



The Pilgrims' Way

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No Lantern Bearers?

I am concerned that the Cathedral may be gloomy for the Christmas Carol Services on the 19th, 21st and 22nd of December. **We have no lantern bearers!** If your son is in Year 5 or above, keen, calm and strong, then please contact me ASAP. Many thanks.

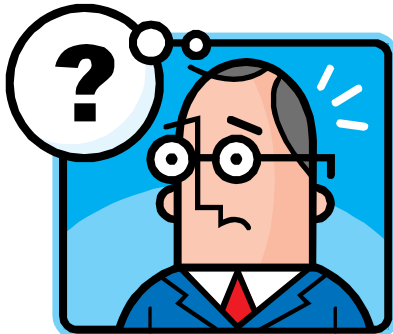


Junior Play

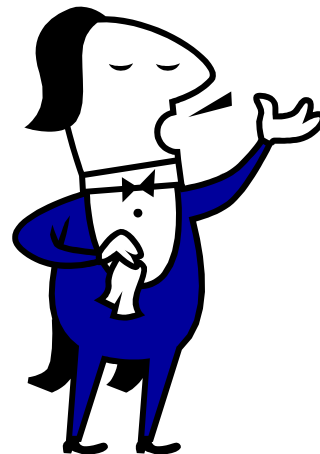
As I write, the dress rehearsal of ELBOH is about to commence and everything looks set for another wonderful junior production from Viv Brett. If anyone has not yet booked their seats please do so as soon as possible by contacting pkay@pilgrims-school.co.uk. The Thursday evening concert is full but there is still room on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

The Set Quiz Final

The place to be on Saturday is the Pilgrims' Hall at 12 noon, when Monks A take on Saxons B in the set quiz final. Be astounded, be amused, be there.



A Most Wonderful Evening



Last night those in the cathedral were treated to the most superb performance of *Elijah* by the joint choirs of Winchester Music Club, Winchester College Glee Club and the Quiristers with the main attraction being Bryn Terfel singing the part of Elijah. His presence dominated the cathedral and seemed to infect the whole performance. The quiristers were prominent right in the front rows and sang all their movements beautifully. Huge congratulations, though, must go to Tom Keogh, who sang the part of the Youth and came forward to sing beside Bryn. His solos were spot on and the interplay between Bryn and Tom was a joy to see. Tom will never forget this evening. Mr Wilks and Mr Archer were full of energy as conductor and organist respectively and it was especially good to see so many old Pilgrims in the choir—I counted 21! The cathedral looked fabulous with special lighting effects and closed circuit televisions down the aisles which enabled everyone to have a good view. Altogether this was an evening that neither the participants, nor the audience will forget for a long time.

Lost

Thomas Mansfield has lost his silver and gold fountain pen. It fell out of his pocket, possibly outside somewhere, on Tuesday 17th November. If anyone has found a pen fitting this description, please could they return it to Thomas or the front office. Many thanks.



Match Reports

3rd XI v St Francis 1st XI—draw 1-1

(Josh Hughes)

Playing their last game of the season the 3rd XI played the St Francis' 1st XI. Pilgrims' had a territorial advantage in the first quarter but by half time the game had levelled out. St Francis looked hungrier in the second half but an inspired strike from Josh Hughes unexpectedly put Pilgrims' ahead. With their tails up the boys battled away but St Francis deservedly equalised. On another day they could have scored three more goals were it not for some dogged defending and valiant challenges. After such an enjoyable season may god rest you merry gentlemen during your Christmas break.

Colts A vs St Francis—won 7 - 0

(Jewell 2, Stelling 2, Butterfield, Raymond, Tellett)

Colts A played very well against a team who, on paper, we should only have drawn with. What the boys achieved against Twyford was not forgotten and for much of the game they played with purpose and skill, passing as a team, never letting St Francis settle. I was particularly pleased with Archie Gilmour who stepped in to the left back position and delighted that the lean and hungry midfield trio was rewarded with five goals between them. Well done!

Foals A vs St Francis—won 2 - 1

(O Shaheen, H Coulson)

It was a bit of a late start, but we kept warm and positive and, for one of the few matches of the term, I got the impression that we actually wanted to win it. So did St Francis. The first half was a right old ding dong with chances at both ends. We did play well and eventually won by getting the basics right – passing quickly and into space and having a shot when the opportunity arose. It was sadly the last 'A' match of the season but we can take comfort in a strong performance and a well deserved win. Congratulations to all who played.



Foals Barbarians v St Francis—won 2 - 0

(Borna Assarian, Max Stoner)

This was definitely a match of two halves with a different side appearing after the interval. There are no more light answers to the question of how exciting this game was for the many spectators. Chances were aplenty and our goalkeepers had a very quiet afternoon. The winner was however the enthusiasm displayed by every boy selected for this one off Barbarian line-up. There was a goal in each half, firstly a stinging left foot drive by Borna Assarian and then a more subtle shot from Max Stoner that evaded their

defenders. Thank you to Mr Bryant for his excellent refereeing and allowing the game to flow. This was a fitting end to the Foals season.



Foals C v Stroud—draw 0-0

It was an exciting game, the first C's match to be replete with quick, accurate passing, running off the ball and gritty, determined defence. A special mention must go to Theo Delmonte and Dylan Allenby-Ryan who worked tirelessly in the midfield, running up and down the pitch. We didn't get the goal we deserved. Still the team were high as kites and by the end quite simply, walking in the air.

The Final Football Fixtures

It would be excellent if the touchlines were thronging for the final matches of the term, against Prebendal, Sherborne House and Stroud on Wednesday 2nd December.

Early Warning – No Games on Saturday 5th December

Many senior boys and senior staff are heading to Twickenham in the afternoon, so there will be no senior games.

All seniors may therefore be collected after lunch at 1400.