

January 2011

Dear Parent,

Saturday mornings for Year 3-6

As you will remember, we trialled Saturday morning activities for the first time last term, so that our Junior Boarders would have a constructive programme to follow but also so that any Year 3-6 day children could join in. The activities (despite a few inevitable teething problems) worked well and we are continuing this term.

The following activities will be available this term and details about how to sign up for them are given in each section. You will note that some activities have a supplementary charge. This is because there are external coaches coming in especially to run sessions. However, for any boarders there are activities to do each week that will not involve any extra cost. Please complete the attached chart and return it to the office.

Priority will be given to boarders when bookings are made. May I suggest that you link in your bookings with any planned Friday night temporary boarding sessions and also with any Saturday afternoon activities, such as matches, Year 6 camp, Sponsored Walk and a special Saturday morning Rwanda Assembly.

For day children, it is perfectly acceptable to attend as many or as few activities as required. However, please do not leave your day child with huge gaps between activities as they get bored and we do not have staff available for general supervision. If they have a gap between sessions then children should be based in the Rec Room unless they have permission to be elsewhere. It is essential that they sign in (and out if they are going before 12.20) so we have a record in case of a fire or emergency.

Boarders will be given clear guidance each week about what they are doing! There will also be opportunities for the junior boarders to catch up with music practice. Indeed, any day child staying for the morning who needs to do some practice can be booked in.

With best wishes,

Geoffrey Whitehead

A.G. Whitehead
Deputy Head

ACTIVITIES

VERBAL/NON-VERBAL REASONING TECHNIQUES

Mrs. Redstone will be offering a weekly session on techniques required for those children who are considering schools which have reasoning tests as part of their entry requirement e.g. Cranbrook, Tonbridge, Eton, Harrow, Sevenoaks etc. This will be in addition to verbal reasoning training which will take place in English lessons. If you are uncertain about whether your child is in need of this extra assistance then please contact Mrs. Redstone directly. It is perfectly acceptable for children doing this session to move on to touch typing for 35 minutes, if you would also like to take advantage of this activity.

EAL/TOUCH TYPING

Mrs. Sue Glossop (a trained EAL teacher) will be available to work with any of our overseas boarders during this time. She will also supervise touch typing for any child. There is no charge for these sessions and they can be taken up at any time through the term, providing two days notice has been given and there is space available. (for times see the plan)

TENNIS COACHING

Ms D. Viljoen will be offering tennis coaching in two sessions. The lessons last for one hour and run for four weeks. Each set of four lessons will cost £24. It is perfectly possible to book for two sets of lessons, if you wish your child to receive eight lessons and therefore to have coaching throughout the whole term. The cost for this would be £48.

ART

Mrs. S. Monckton will be providing an art session each week. There is no charge for these sessions, providing two days notice has been given and there is space available. (for times see the plan). In order to develop projects and for the children to undertake more involved pieces of work then it would be advisable to book in for several sessions.

CARPENTRY

Mr. Dorman will be providing a carpentry session each week. There is no charge for these sessions, providing two days notice has been given and there is space available. (for times see the plan). Again, in order to develop projects and for the children to undertake more involved pieces of work then it would be advisable to book in for several sessions.

SWIMMING

Mrs Follett will be taking two swimming sessions each week. Swimmers of all abilities are welcome.

Music Club –‘The Enchanted Lark’.

Mrs Nancy Cooley (who teaches piano at Battle Abbey) will be offering a music club for Years 3 and 4. However, if you have a Year 5 or 6 child who may be interested, please do not be deterred! Mrs Cooley will advise you on suitability. ***Please see her information sheet which follows on at the end of these notes.***

Additional information.

Safety.

With all these options running at different times, it is essential that we know who is on the premises in case of fire or emergency.

Dress.

Year 3-6 children will be able to wear home clothes for these activities. They should be smart, casual and practical. The children still represent the school and must look respectable and tidy at all times.

Arrival time.

Please ensure that your day child arrives in plenty of time to start their activity promptly. If you are dropping a Year 7 or 8 child and wish to leave a Year 3-6 sibling for the first activity, then they should sign in and go to assembly at 8.20 a.m. and then they will be supervised until the start of the first activity. There will not, however, be any supervision between other activities and therefore if you are planning, for example, to take up the first and last activity, you must also select one in the middle!

THE ENCHANTED LARK COMES TO VINEHALL

SATURDAY MUSIC CLUB FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

Music - making on Saturdays starts here!

A lively, creative music-group is beginning in January this coming year at Vinehall, and your child is warmly welcome to join in.

I've always thought that children can be as imaginative with their music as they are with their painting and drawing. These sessions tap into that innate creativity and curiosity.

singing * stories * listening * movement * instruments

We will be:

Singing and creating sounds, using movement

Playing some beautiful musical instruments

Improvising, having musical conversations

Playing sound-games, setting stories to music

Listening and tuning in to music

Creating our own accompaniments to songs



COURSE DATES

January 15th, 22nd, Feb 5th and 12th Cost: £30 for 4

March 5th, 12th and 26th Cost: £23 for 3

This music-group is run as a series of one hour workshops, progressing as we go along.

PLEASE VISIT MY WEBSITE FOR MUCH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT I DO, AND TO SEE MY CV AND TESTIMONIALS. YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PHONE OR EMAIL ME

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