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“They’re back!”



Dear Parents

Demis Roussos, that unlikely kaftan wearing demi-sex symbol of the 80's sang, “Words, Don’t Come Easy”! Not true this week as much has happened in school to bring to your attention that will make another bumper edition for you to enjoy.

Headline news for me - Mr and Mrs Mallard arrived back with us at the beginning of the week. Right on cue and what a relief and a delight to us all. Do watch out for their nest in the corner of the Foundation garden. Let’s hope that the big dog fox, whose bright orange eyes I captured in the headlights of my car last night, doesn’t pick up her scent.

On Monday evening we held our monthly senior leadership meeting. At the top of the agenda was our communication with you.

We receive regular feedback on this crucial issue and we continue to look for improvements to make sure we get closer to getting it right as often as possible.

Our communication starts with the calendar for the term ahead which we always try to get to you at the end of this term so you can

plan in advance. Whilst we send out paper copies an up to date electronic copy will also be found on line.

Feedback I receive tells me that we may send out too many non-essential messages and that you are in danger of becoming desensitised by the weight of messages we send, and in particular our use of Clarion. I’m also told we do not always give enough notice and that for major events when we are a long way from home better communication is needed regarding accurate estimated times of arrival; the London trip being a case in question.

After Easter we are no longer going to send you a Clarion noting you have an email telling you effort grades are on the parent portal. Triplication will go!

We will try our best to have all information attached to the portal by Friday of the week before a trip or event takes place. We will make reference to a letter on the back page of Hermes each Friday so you know to look for it.

We will only Clarion out to you if an emergency or significant change to plans arises.

On big trips away such as the F7 trip to the Globe we will send a Clarion home when we are leaving London and then when an hour from home we will send a second clarion to give you an accurate ETA back at school. We also agreed that mobile phones would be allowed for Form 7 and 8 pupils on the understanding they were there for communication home.

I’ll send a final Clarion and email home at the end of next week noting these changes, making sure that we review progress made later in the summer term. If you have any other suggestions please do let me know.

We are also going to look at ways to ask you to fill in just one medical information form at the beginning of each year and not send them home as often as we do now. This will rely on you updating your child's medical details on the portal.

Questions are also sometimes raised on the food we have for lunch though I for one love them, particularly the beef curry we had on Tuesday. Don't forget you are always welcome to have lunch with me to savour the food for yourself. Half an hour's notice is all that is required to get an invite!



Savouring the beef madras

Elsewhere, Tash BM and I have been trying to get the class rep system moving again this week. The Reps have a very valuable function to perform in both whipping up support for major events and in bringing generic concerns/questions to me from their year group.

These are the names I currently have:

Nursery	Vacancy available
Reception	Heather Ray
Year 1	Claire Flower
Year 2	Jo Vaughan
Year 3	David Frake
Year 4	Jane Henshaw
Year 5	Sam Barrington
Year 6	Carol Krosnar
Year 7	Karen Woollam
Year 8	Carol Krosnar

Can I take a moment to thank these volunteers (conscripts?) on your behalf. I look forward to meeting up with them for a

coffee morning after Easter and for them to make contact with you.

On Tuesday evening a sizeable group of teachers, assistants and ancillary staff worked late into the evening updating our first aid qualifications to make sure when we are out and about that we all have the required skills and experience to cope with whatever may come our way.

Our Three Peak Challengers were out and about again this week, walking eight miles from Lulworth to Osmington, all in the dark and with a crisp frost underfoot. Our Just Giving page shows a current total having exceeded £600 which is excellent. Don't forget you can join in a walk with them next Wednesday evening. Just make contact with Mrs Thorpe on the email below and she'll give you all the details you need.

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Before it got really dark



Definitely a night walk!

In our class assembly this morning Reception children and their teachers made their mums all cry, with such a tender and sweet assembly on Mother's Day. Their rendition of "You are my sunshine" turned all the taps on. If you haven't yet got your own present and card this is your final reminder before it's too late!

Finally, can I encourage as many of you as possible to join us for our Easter service at St Peter's Church at 2.30pm next Friday afternoon.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News

Fledglings have been reading the story of "Owl babies".



We have been talking about our mummies in the run up to Mother's day this Sunday.



One of our younger Fledglings testing out the sensory sand outside.



Congratulations to Mabel who turned two on Thursday, the cake was delicious



Nursery News

The children enjoyed marble painting on a bigger scale! They used a football to explore mark making and the mixing of the different colours.





God is up there too.
I love God because he made the world for us.

Thank you God!

By Katy N-S

Reception News

Elodie donated all of her birthday money to Julia's house charity.



Photo - Elodie Proudly showing off her Julia's House badge

What a kind and generous thing to do!

Form 1 News

Katy has written a rather beautiful poem at home that I would like to share with you.
Mrs Sleightholme

The Raindrop

Dip Dop I see a raindrop in the sky.
I see a raindrop in the sky.
So does God.



Another proud member of Junior Prep

Form 2's News

The Ultimate Bring and Buy Sale

Dear Parents

Form 2 will be hosting "The Ultimate Bring and Buy Sale" on Friday 28th April to raise money for our guide dog appeal.

We would like every single child in the school to bring in 1 item that they no longer want. (It could be a toy, a game, a book, a handbag, a computer game etc. (Anything you think someone else may want) AND a cake(s) or pack of biscuits.

We will then charge them £2 to come to the sale. For that they can take any item they wish plus a cake and a drink!

We will start collecting the items on Monday 27th March so feel free to send them in ASAP!

Thank you so much for your support
Form 2

Visitor

On Monday, Form 2 had a very exciting visitor.

Dr Hall (Otherwise known as Sam, William and Finlay's dad!) came in to talk to us about what it is like to work in a hospital nowadays, compared to a hospital in Florence Nightingale's day.



Almost ready to operate!

He had to answer all sorts of prepared questions such as "Have you ever seen a brain?" and "How do you practise cutting someone open?"

We learnt loads about performing operations and how each person in the hospital is a vital cog in the whole machine. From the doctors to the nurses to the porters and the cooks and cleaners. Everyone is as important as each other.



Mirabelle assisting Dr Hall with Neve

Dr. Hall helped Charlie celebrate his birthday by putting his arm in a plaster cast and Niamh joined him just for fun!



Wrapping up the birthday boy

We would all like to say a huge thank you to Dr Hall for helping us with our topic. We are all very relieved that thanks to Florence, the conditions in hospitals and the training of Doctors and nurses is now so fantastic!

Ski enrichment

Every Friday at 2 pm, Form 2 take to the slopes at Warmwell.



Snow ploughing

Some of our skiers are so experienced that they went immediately onto the big slope, and in fact this week went to the very top! It was a joy to watch Oscar, Leon, Maggie, Felix and Mirabelle gliding effortlessly at quite scary speeds, laughing and obviously loving every minute! School wasn't like that in my day!

The less experienced are making fabulous progress on the smaller slope and despite a few tumbles and impressive (accidental) backward skiing, they are looking confident and in control.



Mastering the technique

It has been a lovely enrichment.



Aero-dynamic....coming through!

Form 4's News

We would like to share Orlando's fabulous poem that he wrote over the weekend!

The Blitz Poem

Planes overhead, fighting in the sky
We run to safety, I start to cry
Bullets crashing, bombs raining down
I get evacuated from the town

Down at the station running to the train
123 the whistle goes again
I climb aboard hanging onto Mum

I say goodbye feeling rather glum

Where am I going, what will it be like?
Who will be there, will there a bike?
Looking out the window, seeing black and white
What are those creatures, what a sight!

Collecting eggs from the hens
Pigs sleeping in their pens
Gosh the smell at the farm
But this place is very calm

I miss my Mum and my home
But I'm happy I'm not alone
Post card sent to Mum from me
Receives it and she's feelings happy

I get back home, the war has ended
Celebrations, our Country defended.

By Orlando.

Form 6 News

Cookery Enrichment

Form 6 had a fantastic afternoon cooking with year 7 students at Leweston School.



The cookery team

We made our own Flat breads, spiced chicken and guacamole followed by oat biscuits which were taken from Mrs Larkin's Grandmothers recipe book!



Making delicious biscuits



Kerry keeping a close eye on things

Cake Sale

I am very lucky to have such a generous and talented class. They managed to raise over £75 from their Monday break time cake sale - all proceeds will go to our Guide Dogs Charity.



It was a great way to start the week. Well done, Form 6! From Mr Adams.

Form 7's News

On Thursday 30 March Form 7 will be selling 'squishys': these are spongy small toys and key fobs at morning break on Thursday.

These will cost either £1 or £2 (depending on the style) and profits will go to the Guide Dogs Charity. Please support this great charity.



A sample 'squishy' and relative size to £1.00

Music news

Thursday morning we were greeted by the sound of duelling pianos from the drawing room.... Nathan and Mr Vanburgh were entertaining us during Nathan's music lesson.



The duelling pianos

Music time tables are on the school website under parent information.

Mrs Hawes, Mrs Stell and Mrs Macnair have taught their final lessons for this term.

ABRSM exams are also next Tuesday in the drawing room.

In other news.....

Chess Club Champions



Mr Adams reports that this term we have been running a chess competition. Two in fact. They first enter the Cup Competition, which was a straight knockout competition. If and when they get knocked out they enter the League Competition which operates as a league competition, playing as many games and winning as many points as possible.

Both competitions were incredibly close. First and second in the league was separated by just one point. And in the Cup Final we had a three-way tie that went to replays. Then the two winners of the three way tie drew - so we had to have another replay! And so to finally decide the overall winner, we went to what must be the fifth replay against the chess clock. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Here are the final results of both competitions:

Chess Challenge League

Winner: Daniel G

Runner Up: Lily R

Chess Challenge Cup

Winner: Douglas B

Runner Up: Lily B

Fencing

Henry Form 4 and Mia Form 4 represented Sunninghill at the South West Fencing Easter Egg Competition at Millfield School on Sunday 19th March. They both faced stiff competition (mostly from Millfield) and we were delighted that Henry won the U11 Foil and Mia won the U9 Foil competitions. Their prizes were eternal glory and giant Easter Eggs.



Henry and Mia alongside Olivia Horn (ex Sunninghill) who claimed second prize in the U13



We need your old bikes!

Last week for enrichment Form 7 enjoyed learning about bicycle maintenance in a hands on fashion. The engineers from Leonardo helicopters (ex Westland) also support a local charity Prodigal Bikes. This is a new Charity started in 2016, and is based in South Somerset. It has two separate, yet very much linked, goals.

The first is to supply, free of charge, refurbished Mountain Bikes and the spares and tools to keep them running, to people in rural Africa, to enhance their lives through improving access to education, trade and wider communities.

The second is working together with local people here on Community Payback programmes, and disengaged people, refurbishing the Mountain Bikes ready to be sent out to Africa. They give them a taste of working hands-on in an Engineering discipline, with a view to them pursuing education and careers in related professions. There is also the huge boost and sense of fulfilment in knowing their work is benefiting poor people in Africa.

They need bikes that will carry teenagers and adults off road, i.e. Mountain Bikes, Hybrids and old "Sit up and Beg" type bikes, rather than racing bikes or small children's bikes.

If you have a bike that you think is suitable please email Mr Stazicker a description of the bike so we can let Prodigal bikes know what may be available. We are hoping to collect the bikes at school then deliver them to Yeovil.

To support this cause, Mr Stazicker has already kindly donated two bikes!

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Sunninghill have rallied together, as always, and worn red for Red Nose Day. We've managed to raise over £125.00 today for a very worthy cause and have fun in the process. Thank for all your support.



Morning break selfies



More morning break selfie shenanigans

St Peter's Church Annual Confirmation Classes

Are you aged 10-18? Are you interested in exploring what faith is about?

In May the Anglican church in Dorchester will be preparing young people to be confirmed at a special service at Salisbury Cathedral on June 17th 2017.

There will be about four sessions to explore faith together and then if you want to you can take part in the confirmation service. For dates and more details please contact the Team Vicar at St Peter's:



Revd Claire McClelland 01305 570733
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Nutrition Natter

Hello!

On the same subject of vegetables, I would like to speak about a very important component of vegetables -Fibre!



What is fibre? Where can we find it and why is that important for our children bodies?

Fibre is mainly found in vegetables, fruit and whole grains. Good examples, root vegetables, oats, Linseeds and beans. Fibre plays a very important role to our health because it helps the gut to work properly, interfering with our friendly bacteria and on a regular basis, making sure our little ones don't start having constipation problems from young age and have a regular daily bowel movement. Also it helps to maintain the body sugar and cholesterol levels preventing diabetes, high cholesterol and it also helps them to feel full.

Regarding the Rainbow challenge, how are our children getting on? Are we helping and motivating them? Are they trying new vegetables? Think about the colour of the rainbow, variety is really the key to a healthy child!! Why not decorate their plates with a sort of animal shape they know? Let's come up with bears faces, cats, trees, etc.... anything they like. Especially for the little, little ones those ideas really help!

I would really love to see them trying and researching about each vegetable! Have they started their vegetables diaries? Carolina already started! She starting writing down the name, colour, drawing it of course, and the most important part, understanding why it is important for your body. I would love to see those rainbow diaries!! Please bring them to school and start sharing ideas with your friends and teacher.

Warm healthy wishes!

Marina

Sports News

DSSA Year 5 and 6 West Dorset Primary Schools Swimming Gala. Friday 17th March.

Eleven schools competed in this event at Dorchester Sports Centre last Friday 17th March. We put out a full team and had some great performances. Highlight of the afternoon was winning both the medley and freestyle relays, boys and girls in year 5.

Well done to Erin, Freya, Esme and Nikita.

Well done to Archie, Henry, Ben and finally Tymon who on the last leg of each relay swam fantastically to secure the win.

Overall results

7 th - Charmouth Primary	100 points
6 th - Mrs Ethelston's	120
5 th - Bridport Primary	135
4 th - Salway Ash	151
3 rd - Sunninghill Prep	163
2 nd - Dorchester Middle	203
1 st - St. Osmunds Middle	221

A great achievement to finish 3rd overall behind two of the largest schools but an even better achievement to win the Small Schools trophy for the second year running.



Our small schools victors

Well done to all of you and thank you to Sam Barrington for acting as our timekeeper and to all our parent supporters.

Form 3 and 4 Inter house mixed hockey Result: Ridgeway winners

On Tuesday afternoon the year 3-4 boys and girls played inter house hockey matches. All the players participated with great enthusiasm and passion.

Great combinations and chances were created with some excellent finishing on target. Ridgeway was superior on the day with some lethal attacking. Frome finished second with some great passing and counter attacking play. Maumbury fought hard whilst playing well as a team finishing third. Purbeck had a tough afternoon as they did not have any substitutions. They still worked extremely hard and finished fourth.

Well done to all the players for displaying their much improved hockey skills.



All four of the house teams

U8/9 St. Mary's hockey tournament Swanage Result: Winners

On Wednesday afternoon a mixed U9/8 boys' team participated in a school's hockey tournament in Swanage.

The tournament was hosted by St Mary's Catholic school and organised by 'Swanage and Wareham Hockey Club'.

First match: 8 - 0 Win

Our team started their first match extremely sharp, storming to a 3-0 lead in the first half. The boys were disciplined and solid in their positions and started to put more pressure on their opponents in the second half.

Second match v Swanage: 0 - 0 Draw

Swanage were a skilled and tall year 4 team who were also up for the challenge. We were under a lot of pressure in defence but heroic defending from Valentine and Theo meant they could not score. The boys played a brilliant match with some wonderful team work.

Third match: 4 - 0 Win

We started even but the boys became more confident as the match went on and started to attack more. The team could not break their opponents defence down in the first half but the players played with more width in the second half to try to open their opponents. This worked really well and due to some excellent combinations, 4 brilliant goals were scored!

Fourth match: 0 - 0 Draw

In their final match they faced St Mary's Swanage for a second time. Determined to bring the trophy home the team were looking for a victory and raised the tempo of the game. Every single player in the team gave their all and worked for the team. They kept their positions well and built a fortress in midfield. We spent most of the match in St Mary's area but could sadly not score.

During the presentation Sunninghill were crowned champions on superior goal difference as they scored 12 and conceded 0.

Congratulations to all the players for their brilliant team work!



The rather proud team shot !



Receiving the winning shield

Lost and Found

Lost: Iris H (Form 1) has lost her track suit bottoms with Sunninghill logo on the side and ankle zips. Missing after PE on Wednesday.

Lost: Dylan W (Form 7) has lost his new named blue school jumper

Lost: Isabella H's (Form 7) skirt went missing from her sports bag in the girls changing room on 6th March. It has all her sports colours sewn in the left hand side and her name tag sewn inside.

Please check to see if you have any of these items.

Please remember to name all clothes and equipment so they can be returned to the correct child. If you are missing any named clothes please check in the lost property box, now situated outside the boys changing room and girls' toilets.

Please check that your child only brings home their uniform each week, and please return any items not belonging to your child. Thank you.

Multi-coloured Swap Shop

Don't forget the swap shop in Compass Lobby - swap and return your books, wellies and trainers.

This is working very well - thank you to everyone who is swapping!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second hand uniform shop is based in our medical room at the front of the school. Please contact me if you would like to buy any uniform.

If you would like to sell or donate any **good quality uniform**, please ensure everything is washed/dry cleaned before leaving it with me. Please remember to remove your child's name labels.

We sell second hand uniform with proceeds going to our PTFA. If you would like to receive 50% of the sale of your items please clearly label and price each item. Please pin or use luggage labels (sticky labels tend to fall off and get lost!). If you would like to donate the clothes, no labelling is required.

We only sell clothes with the school logo on, so if you have any trousers, shirts or blouses

you no longer require, please take them to your local charity shop.

With thanks *Lydia*

***Form 8 responsibilities
Spring Term:***

Head Boy:	<i>Harry Young</i>
Head Girl:	<i>Meredith Perry</i>
Sports:	<i>Teisha Barrey & Kieran Williams</i>
Outdoor Ed:	<i>Bonnie Davenport & James Cook</i>
English:	<i>Brook Michael-Beale</i>
Maths:	<i>Elliot Raybould & Teisha Barrey</i>
Science:	<i>Jamie Barrington</i>
Humanities:	<i>Peter Message</i>
Art:	<i>Rachel Williams-Schoeller & Hannah Stanhope</i>
IT:	<i>Brook Michael-Beale, Jacob Horton, Charlie Blake & Xan Airy</i>
Drama:	<i>Joni Denne-Loader & Millie Durkin-Jones</i>
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Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL	<p>Tues 28th ABRSM Exams Tuesday from 9am</p> <p>Wed 29th Night Walk for 3 Peaks</p> <p>Thurs 30th Form 7 Squishy Sale</p> <p>Thurs 30th PTFA Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>Fri 31st Easter Service, St Peter's 2.30 pm</p>
LETTERS ON WEBSITE	<p>Summer Term Tennis Lessons</p> <p>Enrichment A-Z, website</p> <p>Portal - School fees for 2017/2018 from Mr Thorpe (Due Tues 28th)</p>
Fledglings	No diary entries
Nursery	No diary entries
Reception	Mon 27 th Monkey World Trip
Form 1	No diary entries
Form 2	No diary entries
Form 3	Tues 28 th Effort Grades on parent portal
Form 4	<p>Mon 27th Monkey World Trip</p> <p>Tues 28th Effort Grades on parent portal</p>
Form 5	<p>Mon 27th House Matches</p> <p>Tues 28th Effort Grades on parent portal</p> <p>Thurs 30th After School Skiing</p>
Form 6	<p>Mon 27th House Matches</p> <p>Tues 28th Effort Grades on parent portal</p> <p>Thurs 30th After School Skiing</p>
Form 7	<p>Mon 27th House Matches</p> <p>Tues 28th Effort Grades on parent portal</p> <p>Wed 29th Twickenham Rugby 7.00 am</p> <p>Thurs 30th After School Skiing</p>
Form 8	<p>Mon 27th House Matches</p> <p>Tues 28th Effort Grades on parent portal</p> <p>Wed 29th Twickenham Rugby 7.00 am</p> <p>Thurs 30th Football Tournament Fundraiser</p> <p>Thurs 30th After School Skiing</p>