

December 2014

Dear Parents

Heathfields riders have had a very active Michaelmas term with British dressage announcing their British Junior and Young Riders' squads for 2014-15, and amongst the highly elite riders chosen are two Heathfield girls.

Ellie McCarthy is on the Young Riders' Progress Squad and Rose Hugh-Smith is on the Junior Riders' Progress Squad. This is an incredible honour for both girls, and a credit to their hard work and total dedication.

October also saw a Heathfield girl, Isabella Holman-West, collecting the coveted Prince Philip Cup Mounted Games trophy at the Horse of the Year Show. With her Warwickshire Hunt Pony Club team members, their years of training and practice put them at the very top of this highly regarded competition.

The Heathfield Polo players have also had a great term, with continuing lessons at Fifield Polo Club and the Berkshire Polo Club. We now have teams able to play in most divisions and have played successful matches against St Mary's, St George's and the Salesian school, with scheduled matches against Wellington College and Cheltenham College next term.

The Heathfield show jumping teams have had a quiet autumn season. Next term there are plans to hold regular team training sessions at Merrist Wood and Patchetts Equestrian Centre in preparation for the NSEA qualifiers and our favourite show, The Royal Windsor, on 16 May.

Sunday riding has also continued during the term with riders attending the Berkshire Riding Centre regularly at various levels from beginners to advanced show jumping.

Dates for next term are

Sunday 11 January
Sunday 18 January
Sunday 1 February

Sunday 8 February
Sunday 1 March
Sunday 15 March

Please confirm with Liz Curtis or myself if you would like your daughter to continue with riding lessons at The Berkshire Riding Centre next term, or if your daughter would like to start lessons.

Kind regards



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