



Election Day!

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Today was Election Day here at THS. Some members of Year 8, via video links, had the opportunity to implore, cajole and inspire their housemates to vote for them as House Captains. Such hotly contested hustings are stuff of legend and this year was no different.



Well done to all boys that stood and we eagerly await the results in Mr Evans' Monday assembly. The slight delay in announcements is caused by all voting slips needing to be quarantined for 48 hours before they can be verified and counted! Photos of the voting process on the following page.



LUNCHES

One topic has dominated my inbox more than any other this week - that being lunches!

I think it is worth mentioning that getting the school ready for a full reopening involved considering many aspects of school life - lunches were on the agenda fairly late in August - we were not going to get it completely right immediately. Primarily we considered that parents would appreciate not having to make a packed lunch for their sons every day - so we asked our caterers to provide a lunch that, hopefully, gave consistency but choice. We strongly believe that lunch provides an important social opportunity; an element of uniformity provides a communal atmosphere so unless a pupil has special dietary needs we have resisted calls for boys to be able to bring in their own lunch.

Our first week has highlighted some issues and we are adapting accordingly. Comments regarding crisps and sugar heavy cereal bars have been listened to and these will no longer form part of the packed lunches. There will always be a choice of three sandwiches / wraps (at least one of which will contain protein) or a vegetarian pasta pot. We have also committed to provide a daily portion of fruit and/or vegetables.

They say an 'army marches on its stomach' - we are certain the THS troops will be stepping in a healthy manner in future.





FOREST SCHOOL



On Friday morning Reception really enjoyed themselves at their first Forest School of the year. The weather was kind to us and each and every boy had a smile on their faces. We are sure they will tell you all about it over the weekend.





CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved over the holidays or if any of your contact details (mobile, email, nanny etc) have changed, could you please let Mrs Markwell in the school office know at secretary@thsboys.org.uk

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can we request that any unreturned library books from last year are brought back to school next week. Boys should check with their Head of Year for an appropriate time to return any books as a library rota is in place this year. Many thanks.

READING WALL

The reading wall weekly graph will be back up and running from next week once more boys have had a chance to finish a book. In the meantime here is the first **'Review of the Week'** for inspiration.

One Dog and His Boy by Eva Ibbotson.

One Dog and His Boy by Eva Ibbotson is an adventure book about a boy called Hal and a dog called Fleck. All Hal ever wanted was a dog but when his parents tricked him with a rental dog which Hal thought was for life, Hal has to find the dog and find a way to stay together. Hal is a well behaved boy until he decides to risk everything to be with his dog. My favourite part was when Hal first met the dog because the description of his feelings was really powerful. If you are a dog lover this book is for you.

By James Earl in Year 6

WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

Government guidance/ law has presented us with many challenges as a school and holding a used uniform sale on-site apparently falls foul of some of that guidance.

Not deterred, the FOTH team sprang into action, mobilised the clothes racks and held a very successful sale elsewhere.

The newest location for a THS event was Mr and Mrs Hampshire's front drive - with special thanks going to Heidi Hampshire and Simone George for being chief sales(wo)men!





Year 4 are definitely a class of budding artists! Here are some drawings of dragons they have done this week as part of their 'mythical creatures' topic this term.

Clockwise - Ed Cowley, Rohan Bandal, Rafi Berry, Ethan Diwan and Daniel Earl.

Well done boys!



Have a lovely weekend!



Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster