

November 2017

Dear Parents,

Further to the information sent via the portal on Friday, please find an updated request by Miss Gozzard - Music department.

**Photo/video capturing a moment in which you felt proud of your son.**

Please send a photo or even a video of your son captured in a moment when you felt very proud of him, which then may be used in a PowerPoint presentation during a whole school song in our Christmas concert on 29th November. The image could be of when he was doing something skilful or reaching a milestone, showing an act of kindness or stepping outside his comfort zone. Photos of receiving an award are also fine but not too many of these if possible. Although this is for a music concert, the subject matter of the photo is not music-specific in any way. It really doesn't matter what the image/video captures (original ideas are most welcome), only that it provokes a sense of pride in you when you see it. Action shots are always effective, particularly if the image is of a high quality. The PowerPoint will consist mainly of images but videos will also feature. All images and videos to please be sent to [gozzard\\_r@habsboys.org.uk](mailto:gozzard_r@habsboys.org.uk) by 10th November. Many thanks.

**Library Update**

We very much hope that the boys are enjoying their access to MyBookBlog. The library is certainly busier at lunch times! Please note (as per my message in the weekly newsletter) that when using MyBookBlog at home, the boys **must** use the following link: <https://mybookblog.org/plogin/haberdashers/> **Please do not try to access the service through a Google search.** We have a dedicated login page that enables the boys to easily access the service using their designated password.

Thank you

**Charity Update - Northern Uganda Primary School**

We haven't quite finalised the total amount received from the Sponsored Read, but I would like to share with you a lovely letter sent from Rose-Mary McIntyre who supports the work in northern Uganda.

**To: All Haberdashers',**

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we express our thanks for your support of our neighbouring Primary School, Lujor Awinyi. As you are aware from my previous communication, this school supports the poorest of the poor in our region.

As soon as we returned to northern Uganda, I called in to visit the Headmaster and take him news of your support. I found him busy with admin in between extra Maths classes he is taking because one of the staff members has had a stroke and no one can be found to replace this teacher. Amid this stress and pressure, he was greatly encouraged by the news of your kindness.

When I asked him what the pressing needs were, he said that the school needed help with buying end of year exam papers [the school year here ends in December] for the harvest has been bad and parents could not afford to pay the small amount needed to print these papers.

It is extremely important that the pupils take these exams, as they cannot move up to the next class until they have done these tests and the results are sent to local government. Your gift, therefore, was like rain on parched ground!

The other task that he asked for assistance with was repairs to the school premises. As indicated, they have not been able to mend doors, furniture or classroom equipment for many years now. I went up to the school again with Aldo, our Construction Foreman, last week and the Headmaster assembled all the classes in the playground. I then spoke to them all about your kindness and support, informing them that they would be able to take their tests and that we would be doing repair work on the site. They were very thankful for this news. Aldo then went around the school with the Headmaster to make an itinerary of the things that need mending and he is currently compiling an estimate for those repairs so that we can assess how much of the work we will be able to complete over the Christmas holidays.

We would also like to cook a meal for all the children at the end of term when their exams are finished. Many of the children at this school go without lunch and so it would be a wonderful to have this celebration together. We have not, as yet, taken any photos on either of these visits, as that did not feel appropriate. However, now that the children know of your support, we will ask if we can take photos at the celebration lunch and we will be able to take photos of the progress of the repairs as they advance.

Many thanks for joining hands with us in supporting these dear children who are in such deep need of encouragement.

In friendship,

Rose-Mary