



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this week's edition of The Lamb which reflects the many activities taking place throughout the School. We have listened to an entertaining week of assemblies about the Six Nations - in particular Mr Kruger encouraged us to think about the spirit ('Gees' in Afrikaans) we can bring to our lives in our Centenary Year through working together.

The School and Eco Councils have met to decide on their next steps whilst the first House meetings of the term took place this morning.

I have been able to congratulate boys on their success in both Music and Art whilst The Lambs have been celebrating Chinese New Year.

Year 6 invited their parents and teachers to see their Design and Technology projects, Year 3 have been learning about the effects of deforestation and the Robins and Squirrels had a talk on healthy living from Mrs Shah.

In sport, in some challenging conditions, the hockey season is in full swing with matches against UCS and John Lyon and the U9 boys played rugby against Wetherby Prep.

I look forward to meeting with the Year 7 parents at their Parents' Evenings next week.

S. Robins

First School Council of 2020



Our St John's School Council is made up of pupils from the Pre-Prep (Year 2), Junior and Senior Schools. We meet every half-term and discuss important topics affecting the school community. In this week's School Council meeting we discussed the Big Games (Chess, Draughts, Connect four, Dominoes) initiative on the playground, we talked about the up and coming Internet Safety Day, the new Sports Hall and equipment, new proposals for House events, pupil questions and the Reward and Conduct Survey. After the February half-term break the new group will convene to take us through to the end of this academic year.





House meetings take on a musical feel



In the first House meetings of 2020 this morning the theme was very musical as boys began their rehearsals for the famous House Song to be performed on 31st March. This year all boys in Years 3 to 8 are learning ‘Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious’ from the Mary Poppins film. Don’t be surprised if boys come home humming the tune this evening!





Centenary Events

With our School Centenary now in full swing we report on the series of special events being organised to celebrate 100 years of St John's. At the start of term boys were given badges and a commemorative book. Mr Robinson took the opportunity to read extracts in assembly to help boys discover more about how and why the School was founded. But that is not the end of the story. Keep reading The Lamb to follow developments as they take place. Meanwhile here are some dates for your diary.

Centenary Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel Church, Northwood on Friday 14th February at 11.00am.

This service of thanksgiving, singing of the School Song, readings and prayers is for all boys in Years 2-8, staff, invited guests and parents. The service will finish at 12.00pm when our half term holiday will commence.

Centenary Dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall on Thursday 26th March from 6.30pm. This black-tie event in the City of London is primarily for Old Boys but is also open to parents of boys in Years 6-8. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained by visiting www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary.

The Centenary Ball at St John's on Saturday 27th June. Organised by the St John's Association, this is event

is for all current and past parents and staff.

Interest is already intense so make sure to buy your tickets early - full details coming soon.

Old Boys' Day at St John's on Sunday 28th

June. A special day for all Old Boys to visit and celebrate our Centenary.

Centenary Charity Day & Pageant on Monday 29th June. This is an all-day event for pupils, staff and parents (in the afternoon). Join in the celebration of ten decades of St John's.





How healthy are your teeth?



Reception have been learning about how to keep healthy. This week we have talked about looking after our teeth. Mrs Shah came in to tell the boys about how to brush their teeth properly. She showed them pictures about what they might see at the dentists and told them a story about a little boy visiting the dentist. She finished off with a video and gave all the boys a face mask and a sticker.





Chinese New Year in the Lambs



The Lambs have celebrated Chinese New Year. Jake gave out lucky envelopes with chocolate coins in. They have enjoyed eating in the Chinese restaurant, making dragon masks, tasting noodles and dancing in the forest with the dragon and drums to ward off the evil beast.





Junior Buddies enjoy Sunshine and Drainpipes!



The Year 3 and 4 boys got together with their Buddies this week and played energetic games of Sunshine and Drainpipes, which is an interesting take on snakes and ladders. There was fierce competition, plenty of laughter and lots of happy chatting.

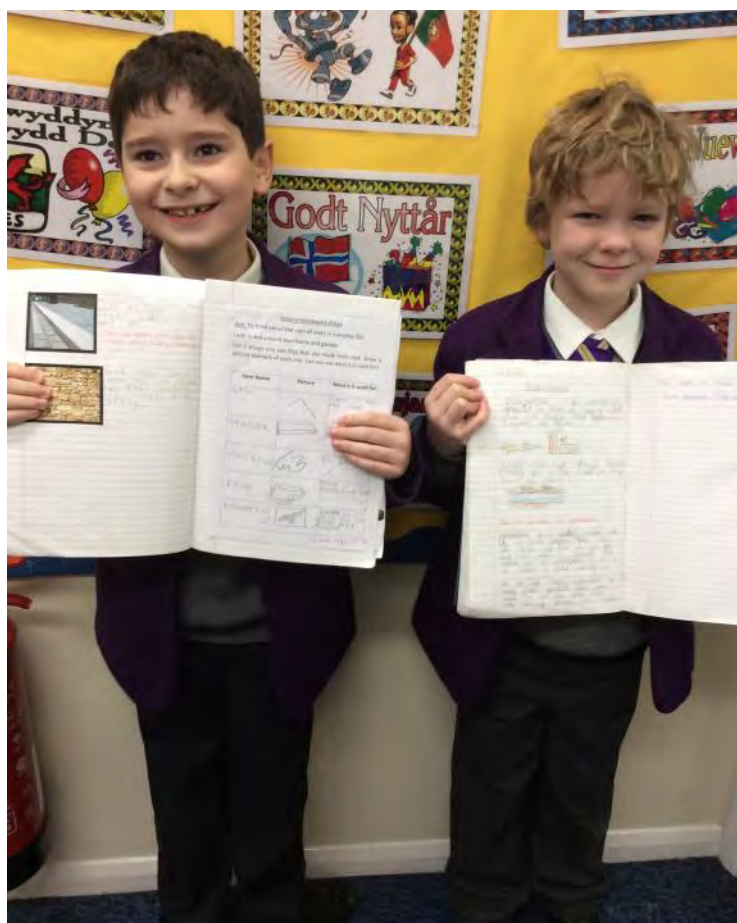
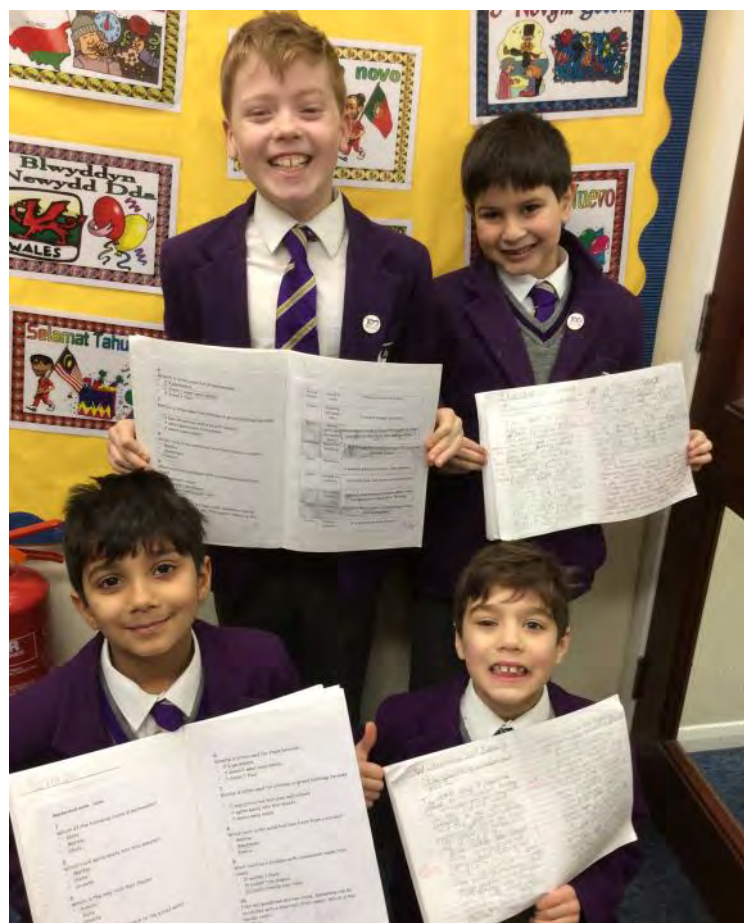




Saving our forests and good work in Year 3



Year 3 have been learning about the effects of deforestation in their Geography lessons. Their current topic is the Rainforest and each class feel that deforestation is an important issue. They have researched facts and looked at what can be done to help. The classes have created beautiful displays which capture the hard work that has gone into each poster. In assembly on Tuesday boys were very proud to show off the good work they had done over the course of the previous week. Don't they look pleased with themselves!





U11 hockey v UCS Friday 24th January

U11 A v UCS Drew 5-5

Scorers: Sahib B 2, Thomas 1,
Sahib S 1, Oliver 1

Outstanding performances: Sahib B
and Daniel

The game was exciting to watch with both teams competing hard for the ball and creating opportunities at either end. Sahib B epitomised motivation and spirit and proved ruthless in front of goal, scoring twice in quick succession. Special mention must also go to Daniel, who worked back and tackled relentlessly to his great credit. It was disappointing not to win and as a team we need to strengthen our defensive work, but the draw was a fair result and it was pleasing to see our boys get plenty of shots in on target. Well done to all of the team.



U11 B v UCS Won 10-0

Scorers: Lucas 3, Ansh 2, Joshua 1,
Zac 2, Zian 2

Outstanding performances: The
whole team

This was a great game played by the Under 11 B team against UCS. There was some fine individual and team play throughout the game. The attacking opportunities were plentiful and these were created by fantastic passing, moving and great stick control. There were some exceptional goals in both the first and second halves. The defence stood strong throughout and there were some powerful clearances along with some great tackles. The whole squad performed magnificently. Well done. Congratulations to all the boys involved.





U10 hockey v UCS Friday 24th January

U10 A v UCS Won 8-1

Scorers: Oliver W 2, Nishant 2, Emerson 2, Mithil 1, Rafi 1

Outstanding performances: Rehaan, Oliver, Nishant, Emerson

Pleasing and promising to see this team play for the first time. They started really well and managed to secure some early goals which was evidently good for confidence. Similar to football they were asked not to dribble into defenders unnecessarily and to pass well before tackles. There were clear signs of this in mini phases. Occasionally they would switch back to too many '1v1' challenges and conceding unnecessary possession but I know with time this will improve. A very able side and one to watch! Keep enjoying your hockey!



U10 B v UCS Won 13-0

Scorers: Ahaan 1, Rahul 3, Kian P 2, Krish 2, Alistair 1, Adam 1, Satyen 2, Daniel 1

Outstanding performances: Krish and Alistair

We started the game very slowly, trying to force passes down the middle of the pitch and just finding the opposition's defence with little room to work with. After we settled into the game, our passes found our own players and allowed us to play a great wide game. We limited the opposition to only visit our half once during the entire game which gave Archie the opportunity to make 3 great saves and eventually a clean sheet. Our shooting was very accurate, hitting the ball with purpose once we found the space to shoot. Each player was in peak performance and carried out the game plan with intent to end in a dominating win.





U12 hockey v John Lyon Monday 27th January

U12 A v John Lyon Lost 6-5

Scorers: Ethan 3, Arian 2

Outstanding performances: The whole team

This was a game played in extremely wet and cold conditions against a strong John Lyon team. The St John's team were competitive in all aspects of the game and this was a close encounter throughout the match. The boys did well in attack and worked some effective passes wide and finished with some well taken goals. The defence stood strong against a determined and competitive attacking John Lyon team. In the tackle area the St John's team had to stay strong and assertive against a physical John Lyon team. This was an end to end game played in very difficult conditions, so all credit to both teams. The result could have gone either way, but John Lyon managed to clinch it by one goal. Congratulations to all the boys involved.



U12 B v John Lyon Lost 4-1

Scorers: Vishwadrik

Outstanding performances: Hillesh and Vishwadrik

On a very wet day we played against a skilful John Lyon side who had a number of very useful players who could dribble and pass quickly. However, our general shape in attack and defence had improved greatly from the last match. We had a few chances to score but just could not quite convert these opportunities. Hillesh in goal made a number of outstanding saves but in the end John Lyon managed to get the ball past him. On a number of occasions we just need to move the ball a little quicker and wider to put more pressure on the opposition. Overall this was a good effort against a stronger team and Vishwadrik scored a good goal when he beat the keeper in the 7 second shuffle.





U9 rugby v Wetherby Prep Tuesday 28th January

U9 A v Wetherby Prep

Outstanding performances: The whole team

A closely contested and physical game. St John's actually had the stronger start in the first few minutes but were not quite able to capitalise. Wetherby eagerly responded with their own attack. Strong defence and many handling errors from both sides interrupted flow and momentum for both sides. The second half saw slightly less handling errors from St John's where Wetherby was handling more accurately. This in the end resulted in the key difference between the two sides. Really good for this squad to play against a more physical side. Going forwards we must respect positional channels. Building and capitalising on attacking momentum to the wider channels key for development going forwards. Too much attacking play in the middle of the pitch meant attacking 'walls' and not 'doors'. I know the boys are looking forward to the next fixture against Caldicott.

U9 B v Wetherby Prep

Scorers: Ahaan 1, Rahul 3, Kian P 2, Krish 2, Alistair 1, Adam 1, Satyen 2, Daniel 1

Outstanding performances:

U9 C v Wetherby Prep

Scorers: Vivek 1, Thomas 1, Khyan 2, Ananda 1, Ebi 2, Anay 1

Outstanding performance: Vivek

This was a highly competitive game against a strong Wetherby side with some strong runners. We started the game slowly, missing tackles and giving the opposition some easy tries, whereas they made us work hard for our tries. The game evened out slowly and by half time we started to pass wide and run into space to score many tries in the corners as a result of our stronger running. In defence, we improve our line speed throughout the game with Vivek leading the line to close down the distance to the opposition.

This increased pressure forced many errors and we were able to attack with ball in hand more often. Well played boys!



U9 D v Wetherby Prep

Scorers: James 1, Rohan 2, Ahmed 1

Outstanding performances: Zain

The U9s were up against a very athletic and physical team. It took them the first half to come to grips with this challenge and they started the second half strongly with Ali and Zain scoring in succession. Tackling improved with good work done by Mustafa and Arjun, backed up with better attacking play from Mehul and Otto. Zain particularly showed the determination and strength to run through the opposition and completed a second try at the end of the game.



U12 hockey v Quainton Hall 29th January

U12 A v Quainton Hall Won 7-1

Scorers: Rodrigo 2, Reece 2, Nishil 1, Ethan 1, Arian 1

Outstanding performances: The whole team

We played against a combined U12 & U13 Quainton Hall who were a physical and powerful team. The St John's team played well in attack through the middle of the field, but sometimes took too long on the ball and we lost the ball on numerous times. We did manage to take a well taken goal in the first half. In the second half we played some fluent and controlled hockey, where we strung a number of passes together which resulted in a number of well taken goals. We moved off the ball well and our communication was far more vocal throughout the second half. Our defence stood strong and we only managed to give away one goal. Congratulations to all the boys involved Well done!



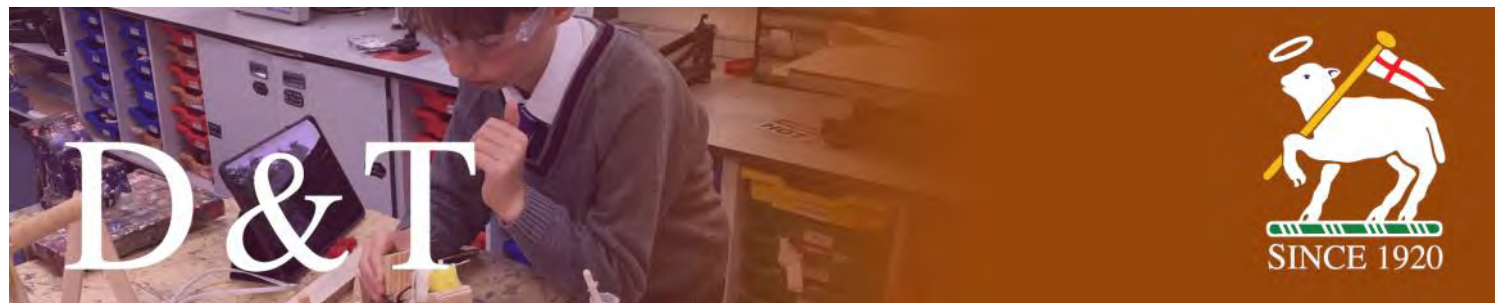
U12 B v Quainton Hall Won 5-1

Scorers: Yusuf 2, Rohan 1, Alexander 1, Charlie 1

Outstanding performances: Yusuf and Hilkesh

We played against a mixed U12/13 team and, for the first time this season, we passed the ball around the pitch to wide players. We had more time on the ball and with less pressure we started to play some really good hockey. We kept our positions well and moved the ball quickly into space. We created a number of scoring chances and Yusuf scored two good goals. In defence, we managed to stop a number of scoring chances from the opposition with Hilkesh in goal making a number of excellent saves. At half-time, we were 3- 0 up and in the second half we continued our good play with Rohan on the right using his pace and passing the ball well into the opposition 'D' area. Well played to all!



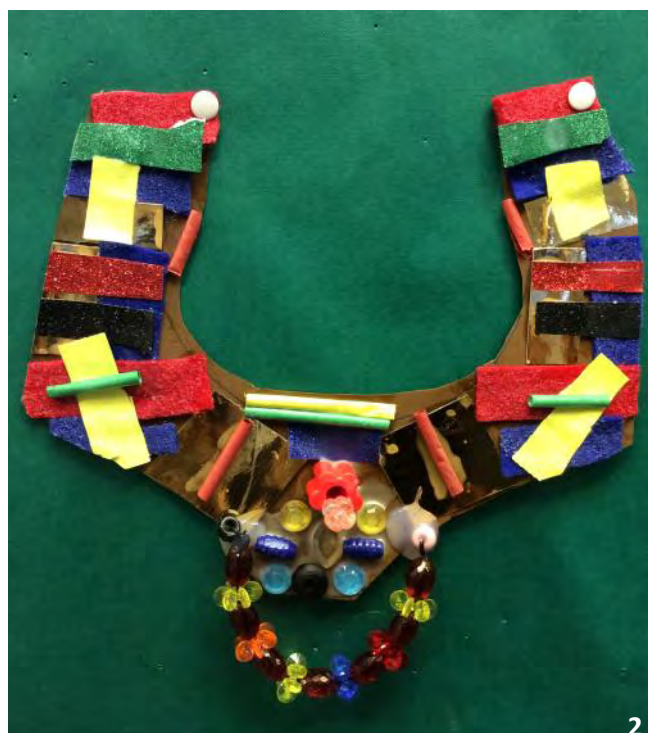


D&T Open House this week



It has been a delight to open the doors of the D&T workshop to Year 6 parents this week. Who better to show them around than their own sons! It was fantastic to see the sense of pride the boys showed while showing their families the practical work, theory work on iPads, as well as demonstrating how to use some of the tools.





Our Artists of the week are **Enzo** in Year 3, **Rafi** in Year 5 and **Edward** in Year 7. Congratulations boys!

1. As always, **Rafi** in Year 5 worked with extreme care on his Japanese blossom painting.
2. **Enzo** completed his symmetrical Egyptian necklace this week. He also worked very hard on his Valentine's card.
3. **Edward** in Year 7 has worked really hard on his shoe drawing.

Other current projects in the Art room...

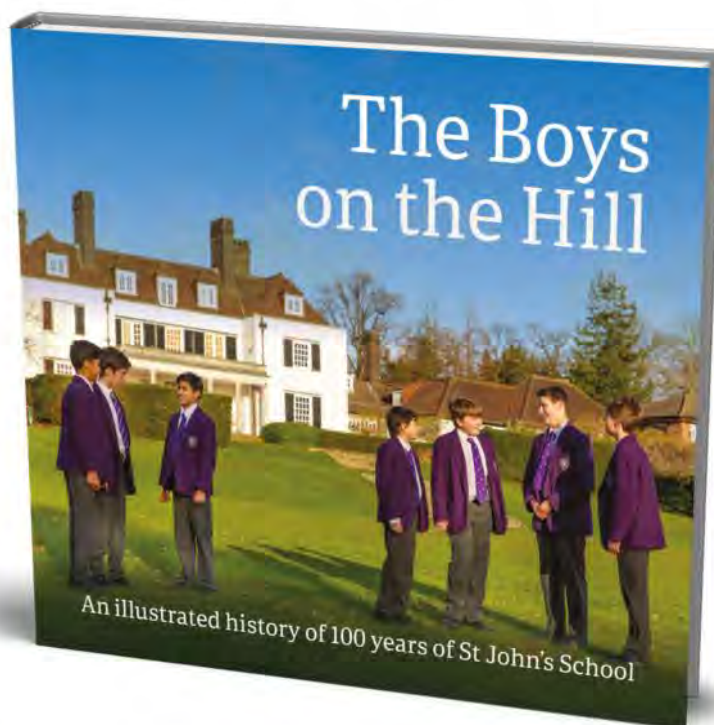
4. **Year 4** have been working on their Roman shields.
5. Can you guess who these **Year 5** boys are, hiding behind their Chinese New Year masks?
6. **Year 7** are currently working on compositional ideas based on the artist Michael Craig-Martin.

Please spread the word.....

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The Boys on the Hill: an illustrated history of 100 years of St John's School

As part of St John's Centenary celebrations, we have produced a fully illustrated 224-page history of the School. **The Boys on the Hill** traces the journey from the spare room of a Pinner vicarage to the spacious campus we enjoy today. Along the way we meet the visionary founder of the School, and the Headmasters, teachers and pupils who have made up the St John's community over 100 years.



Written by former Headmaster Chris Kelly and former parents, Phil Savage and Caroline Cooper, **The Boys on the Hill** contains dozens of photographs and reminiscences from every era. With a foreword from the Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, it also describes St John's today as it continues in its second century to provide the best education for pupils.

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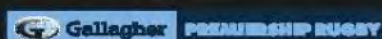
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**Years 7 and 8 are invited to
St John's School Disco!**

Friday 7th February

7.00 – 9.30pm



Norman Hall, St John's School

Potter Street Hill

Northwood

HA6 3QY



**There will be a DJ and light
refreshments**

Tickets: £10



**All proceeds will go to our
charity, Play Skill**



Calendar and important dates

Monday 3rd February: SATIPS General

Knowledge Quiz Week

7B Parents' Evening (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Tuesday 4th February: Rugby v Caldicott: U9 A, B, C, D (a) (2.15pm)

Portugal Rugby Tour Meeting (4.15pm)

Wednesday 5th February: Chess v Lochinver:

U13, U11, U0 (a) (2.00pm)

Hockey v Aldenham: U13 A, B (a), U12 A, B (h) (2.30pm)

7L Parents' Evening (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Thursday 6th February: UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge (Year 8)

Inter-School D&T Workshop (Year 5) (9.00am-1.00pm)

Rugby v Caldicott: U8 A, B, C, D (a) (3.00pm)

Friday 7th February: Bikeability Week Starts (Year 8)



Mihir (5C) won a gold and two Bronze medals at a meet at Hillingdon Swimming Club last Sunday. As a result he will represent the club at an inter-club meet in March. Excellent news Mihir.

Contact details

Updates: please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results.

The website will have announcements in case of emergency. You can also follow us on twitter @stjnsnorthwood.



Mailings: if you have received The Lamb from someone else and would like to be sent your own copy direct each week, please email: Lamb Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

Photographs: Do please continue to send in any photographs which could be included in The Lamb.

Notices and Reminders

St John's Association Disco. This event for Years 7 and 8 is next week. Please see the flyer on the previous page. Tickets are still on sale from the school office. It is worth noting that there has been considerable interest from other schools, RMS in particular!

Merchant Taylors' Choral Society is made up of parents and friends of Merchant Taylors' School. It meets on a Tuesday evening from 8.00-9.30pm and is about to start preparing for a performance on 23rd March at Merchant Taylors' School. The Director of Music at MTS, Mr Simon Couldridge, invites anyone who is interested in singing *Mozart's Coronation Mass and Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb* to contact Mrs Johnson at kjohnson@st-johns.org.uk for further details.

Year 7 Parents' Meetings. A reminder that these take place next week on Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th February starting at 6.00pm in the Norman Hall. Please sign up using the online booking facility if you haven't already done so.

Portugal Rugby Tour Meeting. This meeting takes place on Tuesday 4th February at 4.15pm in the Music Room.

Bikeability Week. Bikeability is the new name for cycling proficiency and the course at St John's starts on Friday 7th February for all of our Year 8 boys. Bike can be stored in our secure cycle shed for the duration of the course. You will also need a cycle helmet. School bikes are available if required. Now that Spring is approaching why not visit our capital on your bike, click on this link and find lots of different cycle routes around London. <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/>

Votes for Schools. The question this week has been: **Would you go vegan for a month?** Yes: 34.3% No: 65.7%. Next week's question: **Should under 18s be given criminal records?** Please discuss this at home over the weekend.

House Point Totals: 1st Lincoln 71.91, 2nd Churchill 69.91, 3rd Oates 67.71, 4th Lawrence 62.96

Enjoy the weekend and the rugby.

