



VH TELEGRAPH incorporating the Bulletin

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Congratulations to the Kent College Choristers on their excellent second place in the Radio Three children's choir of the Year competition. Whilst all members of that group have now "graduated up" to Kent College most started their musical adventure with us here at Vernon Holme. As a non-musician I feel honoured that they have included me in this adventure at all stages and I was delighted to be invited to accompany them to Liverpool for the final of the competition. I think my role was really to give them a last minute confidence boost by letting most of them beat me at ten pin bowling the night before the final. I am delighted to report that I did carry out my role with great success, as did all the children the following afternoon. This tremendous musical success was the result of a great deal of hard work by all involved and will be an experience that will stay with the children involved for ever, although they might not realise it at this moment in time!

Success seems to be a binding factor in the life of our school and I sometimes feel that I am guilty of taking it for granted because I see children working hard in their lessons and in all their extra curricular challenges. We have this great musical success but I have also seen excellent lessons, wonderful violin play together, piano concerts and a recital evening in the last few weeks where the foundations for this success are being laid. Success is also very evident on the sports field and the East Kent Cross Country relays attracted over 300 children into school to take part and our runners performed admirably. Our U11 girls followed their achievement of winning the prestigious Sevenoaks cross country by running away from all opposition and emerging as champions. Our U11 boy's soccer team have dominated all the independent schools in East Kent and have now reached the final eight in the Primary Schools cup, which is again a great achievement.

With children achieving all this both inside and outside the classroom I feel we have a vibrant school. I recognise that we all owe a great deal to our teachers who are inspiring children on a daily basis but also I thank parents for the wonderful support you all give to our school. This is on a daily basis to show interest and re-inforce the teaching and learning that is taking place but also to put on wonderful school events. The "Pink Ball" was a very enjoyable occasion for all who were able to attend and the hard work of the organisers meant that over £12,000 was raised during the evening for the Macmillan Fund. Our fireworks flashed, crashed and on occasions sparkled banged and fizzed as well, in spite of the drizzle that failed to dampen our enthusiasm or enjoyment. Next week we have the official VH start to Christmas with the arrival of our Christmas trees and the Christmas Fayre, which also promises to be a very special event. We have a very special guest booked for the evening who is having a short break from toy making and reindeer feeding to visit us! The following Saturday we have the rare event of a Saturday without fixtures but I encourage all of you to go to Gillingham to watch Stockport County play in the FA Cup! My thanks to Mr Sweet for having the forethought to leave the day free of fixtures!

Christmas promises to be a very busy time for us all, so to help you plan your evenings we enclose a Christmas calendar that includes the school events planned for the end of term. We will try to make this a very special time for all children and thank you for the tremendous support that you give to the school. If there is any further information you require about any aspect of school, do not hesitate to contact the office.

NOTICES

Lost Property

Millie Friend and Susannah Reekie have both mislaid their school blazers.
Finlay Knights has also mislaid his school fleece.

Suzuki Violins

The next Suzuki Play Together is on Tuesday 25th November at 8.30 am in the Music Studio.
All parents, friends and relatives are very welcome

📅 **CHRISTMAS CALENDAR TO FOLLOW** 📅