



### Dates to remember

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| 16/17 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Christmas concert            |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | - | Term ends at 1.00pm          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> January      | - | Start of Term 3              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> January     | - | Year 9 Options Evening       |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January     | - | Year 11 Subject Evening      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> January     | - | Year 9 Progress Updates home |

**A reminder that a senior member of staff is available every morning between 8.00am - 8.30am to speak to parents, without the need to make an appointment.**

**If you would like the monthly newsletter to be e-mailed to you, please forward your e-mail address to: [swren@sblonline.org.uk](mailto:swren@sblonline.org.uk) and we will add you to our mailing list.**

## Sir Bernard Lovell School News



Dear Parents

As our sports centre is rapidly taking shape, we are pleased to bring good news from sporting events this term.

### **South Gloucestershire Schools cross-country league meetings**

Three league meetings were held this year - Castle School, Downend School and Grange School hosted great events. Kelly Leat (year 10) and Kaisha Thatcher (year 10) did exceptionally well. Kelly was always in the top 3 positions and Kaisha in the top 8. Tom Summerhill (year 8) gained 4<sup>th</sup> position in the two events in which he took part. Connor Davies ran great races in the very competitive year 9 boys' competitions and Michael Pope-Robbins (year 7) even when not well, battled through to the end of the races. Hopefully Tom, Kaisha and Kelly will compete in the Avon Championships in January.

### **Netball**

The year 8 league drew to a close in November. The squad, comprising of Ella Arnold, Sophie Burnside, Kira Lippiatt, Paige Prosser, Amy Richards, Ellie Rodda, Jenny Small, Jemma Smith, Alice Doherty and Hannah Gray played against teams from Grange, Mangotsfield, Hanham, Kingsfield and John Cabot Academy. As the season progressed, the skills and tactical understanding of the team really developed. Most of our opponents had been playing together as a team since Year 7. The SBL team formed in Year 8, so although they won just one fixture, there is a great deal of talent and enthusiasm amongst the girls, which hopefully will be employed next season.

# LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



NIPA (SBL's in house performance company) is busy rehearsing for this year's production, Little Shop of Horrors. Performance dates are Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £8 for adults and £4 for students and concessions, and will be on sale in January - keep an eye on the SBL website for further information.

## PROPS NEEDED:

The props team are on the lookout for a variety of items that are needed for the production.

If you can help provide anything from the list below please contact Miss Harland at school. Please label any items with your name and a contact number so that they can be returned after the performance.

**Fake flowers - any condition (either single or in an existing arrangement)**

**Metal dustbin (with or without lid)**

**Old fashioned motor cycle helmet with chin strap**

**Manual typewriter**

## Holidays during term time

Please could all parents note that the Governors have approved a change to our Attendance Policy which means that holidays taken in term time will no longer be authorised. This will take effect from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 unless the holiday has already been notified.

## Mobile Phone messaging

We are finding that mobile phones are causing a distraction even in lessons. Parents are reminded **not** to send text messages or to ring their children in the day. Phones are expected to stay in students' bags and to be turned off throughout the day. Another local secondary school has decided to ban phones in school. We would like you to remind students of the basic rules on mobile phones.

## Last minute Christmas presents?

We expect all students to bring basic equipment to school - pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, etc. A surprising number expect teachers to provide for them and this can slow down the start of lessons. Please make sure that your child has a well-equipped pencil case and that bags are checked for letters, then packed the night before. Thank you!

**All the staff at SBL would like to wish  
parents and students a very happy  
Christmas and a peaceful New Year**

