



Carol Service at The Priory



The Carol Service continues to improve as an occasion and in particular, this year, the choirs were magnificent. The Chaplain and the readers who also all read beautifully, helped to deliver a wonderful end to the term. Thanks to the Rector of the Priory, Revd. Kneen, who also gave the blessing, for all his assistance. Mr Edwards played the organ and Mr Charles came back to lead the Lucton Band of Ringers to ring the bells at the start of the service.

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Prep School News

And so we reach the end of a term, a calendar year and yet only a third of a school year! We started our end of term traditions a week ago with an excellent Nativity in the afternoon from the Pre Prep and Transition Class. A different take on the most well known story of the year; this time we took a trip with the Three Wise Men to stand under a bright star and wonder at the birth of Jesus. Monday saw an excited gaggle of children board two coaches to see Sleeping Beauty at the Courtyard. It was a great performance and our front-row seats meant that we were right in the thick of it! So much so that the children got squirted with water from Ferris Wheel (you had to be there!) and Mr Warren became part of the act when



Dame Catherine Wheel asked to marry him! (You really had to be there!). Back to school for soup and a roll before starting the disco. I didn't know that so many of the children knew so many dances! Led by Ella Finlay and Miss Jay, we all danced the macarana and then Alisha Worthy introduced us to the rest of the dance for Y.M.C.A. Half-way through we made our way to the dining hall for our party food. We were all very tired by the end and there were a lot of happy smiling faces.

On Tuesday, the Prep Choir set off for the rehearsal leaving the Pre Prep and the remainder back at base. They certainly sounded lovely in rehearsal so I am looking forward to the big day. Another Lucton Tradition of Christmas Lunch served by the teachers, was introduced to me. A great idea and the children obviously enjoyed it. We finished lunch with a rendition of Merry Christmas and a cheer to the kitchen staff for their excellent food.



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That just leaves today and a 'normal' day? The children are busy tidying their desks and drawers making sure that they take everything home. Work is interspersed with fun activities and there is a great air of excitement with the children.

Tomorrow will mean that I will have been at Lucton for a whole year! It has been a great first year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues, you, the parents and all of the children for helping me to settle in and allow me the opportunity to really enjoy being part of Lucton School.

This just leaves me the job of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy

New Year, from the Prep School!



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Goodbye to the Gap Tutors


It is that time of year again, when we have to say goodbye to four individuals who have made themselves indispensable in the smooth running of the school.

Many thanks to Alastair, Annabelle, Johann and Nicole for all they have done for us throughout the year.



Leominster fencing club has reformed and runs on a Monday night in Hereford at the academy. All are welcome to join – any ability – for more information call Mr Ellis 01568611621.

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Boarding News

What a week! Croft House residents have been extremely busy. Firstly, the Sixth Form had a lovely cheese and wine evening sampling the delights of Welsh Cheddar as well as other flavoursome cheeses washed down with some seasonal mulled wine. Then the weekend saw boarders going shopping to Shrewsbury with a cinema trip for our younger pupils. The film was 'Arthur Christmas' and all the boarders would definitely recommend it as perfect festive viewing. Saturday was a cold day but lovely and bright, so perfect conditions for

popping in and out of the shops.

Sunday was the usual film and swim as well as eating copious amounts of food at mealtimes. On Wednesday, we all enjoyed a fabulous Christmas dinner and dance with everyone looking great in their formal wear. We were happily entertained by Mr Bamboozle, the magician who wowed us with his tricks and the older boarders enjoyed the disco which followed. The term ended with the usual Carol Service in the Priory which really got us in the Christmas spirit. We would like to wish all our boarders a very happy holiday and a safe return on January 3rd 2012.

Boarders' Supper

On Wednesday evening, the highlight of the boarders' social calendar took place. It was a truly multi-faceted event: a fantastic meal, an Awards Ceremony, saying goodbye to the Gaps and a disco. Quite an evening!



Friends' 'A Bit of a Do'

Last Saturday evening we had 'A Bit of a Do'. We sold 76 tickets which was a brilliant result, and from the feedback we are getting everyone had a great time.

I have not yet been able to finalise the accounts but we will have raised about a £1000 for Friends.

I would just like to put on record my thanks to Jooles Collins, Becky Howl, Emma Cunningham, Zoe Ferriday and Clare Bicker-Caarten who helped me get this event together. In addition, others helped set up and clear up over the weekend. Without them, it would not have happened and it shows what great team spirit we can create amongst

the Friends.

Huge thanks to Jean Simmonds for masterminding the event!





Sports Report

Our rugby teams really finished the term in great style, with some superb results. In the last

two weeks, we beat Moor Park at U11, Hereford Cathedral School at U17 and as you can see from the report below, an excellent result at U16, against Malvern College.

U16 RUGBY v Malvern College

Malvern College – 0, Lucton School – 22. The under 16s finished the term off with a fully deserved victory over Malvern College by 22 points to nil. This was a resounding win created by the forwards. They set the platform for the backs to advance. The half time score was only 5 – 0, thanks to the first of John Kelly's 2 scores but this did not reflect the territorial advantage or the stream of possession that was being won. Malvern had some moments to score but resolute defending by, amongst others Connor McLauchlan and Rasul Kireev kept them out. It was felt that slow ball was not helping us; even though our pack were on top we needed to up the tempo and employ more picking and driving. Also we needed to vary our game by including some cross kicks and grubbers into our attacking arsenal. In the second half it was done.

Alex Vaughan capped an excellent

performance with a driving try and Hayden Perks also scored from close range. Liam O Neill put his hamstrings to the back of his mind and had one of his finest games in a Lucton shirt. This team has made such good progress this season and this was the sort of victory that their efforts throughout the term have deserved. The Malvern staff were very magnanimous after the game and rightly so. What this team now needs to do is improve on the little things, such as reading notice boards, leaving on time, looking smart and being organised on the pitch. Sir Clive Woodward famously asked his 2003 world cup squad to not concentrate on making one thing 100% better; but making 100 things 1% better. If we could do this our star would continue to be in the ascendant.

GIRLS HOUSE NETBALL

All house matches were played with excellent sportsmanship and a sense of fair play. In the Prep School tournament we only managed 5-a-side but the enthusiasm of all the players made up for the lack of numbers. The games were exciting and close in the scores. Well played girls! It was particularly lovely to see the happiness of all the players and our European visitors joined in with fervour. A great end to a busy and enjoyable term! Well done to Drake house who managed a convincing hat trick! Prep: 1st Drake, 2nd Nelson, 3rd Collingwood, 4th Rodney. Middle: 1st Drake, 2nd Collingwood, 3rd Rodney, 4th Nelson. Senior: 1st Drake, 2nd Nelson, 3rd Collingwood, 4th Rodney.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



WINE TASTING EVENING

The Friends, in association with Tanners Wine Merchants. Hosted by a wine expert in the Memorial Hall at Lucton School.

Friday 20th January 2012

Glass of champagne on arrival. Cheese and chutney to accompany the wine. 10% of orders on the night go to the Friends. Tickets on sale in the new year.