

March 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New Extension and Playground

The first paragraph of my March 2006 Newsletter began: “I am pleased to be able to let you know that the Governors of the School have decided to go ahead with the proposed full building project this year, commencing next month.” Here we are, two years later, finally completing the project with works being carried out on the new garden area, the construction of a bicycle shed, the complete resurfacing of the playground and a new wall and wooden gates bordering Warboys Approach; all these tasks should be finished by the end of March. Consequently, we are at long last able to say when the founder of the School, Mr John Wyatt, will be able to officially open the new extension and this is going to be combined with the School’s 25th Anniversary. Please find enclosed our invitation to this special event and which I sincerely hope you will be able to attend. ***We are not inviting children on this occasion but our present pupils will be celebrating at a special event organised for them sometime during the Summer Term.***

New Pupils

Rather belatedly we extend a warm welcome to our three new pupils this term – **Chris Everest** has joined Year 10 and in Year 7, **Dylan Morris** has come all the way from South Africa and **Mazigh Hemici** from Willington Prep School in Wimbledon.

School Visits

Often I comment upon the busy life we all lead here at Canbury and this term has been no exception. Apart from the multitude of sporting activities which Mr Orchard (Head of Sport) writes about in his Sports Report, other trips have also taken place. Pupils have been to the **Natural History Museum, Kew Gardens, the Imperial War Museum, Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club, Belgium to visit the World War 1 Battlefields, the Old Operating Theatre, the Thames Barrier and Spitalfields.**

Events for the Remainder of the Term

As I write, there is still a lot to happen this term: **the GCSE Art Exam, the Canbury Soccer Tournaments and the Swimming Gala at the Kingfisher.** Reports on these will appear in my next Newsletter at the start of the Summer Term.

Year 10 Work Experience

This took place during the week prior to the half term holiday in such places as **The London Stock Exchange, Marks and Spencer, a fashion magazine, Warner Brothers, music publishers, Pizza Hut, a Doctor’s surgery, a music shop, a Housing Association and a garage.**

Assemblies

As well as Tutor Groups and members of staff presenting assemblies, we have welcomed two outside speakers this term who gave presentations on **“Transport for London”** and **“Chinese Culture and Language”**. Both were very well received, particularly the latter and we shall be organising for that Speaker to come back next term to talk about the **Olympic Games** before they begin in Beijing this Summer.

Pupils Achievements Outside of School

It is always interesting to know of achievements of our pupils outside school and I mention just a few here: **James Evans** in Year 8 (and his Father) came equal first in the Festival Shield for Family Music at the Kingston Festival; James also played Chicago Sunset on his trombone and succeeded in winning his section. He is also a keen tennis player having achieved notable success at Tennis England last year and a keen runner taking part in the Kingston Mini Marathon trials recently. **Thomas Urry**, also in Year 8, qualified for his 1 mile swimming badge when he swam 68 lengths of Teddington Swimming Pool. He was also invited to train with the feeder group for the **National Cerebral Palsy Swimming Team**. **William Bor**, of Year 9, was recently invited to train with top French team, FC Sochaux, at their academy. Apparently, he did not look at all out of place with their academy boys, performing especially well in the skills department and scoring a great goal in a practice game. He is likely to be invited back at a later stage for perhaps a week or two for training with their elite players.

Congratulations to all three of these boys on their outstanding achievements. I look forward to hearing news of other pupils' talents for inclusion in my next Newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday	15th	April	10 00 am Start of Summer Term
Friday	25th	April	Opening of New Extension and 25th Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday	14th	May	School Photograph Parents' Evening Years 9 and 10
Friday	16th	May	Visit to Thorpe Park – Pupils Celebration for 25th Anniversary
Tuesday	20th	May	Sports Day
Thursday	22nd	May	Visit to Museum of London Years 7 and 8 Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Year 11 Leavers' Evening
Friday	23rd	May	Sponsored Walk 3 35 pm Half Term Begins
Monday	2nd	June	8 10 am Half Term Ends
Thursday	5th	June	Geography Field Trip Year 10
Friday	6th	June	ISA Athletics Meeting
Sunday	8th	June	Visit to Spain Years 9 and 10
Friday	13th	June	Return from Spain Years 9 and 10
Thursday	19th	June	End of Year Exams Begin Years 7-10
Tuesday	24th	June	End of Year Exams Finish Years 7-10
Friday	27th	June	Canoeing and Camping Trip
Tuesday	1st	July	Visit to the Tutankhamun Exhibition Return from Canoeing and Camping Trip
Wednesday	2nd	July	Inter-House Ten Pin Bowling and Picnic in the Park
Thursday	3rd	July	Adventure Quest Course at Croydon
Friday	4th	July	Final Assembly and Prize Giving 12 00 Noon Term Ends

I have received a request from local residents to ask you for your continued considerate attitude to parking and noise levels when you deliver and collect your children. Occasionally, an irate neighbour telephones to complain about a car blocking a driveway or that people have parked, ignoring the yellow lines in Warboys Approach

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All that remains for me to write is to thank you for your continued support of the School and to wish you and your families a most enjoyable Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Robin F Metters

**PS Remember, Remember, Mufti Day is on the last day of this term -
Thursday, 20th March.**

All proceeds going to our charity "Born Too Soon"