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Dear parents and carers,

I have lots of lovely news to share with you!

### **Sport**

Its been an amazing week for school sport – our netball teams had a clean sweep against Kingstone during the week, winning all their games, and we have been in three county rugby finals this week – and won them all! I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff involved in training and coaching our students – Ms Bebbington and Mrs Clewer for netball and Mr Lloyd, Mr Jarrod and Mr Muirhead for rugby, ably assisted by Mr Kelly and Mr Giggle on the touchline (whether their advice was required or not!). I have attached some pictures of the winning rugby teams - unfortunately our lack of flood lights means we don't have netball pictures this time.

### **Playing Field**

We are delighted that we have at last completed on the purchase of the field across the road from school with the intention of turning it into a full size playing field. This is not as straightforward as one might think – there will be a lot of work needed to create a properly drained and levelled field, but we hope it will be ready for the summer. We will shortly be going out to tender for this work, so if any of you would like to be involved (and own a digger) then please get in touch with Mrs Emmett, our Finance Director.

### **Children in Need day**

Thank you all so much for your generosity in helping us to raise £930 last week for Children in Need; in these difficult economic times it is hugely appreciated. I would like to thank the staff for helping to organise this, especially Mrs Rodgers.

### **A surprise for Year 7!**

We were delighted to have an unexpected visit from author Onjali Q Rauf yesterday. She was visiting the Hay Festival and thanks to a generous parent, very kindly agreed to come in and talk to Year 7, who have recently read her book "The Boy at the Back of the Class". The story is about a refugee child who comes to the UK, making friends and new beginnings. It was particularly interesting and rather sad to listen to Onjali talking about her work with refugees, given the recent tragedy in the English Channel, but Year 7 were very interested and asked some terrific questions! Pictures are available on our Facebook page.

### **Fairfield Calendar 2022**

Our amazing and talented students have taken wonderful photographs for the school calendar which has been organised by the PTA and is now available to buy – please pre-order on ParentPay or direct from the PTA on [pta@gvsc.org.uk](mailto:pta@gvsc.org.uk). A sample of the lovely pictures is available on our website. I am particularly pleased that almost a third of the school entered their photographs; they can't all be in the calendar but we will be finding other ways to showcase them – on our beautiful success postcards, for example.

### **Amazon Smile**

If you are starting the Christmas shopping this weekend and buying from Amazon, please bear in mind that if you use Amazon Smile and nominate our PTA, then you can raise money for school at the same time. There are many fabulous small local shops available too, which we hope you will support as well.

[smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

### **Information**

A plea on behalf of the staff. We love to have contact with you, but please keep in mind that almost all the teaching staff are also tutors and they simply do not have the capacity to answer emails several times a day. If you have a straightforward query, please ask the excellent admin team (who almost certainly know the answer) or check our website and Facebook pages. [admin@fairfield.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fairfield.hereford.sch.uk)

Every letter sent home goes on the website, together with lots of other news and pictures. You will almost certainly find what you need there.

<https://www.fairfield.hereford.sch.uk/forms-and-letters/latest-letters/>

### **Save the date!**

We are still hoping to have a Christmas concert with a difference this year – December 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be as covid secure as we can make it; we have very low numbers in school now and at least half the school are vaccinated. We are hoping to have some of it outside if we can – a real chance to sing carols by a stable!! More details will follow.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Gaston". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Sue Gaston