

It's a long day you know!

Reception boys found out how much can be crammed into a school day as they moved from just mornings to staying the full school day as of Wednesday.

Of course the day is punctuated by some energy providing lunch – the lads seemed to take plenty on board.

Afternoons have been filled with abundant outdoor fun but it was no surprise that the unseasonal heat wave on Thursday prompted the odd little nap as well.

This was of course a precursor for their first Forest School trip this morning.



One thing for sure is that stamina will increase quickly and before they know it – a full day at THS will seem like second nature for our youngest pupils.



HOUSE CAPTAINS STAND UP!

Last week I asked one of the aforementioned reception boys which house he was in. At that stage he knew he was in the 'red house'; by this week he already knew that meant he was in Newton!

Such is the boys' affiliation with their house. As a school we encourage healthy competition and the house system provides a perfect mechanism for motivating pupils to give of their very best. House points can be awarded for just about anything. Obviously effort and attainment with academic tasks is the primary source – but sports, music, art – you name it, are all avenues for getting points to help your house. Boys will also be recognised for being helpful and well mannered – all being documented on Mr Peyton's clipboard as he publicises the house totals each week. The end game is of course a cup, the glory and lashings of ice cream – but the year is punctuated by those weekly announcement of points. These meetings give the House Captain and Vice-Captain a chance to rally the troops with impassioned speeches. Many a campaign has been won on the back of such leadership and as such the House Captain/Vice-Captain roles are much sought after. Their election is exclusively by pupils and this year's selected few are as follows:

Nelson

Captain: James Gleghorn

Vice Captain: Ed Slack

Shackleton

Captain: Toby Frilli

Vice Captain: Theo Trout

Newton

Captain: Adam Attia

Vice Captains: Max Antoniou and James Corben

Scott

Captain: Adam Mulford

Vice Captain: George Nathan



Forthcoming Events

Wed 18th	-	Senior choir begins	8:00am
		1st/2nd/3rd v The Hall (H)	2:30pm
Fri 20th	-	Open morning for prospective parents	9:15am
	-	U10 A/B/C v St Philips (A)	2:30pm
	-	U9 A/B/C v St Philips (A) Any help with transport would be greatly appreciated. Please let Mr Peyton or Mr Morris know if you can help - thank you.	2:30pm
Sat 21st	-	The Mall U13 5-a-side tournament	8:15am

Thank you to all the parents who attended Thursday morning's 2nd hand uniform sale. It proved to be the most successful sale ever with takings of £1,683! While the proceeds are very welcome for the future re-investment for the boys' benefit, an equally important fact is the environmental benefit from recycling old bits of uniform. You are welcome to drop off outgrown items at any time - please just leave them in the office or hand them to Tony. After 5 years of running the 2nd hand uniform operations, Rebecca Slack will be handing over the baton to Deirdre Gollogly over the course of the year.

Have a lovely weekend!



Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster

VACCINATIONS

Years R-Year 6 will have received, by ClarionCall, a flu vaccination information letter and consent form. Could we please ask that all forms are returned even if you do not wish your son to be vaccinated or indeed if he has already been vaccinated? The same also applies to Year 8 and their HPV vaccination consent forms.

All forms to be returned by Thursday 19th September 2019 latest. Thank you.