



Minis Newsletter January 2019

New Year's Message from Grasshoppers RFC

A belated Happy New Year to all! We hope that your holidays were restful and that you are all refreshed for an actioned - packed 2019! A massive thank you to all parents / carers and families who support our players through all types of weather, and enable them to get to training and fixtures every week, improving their skills and confidence in the wonderful game of rugby. We also thank all those involved in making our annual club Christmas Party a success. Thanks to Laura Curtin and her merry band of helpers who managed to raise £1184 (which will be used to subsidise the cost of tour shirts / kits for Minis Tour 2019). We are very excited about our new adventure on Syon Lane and we thank you all for your continued contributions to the journey.

Best wishes for 2019 and we hope it brings you much joy and success in whatever you do!

Minis Tour 2019 - Updates

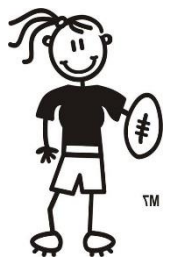
Many of you have secured your places on Tour 2019 to Tigers Challenge in Minehead, Somerset on the first weekend in May. As we have been exploring a different approach to last year, payments are all handled and managed by the company themselves. The **final deadline** for settling the accommodation costs is **8 March** (8 weeks before tour – as stated in the tour brochure). We will be issuing some further guidance regarding tour and preparation for all involved. However, we would encourage participants to start making suitable financial arrangements to ensure they meet the necessary deadline for their respective accounts to ensure their places on tour. Should you require any further guidance please communicate with Laura (lauradixon@mail.com) our Tour Manager or Declan (bigmckeeper@gmail.com). Balances can be paid off using www.butlins.com/pay



Important Reminders for All Minis Parents

We are very pleased to welcome new parents / carers to Grasshoppers. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you again of some responsibilities that help us to ensure the well-being of all stakeholders in and around the club.

1. Parents / carers should accompany their son/daughter during training sessions / matches. **You should never leave them at the club unaccompanied.** The coaches jobs are to coach rugby. If your son / daughter requires assistance with clothing issues, water bottles, need to have a toilet break etc. that is the parent(s) / carer(s) responsibility.
2. Please remind your children to be safe in and around the clubhouse (no climbing on the steep grass banks outside and no running around inside – for fear of colliding with furniture, people carrying hot food etc). We want to keep everyone safe. Any concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of the Minis Committee or coaches.
3. Please ensure your child / children are always wearing weather appropriate clothing. Layers are important at this time of the year. If you wish to show off your new jersey, ensure you have warm underlayers too. When it is damp or wet weather, wear a splash top and hat to keep yourself dry / warm. At this time of the year hands get cold during training / matches. Rugby mits are reasonably cheap and are great for keeping children's hands warm. We love all kinds of weather in rugby, but you have got to be prepared for it!
4. Finally just a reminder that **no muddy or wet sports kit or footwear should be worn upstairs in the new clubhouse.** It is rugby club etiquette to change downstairs, leave muddy or wet clothing in the storage areas / or in your vehicles before heading upstairs to enjoy the facilities in comfort. Thank you for your cooperation on these. If you have any issues or concerns please contact Declan (Minis Chairperson) on bigmckeeper@gmail.com or any member of the Minis Committee.





GRASSHOPPERS Rugby



FIZZ FREE FEBRUARY

The biggest sugar intake for 11-18-year olds comes from sugary fizzy drinks which can affect everything from teeth to their ability to concentrate in school or at home. The club would like to promote **Fizz-Free-February** for all our players and their families to consider in our continued promotion of healthy living and well-being. For more information on the campaign go to <https://www.sugarsmartuk.org/news/fizz-free-february-2019>



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FOR ALL SHAPES AND SIZES
PRESENTS

RUGBY CAMP
GRASSHOPPERS

RUGBY SPACE INVADERS
UP TO U8

RUGBY TRANSFORMERS
UP TO U11

RUGBY WARRIORS
U12 TO U14

9:30 to 15:30
8:30 to 16:30 Wrap Around Care

18, 19, 20
FEBRUARY
HALF TERM
GRASSHOPPERS

BOYS & GIRLS
U7 - U14
BOOK YOUR PLACE
www.therugbyuniverse.com/camps

£80 for 3 days
*£70 early bird - Book by 03/02/19 or £30 per day
Sibling Discount 50%

February Half Term Rugby Camp

The Rugby Universe are presenting a rugby camp at Grasshoppers RFC on 18, 19 and 20 February 2019. The camp is for U7 to U14 players. The events will run from 09:30 to 15:30 (but wrap-around care is also optional from 08:30 to 16:30). The costs involved are:

£80 for 3 days

***70 early bird booking (book before 03/02/19)**

£30 per day

Sibling discount 50%

Book your place at

www.therugbyuniverse.com/camps

Grasshoppers RFC MINIS SOCIAL SCENE

Important dates for your diary: **All 6 Nations Games shown live at the club. Full new menu also available.**

Friday 1 March: Minis Spring Social (Live Music and Nibbles) 8pm until late

(Final details to follow)

Other club events:

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GRAB A TEAM

QUIZ NIGHT
MONDAY 4 MARCH
STARTS 8pm

Maximum table of 6
Entry £2 per person (pay on the night)
Winners Prizes

See website for more details
www.grasshoppersrfc.com
Grasshoppers, Syon Lane,
London TW7 5PN. Tel: 020 8568 0010

GRASSHOPPERS
Rugby · Netball · Social

ST PATRICK'S PARTY
Saturday 16 March - 7:30pm
Wear green to be seen and enjoy the craic
Come and join us at Grasshoppers

Live Irish Band
"Buck Eejits"

Featuring Ellis School of Irish Dancing

Buffet included

Tickets £7 available from the bar in advance or £10 on the night

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ST GEORGE'S PARTY
Friday 26 April - 7:30pm
You must wear Red and White on the night!
Come and join us at Grasshoppers

Featuring Jim Sole Duet

Live acoustic covers including ska, reggae, funk, pop and a splash of Chas & Dave

Bangers & Mash

Tickets £7 available from the bar in advance or £10 on the night

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MINIS COMMITTEE 2018/19

Below are the club volunteers who have been voted into committee roles for the 2018/19 season. If you have any general or specific queries please make contact as appropriate. We thank them for their continued work for all our players / parents at Grasshoppers.

Chairperson – Declan McKeever – 07950 953649 – bigmckeeper@gmail.com

Vice Chairperson (Marketing / PR) – Steve Hunt – 07775 683682 – stevehunt78@yahoo.co.uk

Vice Chairperson (Rugby Opportunities / Social) – Glen Curtin – 07814 000407 – glen_curtin10@yahoo.com

Fixtures Secretary – Antony Enright – 07771 655254 – antonyenright@outlook.com

Child Protection / Tour Manager – Laura Curtin – 07947 480242 – lauradixon@mail.com

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U9s Lead Coach – Antony Enright - 07771 655254 – antonyenright@outlook.com

U10s Lead Coach – Glen Curtin - 07814 000407 – glen_curtin10@yahoo.com

U11s Lead Coach – John Lake – 07818 041726 - irlake@hotmail.com

U12s Lead Coach – Mehl Jacobs – 07930 391280 – rugby@jacobsandco.biz

Thought for the month...



If you have any questions about any of the content of this newsletter, any suggestions for how it could be improved or indeed any suggestions of how we could improve generally please do not hesitate to contact Declan at bigmckeeper@gmail.com