



# JUNIOR SCHOOL BULLETIN

11 November '16

## A busy return

The half term started with a fascinating visit by Dr Cheryl Etches, who took an assembly on her career in the NHS. On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed their first taste of senior-school life during our Immersion Day. As you'd expect, the inaugural visit to the tuck shop caused quite a stir! The day, crammed full of activity and questions & answers, was followed up by a useful information evening for parents. Key points included scholarships and bursaries, and the fact that there is no entrance test into Year 7 for our Junior School children. A similar evening for Year 5 will be scheduled for later in the year. Our Wednesday treat was a visit from renowned author Robin Stevens. She spoke about her children's murder mystery novels, and then signed books, taking time to talk to each child individually. Thursday was a busy day, too, with the first skills rehearsal of our Year 3 & 4 production, Aladdin, followed by an Afternoon Tea Concert. It was so lovely to see such a range of performances, including some debut recitals from children throughout the school.



Keen readers meeting Robin Stevens



## Junior School News

Well done to our Under 8 and 9 Rugby teams who secured success once more against Tettenhall College with an 8 all draw and a 7-6 win. The Under 8 Hockey team also managed a 2 all draw against Birchfield earlier in the week. Wednesday saw our first ever Under 11 Rugby Festival, with over ten schools involved in the event. Our boys did themselves proud, including an impressive 2-1 win against Warwick School! Congratulations to Olivia Hobbs, who brought me a weighty medallion, for completing a Tough Guy challenge at the weekend. 3Cs certificates were awarded to Joseph Bishop and Ellie Norell for acts of impressive maturity and consideration. Kai Kwane was also awarded a 3Cs certificate for his wonderfully courteous attitude towards our visitors, earlier in the week.

## Parent Portal

Parents may have noticed that staff have been exploring the use of Firefly, and the odd homework in Years 4 to 6 has been set via the platform. In our aim to become as paperless as possible, optional holiday homework (where applicable) will also be set on the portal. One of the joys of this method is that parents can see what the children have been set in their own login area. Christmas end-of-term reports will be issued electronically via the Parent Portal, too. It is imperative, therefore, that parents have experimented with logging in to ensure that end-of-term reports can be accessed easily and successfully.

## Christmas Card Orders

Deadline for returning order forms to school is **Monday 14th November**



## Key Dates

15 November	U9 Rugby
18 November	Yr 3 Museum Trip
	X Country Fixture
21 November	Yr 6 Towers Meeting
23 November	U10 & U11 Fixtures

## Finally...

Soon it will be too dark to continue rugby practice after school. Please do keep this in mind when planning your child's after-school activity.

## Key Communications

- Year 3 Open Day
- Christmas Card Orders
- Squash Club
- Homework Club & Activities Registers

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