

ROSSALL SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

Monday
29th June 2009



Headmaster

My last for the year is being written in Venice. I'm spending three days with the choir who are in Venice for culture and boats, as one girl memorably put it on Radio Lancashire on Wednesday morning. Casual visitors outside the Basilica of San Marco will have been surprised at a rendition of the school song by a cassocked and surpliced English choir after the evening Mass. The evening Mass, at which they also sang, was dominated by enormously amplified sounds from a concert rehearsal outside in the square but they were warmly applauded and will always be able to treasure the memory of singing in that extraordinary building. The boys and girls displayed patience, endurance and stamina : they were fun to be with and kind to each other, in the best traditions of the school.

Parents are invited to rather a complicated event on Friday 3rd July : the final assembly and chapel service. Some prizes will be handed out, and I shall also have a chance to say goodbye to a distinguished flotilla of leavers : Fergus Livingstone, Ken Sullivan, John Riding, Alan Williams and Laura Heap as well as our three Language Assistants. Please come along.

What sort of year has it been? For me, obviously, a year of discovery, with some landmark changes in personnel, the arrival of a real Bursar and some successful ventures in foreign places. Monitor interviews revealed a real sense that the place is changing. Perhaps in a few years it will be a school where parents won't think of taking children off on holiday in the middle of term without notice. Perhaps they will recognise it as a school where children do better academically than they might have hoped but where academic success is only part of the mix. Perhaps more children will be tempted into boarding. Perhaps numbers of children doing the I.B. will grow. Perhaps our status as a training centre for the British Olympic Pentathlon team will persuade a wider public that Rossall deserves a look. Parents can help in all this. You can help prevent false rumour and to spread good news. We won't get better without support from everywhere. I know from my postbag that you do encounter stories about Rossall. Our reputation is our greatest asset.

Enjoy the holiday. Enjoy the company of your wonderful children. I look forward to getting to know more of you in September.

Dr Stephen Winkley
Headmaster

Events	Week 9	
Mon 29 th June	10.00 am	Depart for 1 st XI cricket, U15/U14 –v– Shrewsbury
	1.15 pm	Monitors Meeting
Tues 30 th June	5.00 pm	Isle of Man trips returns
	11.30 pm	Choir return from Venice
Wed 1 st July	8.40 am	Isle of Man trip pupils return to school
Thurs 2 nd July	6.30 pm	Evensong of John the Baptist
	7.00 pm	Black Tie Cricket Dinner, The Pavilion
Fri 3 rd July	11.30 am	Senior School end of year chapel service
	12.30 pm	End of term
Sat 4 th July	8.00 am	CCF Summer Camp depart for Baray Buddon, Scotland
Sun 5 th July		Rossall Action Summer School starts