M Waters
2 nd Prize	£40	05045	Mr & Mrs Nash
3 rd Prize	£20	05036	Joanna Carlin

Winners will receive prize cheques in the post.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Mrs V Wiltshire
The Devizes School Parent Group

REGIONAL FINAL OF THE LEGO LEAGUE COMPETITION



The '*Devizes Impossibles*' Lego League Competition team with their trophy:

Kyle Hall-Brown, Adam Izzard, Samuel Hewlett, William Hector, Christopher Lloyd, Jack Wicks, Jamie Wilson and Mr Ray.

Well Done the 'Devizes Impossibles'!

The Design and Technology department entered a Year 8 team for the first time in the regional final of the Lego League Competition on Friday 2nd December. The team was organised and run by Mr. Ray. All the students involved worked hard with Mr Ray for several weeks before the event preparing presentations and making a robot that could be programmed to carry out numerous set tasks. The students all enjoyed a day competing against other schools at Swindon Town Football Club and although they did not win the overall competition they were awarded a trophy for technical achievement. They worked very well as a team producing two of the best presentations during the day and despite having some problems with the robot managed to complete many of the tasks set. The department is planning to enter again next year. A new Systems and Control club will start after school on Thursdays early in the New Year for Year 7 and 8 boys and girls. This will involve designing and making devices such as robots primarily through the use of Lego and it is hoped to use this club to prepare for next year's competition. See Mr Ray for more details if you are interested.

Mr Woodman

YEAR 9 INTERTUTOR BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY

Basketball:

The 'A' Competition results:

- 6th place **SMG**
- 5th place **NBS**
- Joint 3rd **DCJ & SWH**

The final was between **KER** and **PDH**, with **KER** winning 6 points to 4.

The 'B' Competition results:

- 6th place **DCJ**
- 5th place **SWH**
- 4th place **KER**
- 3rd **PDH**

The final was between **NBS** and **SMG**, with **NBS** winning 10 points to 2.

All matches were played with good sportsmanship and within the spirit of the game.



Hockey results:

- 1st place **SMG**
- 2nd place **NBS**
- 3rd place **KER**
- 4th place **DCJ**
- 5th place **PDH**
- 6th place **SWH**



Thanks go to the following students who refereed/umpired the matches:

Basketball: **Matt Jones, Stefan Gospodinov, Faye Angell, Rachel Pearson, Laura Thomas, Sam Ottaway**

Hockey: **Kayleigh North, Katherine Griffiths, Frankie Price, Gemma Henry**

Puzzle a week!

Solution to last issues puzzle:

3	9	1	4	2	8	7	5	6
2	8	6	5	1	7	4	9	3
4	7	5	9	3	6	1	2	8
9	3	4	6	5	1	2	8	7
7	5	8	3	9	2	6	4	1
6	1	2	8	7	4	5	3	9
1	4	9	7	8	5	3	6	2
5	2	3	1	6	9	8	7	4
8	6	7	2	4	3	9	1	5

This weeks puzzle: Fill the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains all the letters 1 - 9.

8			4	3				
	7							
	3	6			5			
4			5		2	6	1	
		7				5		
	5	9	6		1			3
			2			9	8	
							7	
				9	8			4

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