

Dear Parent/Guardian

Please can we remind you that the last day of term is Tuesday 18th July and school finishes at approximately 1.30pm. In September girls return on Tuesday 5th September. All new Year 7s and some Lower 6 (those wishing to change options) arrive at 8.40am. All other Lower 6 arrive at 10.00am. The rest of the school arrive at 12.15pm.

Staff Leaving – Mrs Wybar

As this academic year ends, we say goodbye to a number of staff. Mrs Twaites has taught KS3 Science, part-time on a one-year contract, Mrs Calloway has covered Mrs Thomas's maternity leave and is now (excitingly) pregnant herself and Mrs Reid-Brown, who retired from TWGGS a few years ago, returned to us this year teaching Theatre Studies and A Level English. We are most grateful to them for their support. Mrs Frame has assisted the Technology Department as Technician for the past three years, leaving to embark on Schools Direct teacher training at Broomhill Bank School, where we wish her well. Mrs Colbear joined TWGGS six years ago, during which time she has been an outstanding Economics (and previously Politics) teacher, as well as a superb Sixth Form tutor. She moves to a school in Essex, which is much more convenient for her domestic circumstances, luckily for them, and sadly for us! Mrs Murray has been Curriculum Leader PE for eleven years, leading the department to a host of successes, in particular taking TWGGS netball teams to national finals, again and again. She has secured a promoted post close to her home, which will also allow her to spend more time with her daughters, and we wish her every success, richly deserved. Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Cartwright, who first joined TWGGS twenty years ago, working elsewhere during that time for a period of just over two years, and for the past five years has been an outstanding Examinations Officer. Utterly calm, extremely well-organised and highly efficient, Mrs Cartwright has ensured exams are administered and run smoothly, as well as having roles in assessment and organising work experience. We wish her every happiness as she leaves TWGGS, and will surely miss her.

Uniform – Mrs Wybar

In the December 2016 newsletter, I reminded parents that **trainers, plimsolls and canvas pumps are not acceptable school shoes**. At that time, we recognised that the cost of replacing shoes precluded an immediate clampdown, making it clear that **from September 2017, these will not be able to be worn at school as part of the uniform** and asking parents to bear this in mind when purchasing new school shoes in the interim. From September, school shoes must be leather (or leather in appearance) and cannot be trainers (or similar), boots or made of canvas. Girls who are in the wrong shoes will initially be warned, with letters sent to parents, and then kept in detention after school on Fridays if they persist. We ask you for your support in enforcing the uniform regulations, ensuring that girls are appropriately dressed for school and that your daughter has a suitable pair of shoes.

Could I also ask parents to check their daughters' uniform more widely? In particular, several girls are wearing skirts or dresses which are too short (some of which have been taken up) or jumpers with holes in the sleeves. Girls moving into Year 10 next year may wear the KS4 straight skirt, or may continue to wear their pleated skirts, **but only if these are long enough – no more than 2 inches above the knee**. The school uniform regulations are available on the website, for ease of reference.

Overdrawn sQuid Accounts – Mrs Ralph, Bursar

Please would all parents of girls who use the canteen check their daughter's sQuid card balance over the holidays, and if not on automatic top up, top up her account ready for September.

There are currently approximately 200 girls' accounts that are overdrawn and a significant amount of time is being spent in school speaking with the girls, contacting parents etc, to request that the balance is paid off. **Therefore, from September, if a girl's account is overdrawn, she will not be able to buy anything at break time, and will only be served a lunch (with no snack items) for one day. If, by the following day, the account is still not topped up, she will need to bring a packed lunch with her. Catering staff will inform the girl if her account becomes overdrawn, but there will be no additional reminders from the school.** TWGGS is liable for all catering debts - with the pressures on school budgets we cannot afford to subsidise this and the staff time involved in chasing these payments has been considerable.

sQuid accounts can be set to auto top-up when they drop below a certain limit. If not on auto top-up, an email reminder is sent when the balance dips below £5. Thank you to all parents who ensure that their daughter's account always remains in credit.

Congratulations to Molly Sacker, L6I – Mrs Wybar

Congratulations to Molly, who took part in the Volvo Gdynia Sailing Competition in July 2017. Out of a total of 65 girls from all over Europe and further afield, all of whom had to pre-qualify just to get here, she came 15th overall and was the 2nd British girl.

Senior Prefect Team 2017-2018 – Mrs Wybar

We are delighted to congratulate the following on their appointment as Senior Prefects for 2017-18:

Head Girl	Ella Heffer		
Deputy Head Girl	Alexandra Abbs	School Council & PTA	Elizabeth O'Loan
Deputy Head Girl	Rosie Fenton	School Council & PTA	Evie Dodd
Senior Officer	Sasha Chown	Senior Officer	Katie Crocker
Senior Officer	Nellie Kottler	Senior Officer	Ione Symonds
Senior Officer	Hannah Samuel	Senior Officer	Bethany Shaw
Senior Officer	Emily Brook	Senior Officer	Maisie Douch
Senior Officer	Sally Connell	Senior Officer	Catherine Paul
Charities	Kerensa Froome	Sport	Emma Cameron
Charities	Emily Rundle	Sport	Molly Sacker
Charities	Charlotte Scholes	Sport	Lydia Woodcock
KS3 – Yr 7& Buddies	Abigail Colletta	6 th Form & new 6 th Form Buddies	Elle Ayton
KS3 – Yrs 8 & 9	Molly Hockley	6 th Form & new 6 th Form Buddies	Stephanie Reed
KS4	Olivia Rofe	6 th Form & new 6 th Form Buddies	Julia Mathew
Careers	Martha Gritt	Art	Eleanor Cohen
Debating	Anna Brian	Drama	Sophie Cherry
Music	Poppy Walters		

We are very grateful to all of the girls who applied for these posts; unfortunately, it is not possible for all to be successful, but we hope that all will have leadership opportunities during their remaining time at TWGGS.

Thank You – Miss Parkinson

A big thank you to all the girls, staff and parent helpers for making Sports Day such a fun event. We also thank all the girls who have shown excellent commitment to attending clubs and representing teams all year. Our thanks also go to Beth Jacquin, TWGGS Old Girl, who has helped the PE department with lessons, clubs and matches this year, and has supported the Spanish department with oral work.

Car Parking Issues in Whitefield Road – Mrs Wybar

I received a phone call recently from the manager of St Augustine's Nursery, located on the corner of Culverden Down and Whitefield Road. Their car park is on Whitefield Road and a number of TWGGS parents are using the car park to drop off their daughters in the morning. The day that she telephoned, one parent had been incredibly rude to her when she told him that the car park was private property. To date it hasn't caused the Nursery too much of a problem, but her concern is that, from September, the Nursery is extending its opening hours, and the car park will therefore be in use by their parents and small children at the same time in the morning that TWGGS parents are currently using it. She asked that parents are made aware and that we request that they stop using their car park.

Miss Parkinson scores for England! - Mrs Murray

Miss Parkinson travelled to Dublin at the end of June to compete for the England Masters Hockey Home Nations Championships; due to her passion, knowledge and skills, she has also been asked to assist with coaching in the future. Miss Parkinson was a crucial player to help England beat Wales and Scotland, scoring a goal against Wales and setting up another two. Against Ireland she won lots of short corners for the team, however after a very close game they drew. The final placing all came down to goal difference and England just missed out on retaining their title coming 2nd behind Ireland. This is still a fantastic achievement for Miss Parkinson and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated and talented hockey specialist at TWGGS. As you all know she is extremely modest and will never promote her success on the international circuit so it is up to Mrs Murray to embarrass her and share the news on her behalf which she is very happy to do! ☺ Well done Miss Parkinson!

Rosie Dobson 10I makes it to the Rugby Regionals! - Mrs Murray

Following on from Rosie's success in playing for Kent in Girls U15 rugby earlier in the season, she joined around 100 county playing girls from every area of the southeast to trial for the London South East Divisional Team. Following a brutal trialling day at Saracens rugby club, we are delighted to say that Rosie was one of 30 successful players selected for the London and South East squad, receiving fantastic feedback from her spotter/selection panel. Having missed the second LSE training day in Ashford due to her TWGGS Spanish exchange trip, Rosie unfortunately missed the first LSE match where the team narrowly lost 34-25 to The North. Rosie was desperate to put on her England Red Roses LSE rugby shirt and having received the call up for the team, on 8th April she headed up to Birmingham Exiles where she joined 14 other players on the pitch for her start at number 1 for LSE. After a nervous start Rosie was soon in form, gelling with her new team mates helping LSE secure a 33-19 win against The

South West. On 7th May she was back up to Birmingham again for their match against The Midlands. Rosie made some impressive tackles and break-throughs and helped her team secure a 36-15 win. Two wins out of two matches. Sadly she's too old for the U15 squad next season and will really have to show her true form to repeat her success and selection for the Kent and LSE U18 teams against older and more experienced girls. Well done Rosie!

India 2016/2017 – Mrs Ceurvorst

A week before the October half term 2016, a very excited but very nervous group of TWGGS girls came together for the trip of a lifetime – our Exchange to India! Eight girls from Year 11 and eight girls from the Lower 6th, accompanied by Mrs Wybar, Mrs Ceurvorst and Miss Smith, realised that our first challenge would be getting to know and getting on with the twelve boys from The Judd, who were also embarking on this exciting three week adventure with us. Who would have thought that we could experience so much in what felt like a very short space of time: staying with welcoming and friendly families, dressing up like princes and princesses in our saris and dhotis, standing at the southern-most tip of India, visiting a tea plantation and a spice garden, relaxing on a houseboat for the afternoon, eating curry for breakfast, lunch AND dinner and the highlight, an elephant ride! When an exchange comes to an end and there are countless tears, then you know that the trip has been a great success. We all felt that we had experienced so many events and we now had an extended family in beautiful Kerala, who we have welcomed into our English homes this June/July. We would like to thank the host families, the Year 9 and 10 forms who have welcomed our guests into lessons, and the TWGGS staff who have helped to look after our guests at home, on day trips and at school, during their visit.

Year 10 Enterprise Day 2017 - Bella Callaway 10T

On Thursday 15th June we took part in the annual business enterprise day. Everyone was excited and dressed to impress. We had heard a lot about the day from previous year groups who had thoroughly enjoyed the day. The prospect of being put into groups was daunting at first, but we soon settled in and began to get wrapped up in the numerous tasks that we had to complete throughout the day. In my opinion the day helped us to get a real understanding of what happens in an office. It taught us some valuable skills including how to manage a budget, advertise our company and work with others as well as being a lot of fun. My team consisting of Cece Skyes, Darcie Roberts, Freja Kemp, Abi McDougal and myself won the day overall. This was a great achievement for us as it was very rewarding to see that the hard work that we had put in throughout the day had paid off.

News from the German Department - Herr Link

A lot of things have happened in the German department this year. From February until Easter we had the help of our German student teacher Amelie Stephan with conversation for exam candidates, participating in a number of lessons. Unfortunately, she was here only for six weeks but she made up for the short time with full involvement in the department's activities.

German Theatre - On 24th February Onatti Productions performed the play "Auf dem Campingplatz" (At the campsite) to Year 8 and 9. Both year groups enjoyed the play (which had been written especially for a teenage audience) thoroughly and had the opportunity to speak to the two native actors after the performance. The play was performed totally in German and the girls were surprised how much they could actually understand and that they could follow the plot and action easily. This opportunity is a way of showing our girls the practical use of a foreign language and the enjoyment they can take from it.

Europa Centre - At the end of June all Year 8 forms had the opportunity to visit the Europa Centre in Hornchurch, a model village where the girls can practise and try out their German in a supportive environment with German native speakers. All the girls valued the learning experience, ideal preparation for our trip to the Christmas markets in Cologne in November where we can give 96 girls the opportunity to try out their German in the real world and experience a unique atmosphere.

Germanovision - After their exams and their trip to Devon the Year 9 forms were very busy preparing their entry for the annual Germanovision contest, which was judged by teachers and A level students of German as well as the Key Stage 3 assembly. All forms picked a contemporary German pop song, translated and analysed the text, and produced a story board and a music video for it. The quality has improved every year to rival some professionally made music videos. This year the opinions of the judges and the popular vote were far apart and so we have two winners. The judges declared 9T the winner with "Wenn sie tanzt" by Max Giesinger whilst the KS3 assembly voted overwhelmingly (254 votes of 426) for 9W's production of "Chöre" by Mark Forster. The girls really got into their songs and learnt the words to mime singing on the videos. Well done 9T and 9W.

The TWGGS archivist, Mrs Streeter, the unsung heroine of documenting our history – Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

There are many members of staff at TWGGS that parents and guardians never meet, but they provide invaluable support to the school community behind the scenes. One of these unsung heroines is Mrs Streeter, the school archivist. A former Kent Librarian she gives up a whole day of her time every week to catalogue, cross-reference and index our school archive, turning it into a future-proofed, professional, electronically searchable font of our school's history. Be it photographs, reports, newspaper clippings, old school yearbooks, girls' exercise books, Old Girls' memories or assorted items coming from the TWGGS past, nothing is too delicate, old or apparently insignificant not to be thoroughly examined by her and given its proper place in the archive. Her

passion to investigate even the most tenuous link or connection of a name, a place or an event has led to the discovery of a rich tapestry of former TWGGS girls' stories from days past and across the globe. Our latest discovery are the stories of Ethel Margoliouth, Daisy Masters and Emmie Stevens who worked as missionaries in China at various times after leaving TWGGS. Meticulous internet research enabled Mrs Streeeter to track down some of their letters and diaries giving us a detailed and fascinating insight into life in China before and during Chinese Civil War and the Japanese invasion. We are hoping to find many more of these exciting stories in the archive material that is as yet still unexamined. If you know of any former TWGGS pupils who went on to have exciting careers or adventures and lived through exciting times, please get in touch with details so that we can keep enriching the documents of TWGGS history.

Free access to the Financial Times – a fantastic tool for our girls – Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

I am excited to be able to let you know that we have been able to come to an agreement with the Financial Times which allows all our girls and staff to be able to access the FT, free of charge, from any school computer. There are no restrictions on the number of visits or downloads. This is an invaluable resource for all of us at TWGGS but particularly for girls in Years 10-13 who study Economics, Politics and History, or prepare for university interviews and UCAS applications; I hope they will make good use of it.

Gifts, gifts and more gifts for the Library – Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

Despite the recent hot weather it felt like Christmas had come early to the TWGGS Library. Following my appeal for parent sponsorship and donations of magazines to the Library, a wave of generous offers came my way and I could pick over 20 new titles for the girls and staff to be kept in the Library. Not only do we now have all major political and business magazines, we are also able to stock professional journals, leisure magazines, sports magazines and expensive glossies. It proves again that libraries are about so much more than "just books".

Hot on the heels of the magazine donations I also received a generous donation of £50 from Mrs Bailey, one of the winners of the TWGGS 100+ Club. This is the second such donation this year and the Library is really grateful as it allows me to indulge in purchases that add that little bit of extra value and sparkle to our core library services – the cherry on the icing of the cake. Thank you so much to all those of you who keep giving and giving.

Carnegie 2017 – Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

One of the most thought-provoking, touching and highly relevant Young Adult books, *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys, deservedly won the Carnegie Prize 2017. Based on the long-forgotten disaster of the Russian torpedoing of the German ship *Wilhelm Gustloff*, which resulted in the death of 9000 people, mostly children, *Salt to the Sea* is the story of 4 refugees fleeing from the advancing Russian troops in the winter of 1945. They desperately try to reach the Baltic seaports to be evacuated by ship. Their interwoven stories show the great strength humans can find in hardship, the heroic small deeds that change lives, the sacrifices we make in times of war and the importance of never forgetting history.

The decision of the official judges was thoroughly approved of by the pupils from TWGGS, TWGSB, SKA and Skinners' who declared the book their own 2017 winner by a huge majority of votes. I am especially pleased that the book team which represented *Salt to the Sea* also won the 2017 presentation prize at our event for their flawless, intelligent and passionate performance. Well done Millie Hammond, Sophie Mitchell, Edie Mellor and Millie Sabine for an outstanding defence of an outstanding book.

Careers Department – Mrs Vallely

The Careers Department has been having another busy term. In April, we welcomed a PSHE speaker from Gap 360, the local gap year travel experts, who gave some tips to the Lower Sixth girls on planning a gap year. Also in April, I was very pleased to be able to offer the Sixth Form girls interested in studying Law a session with lawyers at the local firm Buss Murton. They were encouraged to ask any questions at all, and were given some insights to what it is really like to study Law. In May, we held the annual PSHE session where the U6th girls share with the L6th girls their experiences with applying to university or an apprenticeship, or organising a gap year. It is always a popular session which the girls in both year groups usually find very helpful. Also in May, a speaker from The Anthony Nolan Trust, came in and talked to the Lower Sixth about the importance of thinking about registering as a bone marrow donor. No pressure was brought to bear on the girls, but a goodly number signed up to be contacted. The last couple of PSHE sessions this summer have been dedicated to helping the L6th girls register and log on to the UCAS website, and to begin their applications for university. The Upper Sixth girls had a very useful presentation in PSHE from speakers from the Citizen's Advice Bureau who told them all about tenancy agreements, employment contracts, and the benefits system.

In June we organised a Personal Statement Writing workshop for the L6th girls. Anna Jenkins, from the University of Birmingham schools liaison team gave a presentation with ideas and guidance on getting started. She was an engaging speaker and went down well with the majority of the girls, who should now be well on their way with their UCAS applications. The workshop was

also useful more generally for any girls who may not be applying for university, as the advice given can be used on any job or apprenticeship application.

Last month, we were excited to be able to offer a Creative Careers Day to all the girls. We were very pleased to welcome Mr Ian Drysdale to the Open Morning in the Careers Room, which was decked with bunting for the day. Mr Drysdale is well known to the school as he runs drama workshops during the holidays, and is very supportive of the Drama department. The Curriculum Leaders from Art, Drama, and Music were also in attendance during break, and drinks and biscuits were available for all. Later that day, we were able to put on a lunchtime talk when Lee McMahon, from Goldsmith's College in London, came and spoke about the career opportunities available in the creative sector. He then went on to run a workshop for interested girls, planning a festival. The workshop is designed to help girls realize how many jobs/careers are involved in putting on a large event such as a festival. The girls who came along had fun discussing their plans in their groups, and then gave a short presentation telling the others what their festival would look like, and showing the posters they had created. As a follow-up to the day, we were very pleased to support the Art Department in their invitation to Mr David Young, Foundation Course Leader in Art and Design at West Kent College, who came into school on Friday morning to talk to the Lower Sixth Formers about the pros and cons of doing a foundation year.

Mrs Elinson, independent Careers Adviser, has been continuing with the Year 7 and Year 8 PSHE sessions introducing the skills needed in many jobs, and helping the girls to start thinking about their future choices. As part of the work towards the Investors in Careers Award, I have been taking an audit of what we already provide in school as part of the curriculum, and look forward to collating the information, and seeking to plug any gaps which may become apparent. Looking ahead, next term sees the Careers Evenings run jointly by TWGGS (November 23rd), The Skinners' School (November 7th), and Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys (November 15th). More information will be forthcoming in due course.

CCF Survival Weekend Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June 2017 - Amber Lahdelma 9G

On Friday 16th June 2017, the TWGGS CCF contingent travelled to Crowborough camp for a weekend of survival training. The trip was particularly focussed around the Year 9 cadets, and taught us the core skills we'd need out on the field. Upon arrival at the camp, many of us revised or took our weapons handling test for the General Purpose rifle (the cadet version of the SA80) and took part in some enjoyable team building, before eating dinner. To many of our surprise, the food was excellent quality: delicious and filling. Then, it was time for bed, but not before polishing our boots and having a room inspection of our billets.

The next morning everyone prepared for a hike around Ashdown Forest. We were split into groups and assigned an IC (who would navigate) and a 2IC (who would keep up the morale). Both of our seniors were extremely supportive of us and made the walk a much more bearable experience. The hike, on one of the hottest days of the year, was extremely demanding both physically and mentally, but afterwards I can speak for all of us in saying that we were immensely proud of ourselves. In the afternoon, we moved to Mereworth Woods where we began to learn all the basic skills of survival: feather stick making, fire starting and shelter building to name a few. Next came the excitement of opening ration packs and, after vigorous swapping of the food that we did or didn't want, we prepared our own meals. We then had to build our own shelters from raw materials to sleep in overnight and, due to the in depth lessons we all had, they were built to a high quality.

The next morning, a friendly competition was held between our school and a boys' school that was also staying at the camp. There were three tasks to complete using all the knowledge we'd gained over the weekend: first, the whole team had to tie a Highwayman's knot in a rope; next, we had to start a fire using friction between sticks and finally, hit a balloon with first a chickpea placed inside a slingshot and then a blow dart. TWGGS performed incredibly well in these challenges and kept the morale high during the entire time. I personally learnt more that weekend than I do in a week of school, and found the camp to be an extremely enjoyable experience, with a strong feeling of teamwork throughout. For a glimpse of our survival experience at Mereworth Woods, click on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evEwE8TJqp8&list=PLH9fAEYyykRtSjMAkLErDs5ccsSslxj6E&index=2&t=3s>

Kent Schools Team Tennis Results– Miss Manklow

This year the tennis teams competed in the Kent Schools Team Tennis Competition. The match consisted of one rubber with all four member of the team playing a singles and doubles match. All teams played extremely well throughout the league with numerous matches resulting in a deuce battle for the game. The Year 7/8 B Team consisting of Emily Burton (Captain), Anabella Curcher, Bronte Jarrett, Eve Houghton, and Scarlett Kilcoyne came 4th in their league. The Year 7/8 A Team consisting of Amelia Thomas (Captain), Issy Coker, Helen Coomber and Becky Colbran came 2nd in their league, narrowly missing out to Walthamstow Hall who played to an extremely high standard in their games. The Year 9/10 Team consisting of Claudia Erichsen (Captain), Livvy Perkins, Alexandra Wilkinson and Rachel McGee came 3rd in their league.

Kent Junior Interschool Knockout Tennis Finals – Miss Manklow

On Friday 30th June TWGGS U13 team went to Tunbridge Wells Lawn Tennis club for the Kent Schools Team Tennis Junior

Final. They had to play Sevenoaks and were ready to take on the challenge. Matches consisted of one set and all 4 players had to play a singles and doubles match. Issy Coker demonstrated some superb play with strong shots close to the baseline. Helen Coomber had difficult backhands to return from her opponent and an extremely long singles game. Becky Colbran and Amelia Thomas (Captain) fought hard in both matches to equal Sevenoaks play. All matches were intense and of a close nature with the girls battling at deuce with nearly every game. Unfortunately Sevenoaks pulled away towards the end of each match winning the tournament. TWGGS came away with silver medals as runners up in the final. Well done to all who took part.

Wimbledon Championships Trip – Miss Manklow

On Wednesday 5th July TWGGS Tennis Squad set off for Day 3 at Wimbledon. With excellent weather forecast and some big names in British tennis we were all excited for the day ahead of us. With our Court 2 tickets the first game saw Britain's Heather Watson beat Sevastova, a great game by Heather winning 6 - 0 in the first set! At the same time we were frantically looking over to the scores for Konta's game on centre court. The game seemed to last ages, but luckily another win for Great Britain with Konta finishing the final set 10-8. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their time throughout the day and brought a lot of souvenirs from the Wimbledon shop to remember their trip. To finish off the day we went to watch Murray's game on Murray Mount before the last women's singles ,where Madison Bingle beat Petra Kvitova in two straight sets. Watson, Tsonga, Konta, Murray, Nadal, Kvitova ... what a day of tennis!

TWGGS Football 2016-17, End of Season Report – Mr Russell

U.18 Football

The Under 18 team only played one match this season, due to earlier cup opposition handing us the tie. This resulted in a quarter final appearance against a very strong Harris Orpington team, who took an early lead with a shot from close range. TWGGS immediately rallied, however, and a Nancy Perkins corner found the head of Martha Kent but the effort was just wide. Harris Orpington's attack were strong and had lightning speed but the TWGGS defence were equal to the challenge with Holly Challingsworth and Lauren Galloway strong and composed in the tackle, Annie Godfrey determined and ruthless in her challenges and Alice Carey's brilliant tackling, leaving a string of Harris Orpington bodies in her wake. After that early goal the game was very evenly balanced. On 20 minutes, TWGGS equalised: Martha Kent won the ball midway into the Orpington half, brilliantly dribbled past four players before unleashing a powerful shot, straight at the keeper but too hot to handle. 1-1. But not for long? Five minutes later TWGGS were 3-1 down: two fantastic strikes from range which the keeper could do nothing about. An early goal in the second half put Orpington further ahead but TWGGS continued to fight for every ball, win tackles, create chances and threaten the Orpington goal. Two free kicks just whistled past the Orpington posts, a fierce strike from Holly Challingsworth was saved by the keeper and skilful interplay on the right wing from Georgie Newman and Amira Carew created a great chance from close range for Connie Everett, but the slightly miscued shot was saved. There were chances at the other end too and in a superb goalkeeping five minutes Laura Holmes tipped a fantastic shot round the post, saved brilliantly with her legs, immediately turning at speed to grab the ball before it crossed the line and then tipped another powerful long range shot onto the bar. Nancy Perkins worked tirelessly on the left wing, regularly beating the full back and sending in teasing crosses and in the middle of the park, Martha Kent and Rosie Neville constantly cut out Orpington moves and looked to create TWGGS chances. Led by inspirational captain, Martha Kent, TWGGS battled impressively to the end and the last kick of the game saw a Holly Challingsworth shot from the edge of the box well saved.

Team: Laura Holmes (goal), Rosie Neville, Alice Carey, Lauren Galloway, Georgie Newman, Martha Kent (Capt.), Holly Challingsworth, Nancy Perkins, Connie Everett, Annie Godfrey, Amira Carew.

U.16 Football

It was a quiet season for this year group, who have had so much success together over their years at TWGGS. With their first cup match opponents handing us the game, the team found themselves up against last year's finalists Rainham Girls. The U.16s were doing really well in this important cup game, and then our defence had to go home. Had the game kicked off on time, the result might have been different. Rainham Girls are always a strong side and often go on to win the Kent Cup so it was always going to be a hard match. TWGGS can be very proud of their first half performance. TWGGS were fully deserving of their 1-0 lead at half time, a powerful Georgie Newman corner being parried by the keeper for Nancy Perkins to drive home from close range.

But the late start meant some TWGGS players had to leave at half time and this worked to Rainham's advantage. With the game now reduced to nine a side and Rainham keeping their best nine players on, they exploited gaps in the reshuffled TWGGS defence and with ruthless finishing turned the game around. They didn't have many chances but the ones they did get were fired into the corners of the net giving Jennifer Kearney no chance. At the other end the Rainham keeper made three spectacular saves as well as scrambling back to prevent an Amira Carew shot creeping over the line. So 7-2 flattered Rainham Girls a little, but a fine Sara Walker strike was TWGGS only return in the second half. All the TWGGS players gave their best but it was a shame that the late start possibly was responsible for preventing a notable victory.

Team: Jennifer Kearney (goal), Thea Pengelly, Immy Ellis, Hollie Niccolls, Georgie Newman, Holly Challingsworth (capt.), Nancy Perkins, Rosie Neville, Sara Walker, Emma Holmes, Amira Carew, Abby Pambour.

The team's other fixture saw ex-TWGGGS Biology teacher Mr Benford return, hoping for victory with his Cranbrook team. The TWGGGS team did their old coach no favours, turning in a polished performance and winning comfortably 6-1. It was a fine performance from the team, who have had many great performances over the last five years, and fitting that they won their last match together in such style.

Team: Thea Pengelly(goal), Immy Ellis, Georgie Newman Holly Challingsworth (capt.), Nancy Perkins , Rosie Neville, Sara Walker, Freya Zaborski, Amira Carew, Abby Pambour, Maria Walker, Kate Venters.

U.15 Football

This proved to be a fabulous season for the Under 15 football team as they recovered from losing their first match to win all their remaining league fixtures, resulting in them finishing joint top of the West Kent Football League. As reported in the last newsletter, they narrowly lost the West Kent League Cup final 1-0 to local rivals St Gregory's, but they played with skill, enthusiasm and commitment and played some fantastic football.

Results: vs St Greg's L 1-6 , vs Bennett W 6-2, vs Trinity W 5-3, vs TGS W 1-0, vs Mascalls W 3-0, vs St Greg's (cup) L 0-1 .

Squad: Sara Walker (Captain), Lottie van der Zanden, Jennifer Kearney, Thea Pengelly, Hollie Niccolls, Holly Shrubsole, Maria Walker, Rosie Dobson, Sophia Ledger, Rosie Dobson, Maddie Sanderson, Lauren Jackson, Alexandra Wilkinson, Lauren Hall, Evie Pengelly, Livvy Perkins, Lara Stein Perry, Emily Martin, Maya Strand Ford, Martha Russell.

U.14 Football

The U.14 team played one match in the cup and were unlucky not to go further, losing 2-3 to Leigh Academy. The first half began was a very one-sided affair. The TWGGGS forwards, Livvie Perkins and Lara Stein Perry, constantly terrorised the Leigh defence and with the TWGGGS back four solid and the midfield winning all the 50-50s almost all the play took place in the Leigh Academy half. Their one serious break through on goal was convincingly thwarted by a brave challenge from keeper Esme Morris. With 10 minutes gone, a free kick was taken by captain Livvie Perkins and struck hard into the top of the net. Five minutes later TWGGGS were two up when, following a period of sustained pressure, the ball fell to Lauren Jackson on the edge of the area and she blasted the ball powerfully for a great goal. TWGGGS were well worth their 2-0 half time lead. The second half was more evenly contested. TWGGGS still looked the better team but didn't create as many chances. While at our end the defence had a little more to do. A corner came across, hit a Leigh player and rolled across the line; a shot from the edge of the area found the corner of the net; and a break away goal gave Leigh their third. Leigh had no other attempt at goal so the TWGGGS team played well and were unlucky to lose. Team: Lauren Jackson, Alexandra Wilkinson, Rachel McGee, Eve Palmer (goal), Lauren Hall, Evie Pengelly, Livvie Perkins (capt), Lara Stein Perry, Emily Martin, Martha Russell, Esme Morris (goal).

U.13 Football

This proved to be quite a good season for the U.13s, winning two, drawing two and losing three. Our U.13 team had a significant number of enthusiastic and determined Year 7s featuring and often we were up against teams composed mostly of significantly bigger and stronger Year 8s, but the team always gave their best and can be proud of their achievements. The best performance of the season saw TWGGGS exacting revenge on Mascalls who had knocked us out of the cup, winning 5-0. When we faced them in the league six weeks later, the team was determined to turn things around. They did so in superb fashion, completely taking the opposition by surprise with their skill, ruthless tackling and, most of all, their determination to get to every ball first. Goals from Tilly Boorman, Amelia Colletta and Belle Raine secured a fine 3-2 victory.

Squad: Katie Lloyd (Captain), Tilly Boorman, Eva Waymouth, Esme Morris, Tanzi Stewart, Anna Bowring, Grace Goodwin, Bryony Fishpool, Amalie Abdalie, Sophie Preston, Alexia Grice-Quevedo, Mattie Grace, Alice Banks, Katherine Phillips, Evie Woods, Belle Raine, Eve Houghton, Somerley Fenlon, Amelia Colletta, Rosie Godwin, Nellie Ash, Hebe Harris, Mia Remordina, Poppy Davis, Cordy Jones, Maddie Steiger, Nubia Mba, Gracie Hobbs, Izzy Fletcher, Jess Daly.

Football Club

Football Club was very successful this year with 73 girls attending one or more times throughout the season. Numbers were always high, meaning a good match could be played and there were plenty of fine performances from individuals and some very close-fought matches. The success was particularly down to the enthusiasm of the regular attenders (with over ten appearances): Evie Woods, Cordy Jones, Kitty Phillips, Belle Raine, Amelia Colletta.

End of Season Football Awards

Manager's Player of the Year:- Year 7 – Eve Houghton, Year 8 – Katie Lloyd, Year 9 – Livvie Perkins, Year 10 - Maria Walker, Year 11 – Amira Carew, Sixth Form – Alice Carey.

Golden Boot for Top Goalscorer: - Sara Walker (Year 10) 8 goals.

Golden Gloves for Most Clean Sheets:- Jennifer Kearney (Year 10).

Players' Player of the Year:- Year 7 – Cordy Jones, Year 8 – Tilly Boorman, Year 9 – Lauren Jackson, Year 10 - Sara Walker, Year 11 – Immy Ellis, Sixth Form – Connie Everett.

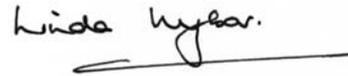
Online Safety – Miss Parkinson

Please help your daughter to stay safe online during the holidays. Be aware that snapchat has introduced a new feature called snapmaps, which allows users to share their location when using snapchat. For more information please see the link to the blog post from saferinternet.org.uk:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%98snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat>

Thank you. Have a happy and safe summer break.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Wybar." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mrs L Wybar, Headteacher