



Newsletter 23 – 9th March 2018

Dear Parents,

Another busy week in school, with lots of proud moments!

Sister Kathryn Keigher, former English teacher at the Grammar School, visited on Monday afternoon and sat in on the Prep 7 rehearsal for *The Winter's Tale*. After her visit she sent us a note

“Dear Mrs Roberts

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed being present at the rehearsal for “The Winter’s Tale” on Monday. I was allowed to enjoy reading the Project work which Prep 7 had done and I was amazed at the variety of ideas and creativity displayed so beautifully. I particularly enjoyed the unique poems which the girls had written.

After this I turned my attention to the play itself and I watched Prep 7 bring it to life in a way that remained true to the text but presented it in a way which the girls clearly understood. I learnt a lot about the play that I did not know before yesterday.

Thank you Prep 7!!”

On Wednesday there were external music exams in school and the girls were asked to be quiet – you could have heard a pin drop! The silence was rudely interrupted by an unplanned fire alarm which had been activated by the smoke alarms. The girls made their way out of school without any fuss and panic in complete silence and waited sensibly until we had located the problem before they could return to the building. Their behaviour leaves me with total confidence that if there ever were a fire in the school they would be safe and know exactly what to do – well done girls!

Last night, it was a privilege to attend the First Forgiveness at St Vincent’s Church as Daisy, Erin, Isla, Sadie, Elisa, Maria, Faye, Lottie, Ngano, Ella, Chaeyi, Kitty, Liyana, Julia, Chae Min, Maeve and Sophia made this very important step on their faith journey. Once again, the Prep 7 girls set the tone of the evening – their singing was magnificent.

Next week we have the Altrincham festival – I am sure the girls will make us proud!

Have a lovely weekend.

Dates for the Week Ahead –

Saturday 10 th March		Open Day
Monday 12 th March	12.45pm-1.15pm 3.30pm-4.30pm 3.30pm-4.30pm 4.00pm-5.00pm	String Group in the Hall Football Club (8) French Club (8) Prep 6 After School Study Session
Tuesday 13 th March	12.00pm-1.00pm 12.50pm-1.05pm 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Tennis Preps 4 & 5 Netball Preps 6 & 7 Judo in the Hall (3)

Wednesday 14 th March	3.30pm-4.30pm 3.30pm-4.30pm 3.45pm-4.30pm	Altrincham Music Festival for Preps 4,5,6 & 7 Infant Art Club (9) Chess Club (9) Netball Preps 6 & 7
Thursday 15 th March	3.30pm-4.30pm 3.45pm-4.45pm 6.30pm	Altrincham Music Festival for Preps 6 & 7, orchestra, string group and recorder group Zumbatomic (8) Junior Art Club (8) Altrincham Music Festival Celebration Concert
Friday 16 th March	7.50am-8.30am 3.45pm-4.45pm	Gymnastics Club Preps 1,2,3 & 4 Street Dance (8)

A Winter's Tale Performance

The Prep 7 girls will be performing A Winter's Tale on Wednesday 21st March in the evening. Please look out for a letter for Prep 7 parents regarding tickets next week.



Internet Use

It has been brought to my attention that some of the girls are using sites such as music.ly to post videos of themselves and their friends. Please be aware that these sites should not be used by anyone under 13. If they are posting videos of themselves please make sure they have used the protected setting so they cannot be seen by strangers surfing the web. They should not post videos of others without permission to do so.

We do talk to the girls about using the internet safely and would appreciate your support with this matter.



Car Park

It has also been brought to my attention that people have been entering and exiting the car park in an inappropriate manner that could compromise the safety of our girls. Please drive carefully!



Ok Mum

After the Easter holidays our after school provision will cease and after school care will be provided by OK Mum. Enrolment and booking forms will be sent out next week. Our current arrangements for before school care will continue until September 2018.



Sir Graham Brady

Thank you to the parents who arranged for Sir Graham Brady to come in to school last Friday. He explained very clearly that current Government legislation prevents the Grammar School from naming us on their Admissions Policy. He will lobby Parliament for a change to this legislation.

The Governing Body have looked closely at both the Admissions Policy for Loreto Grammar School and St Ambrose College.

The St Ambrose policy is based on home postcodes. Whilst this would be positive for those who live within the postcodes, we have a number of girls living outside these postcodes. If this policy was in place, our girls living outside the postcode would go behind baptised Catholic girls who live within the postcode but do not attend Catholic schools and this would mean less places for our girls.

With this in mind, we sent a letter in December to the Governors at Loreto Grammar School requesting a change to category 4 that would put our girls above girls who do not attend a Catholic School.

The Governors at the Grammar School have acknowledged receipt of this letter and it has been brought up at their Governor meeting. I have spoken with Mrs Beever and they are consulting their legal department to see if this can be done within the current Government legislation.