



Hermes

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“Ni hao jambo hola!”



There's always one!

Dear Parents

A decidedly autumn chill in the air this week has sparked much debate amongst our staff.

Heating on or off?

The northern latitude clan walk around in short sleeves and rarely seem to feel the cold. They become very uncomfortable when the temperature exceeds that found in the tundra and they have to have all their sash windows open and an ample supply of fresh air and water.

The mid-Europeans on the other hand suffer frost bite when the smallest cloud obscures the sun and when the first leaf begins to turn brown. They need large volumes of tea and coffee and have in depth conversation of the merits of merino wool under garments. Without exception they own down puffers.

Poor Eileen has to balance the needs of both, though she definitely has a foot firmly planted in one of the camps herself.

Heads you lose tails I win!

I'm hoping our renewed push to be more eco-friendly will save the day and offer lots of good advice.

If in doubt put on an extra layer I say. Turning on the central heating can only be thought about at the end of October at the very earliest. I seem to have nailed my colours to the mast there!

I'd like to take the opportunity this issue to welcome back last year's Form 8 parents to our weekly circular. It appears they may have been erroneously excommunicated. Keeping in touch with them remains very important to us. Now you're back with us please do keep us informed of news within your family and particularly with respect to how your children are getting on.

School has been a bit quieter than usual this week as the Form 4s have been on exped with Mrs Moss, Mrs Sales and Mr Stazicker. They've had a great few days together despite the mixed weather.



Canoeing, bush craft and hearty breakfasts!

Ian's departure did give me the chance to sail with the Thursday evening crew which was great fun as we had near perfect conditions and a warm breeze on our backs.

On Wednesday I met the class reps for a great exchange of information. I very much value their input and how they represent your thoughts and worries. There are spaces for parents to represent the views of Nursery, Reception, Form 4 and Form 8. Please don't be backward at coming forwards if you have a bit of spare time on your hands. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th November at 8.30am in the Drawing Room. Kerry's special treats alone make it worth attending.



Our valuable class reps meeting with treats!

Amongst other topics, we discussed parking zones which seems to have lost a bit of direction recently. I have attached the zones map so you can see where it would be best for you to park. Please can I also urge you to drive very carefully around the site as I do occasionally see cars going too fast, the consequences of which are beyond unthinkable.

Can I also urge you to pay close attention to the timings for the start of the school day? You can drop your children off in the Dining Room from 7.30am in the morning. Mrs Sales is always there. It's much better to book in so we can be prepared for you. This service is free of charge unless you'd like a breakfast which carries a small charge. Beyond this there should not be any children in school before 8am as we don't have staff on duty, all our teachers are getting ready for the day ahead. A late mark is written after 8.20am which gives a good margin for

traffic issues and pressing the snooze button one too many times.

Finally, we have had a wonderful international day in school today starting with a great Form 5 assembly looking at bilingualism and joys of being able to communicate in another language. It was great to see their parents supporting and the wonderful costumes worn by the children and staff (some of whom more than pushed the boat out!)



An eclectic mix of costumes

Finally, finally, next week is the IAPS National Heads Conference in Edinburgh. I will be away from school from Wednesday onwards. Mrs Brunt and Mr Stazicker will be in charge should you have any concerns. I'll still send you my Hermes editorial though it will have a decidedly Celtic feel to it.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News

This week Fledglings have been enjoying the story of the Gingerbread man. Ending the week by decorating yummy Gingerbread men to eat. We also watched the effects of sunshine on our sensory disks outside, we enjoyed trying to chase the dots!



Nursery news

The children have been looking at the topic “How old am I?” and have been enjoying various activities to support this!

We've made individual cakes using the electric whisk and talking about keeping ourselves safe when using these kitchen tools.



The children have also been recognising numerals at random, matching numerals to quantity, ordering numbers from 1-5 and 1-10 and writing numbers with natural materials.



On Wednesday morning we had a lovely pet rabbit for ‘show and tell’. Thank you very much to Raphael and Mme Shilliday for bringing him in to share.

The bunny is called Jasmine we all really enjoyed meeting and petting her.

Form 2

Form 2 have been out taking photos on their new iPad, of Dorchester highlights, to make posters to send to Katie Morag in Struay.



We might have known the toy shop would feature....



.... Should they be dropped off at the police station?



Creating their 'Things to do in Dorchester' posters for Katie Morag

Form 3

Form 3 were very fortunate to have an artist, Charlotte Dingle, take their enrichment last Friday.

The children learnt about critically endangered animals and made an animal collage for their chosen continent.



The focus was endangered animals around the world



Please come and see their fantastic display at the top of the Compass Lobby stairs

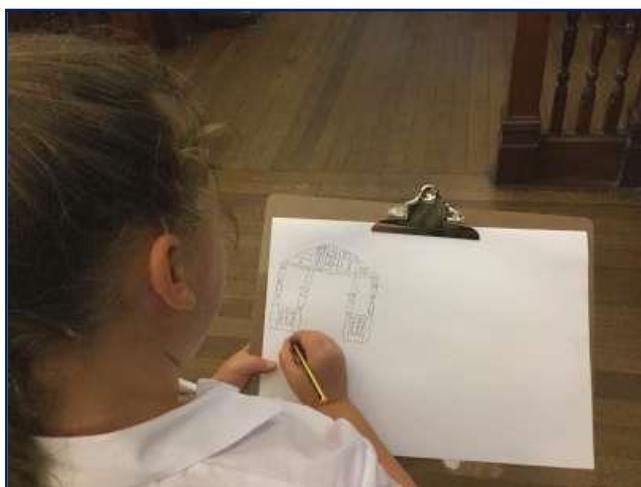
Form 5

During their art lesson Form 5 were looking for patterns in our Victorian school building.

It will start their creative thinking books that they will continue to use throughout the term.



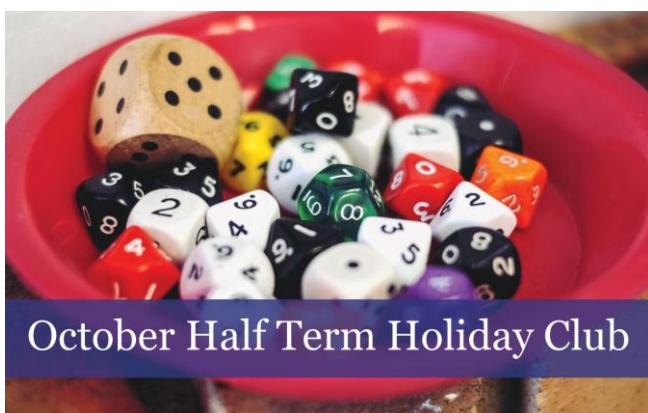
Note the ‘better angle’ from the floor!



Some great sketches were developing before our very eyes!

In other news.....

Holiday Club



October Half Term Holiday Club

All the booking forms and activities are now on our website for the October half term Holiday Club.

Please follow the link below for further information.

<http://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>

We are running it for one week from Monday 23rd October until Friday 27th October.

Please email Jemma Fowler for any queries on

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Strictly Dance Club

Wow, what a start. Strictly Come Dancing watch out.



Looking like a professional hold already!

It was lovely to see both boys and girls wanting to learn to dance. Fabulous (as Craig Revel Horwood would say) and I can't wait to watch them all progress into confident dancers.



Our first routine

Watch this space for our first demo.

Mrs Sales

Music News

All music timetables can be found on the parent portal.

Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Monday.

All music clubs will start this week including a new Lower School Choir and Recorder Club.

Miss Emilie's Dance Lessons

Starting next Wednesday, weekly dance lessons with Miss Emilie from The Studio for Nursery, Reception and Form 1.

Lessons are held during the children's morning break time where they will enjoy learning their foundation dance steps and skills in rhythm, sense of time and musicality.

Really fun and very enjoyable. Miss Emilie is a past student of Sunninghill herself, and has been teaching at the school for over 11 years now alongside the successful running of her own school in Dorchester.

Please give her a call or email for more info, new dancers are very welcome to come along and try a class before parents commit to the full term.

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Languages Day

Today we celebrated world languages day. As part of a series of events during the day (pictures to follow in next week's Hermes), the pupils came dressed up in traditional costumes from all over the world and shared their knowledge of different cultures and languages.

The day proved to be the perfect opportunity for the pupils at Sunninghill to discover a little something from a different part of the world.



Merci Mme Shilliday!

Creative Writing Workshop with Emma Carroll: Thursday October 5th

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome Emma Carroll to Sunninghill on Thursday October 5th when she will be working with our Form 7s and 8s.



Emma is a very successful author of children's books, who recently worked as a secondary English teacher. In 2012, she graduated from Bath Spa University's MA in Writing for Young People and was inspired to write her first book, "Frost Hollow Hall." Five other successful books have followed and she now writes full time. Form 7 and 8 were given the opportunity to read "Letters from the Lighthouse," her most recent book, over the summer.

At Sunninghill, Emma will share with us some of the techniques she has used to inspire young writers with the Arvon Foundation and help the children gather ideas, plan and develop their own work. I am looking forward to reading their

wonderful stories and we will share some of them with you after the workshop.

Donna Fernley

Head of English

A Graduation!

We would like to congratulate Aiden's Grandmother, Jacky Walker, on her graduation this week who has gained an MA in Education from Plymouth University.



Medical Matters



Now all the children are back in school and spending time together in class and the playground, some children may, unfortunately, succumb to head lice.

These can be easily treated either by using over the counter remedies, or by using conditioner and a head lice comb on a

regular basis until all signs of the head lice have gone.

Another natural method that may work is by mixing salt and vinegar together to dehydrate and kill lice. To use, apply as a spray (1/4 cup salt dissolved in 1/4 cup warm vinegar) until the scalp/hair is wet. Allow the mixture to sit until the hair is fully dry, then coat the scalp and hair completely with coconut or olive oil.

Lydia Hampshire

Sports news

U9 Football v St Mary's School Swanage



On Friday afternoon the Form 4 girls and boys played football against St Mary's Swanage. Although it was raining for most of the afternoon, the children played three lovely matches.

The scores were close in every match and the children worked hard for each other.

The children improved their passing and dribbling skills and scored exciting goals but need to work on keeping their positions!

Contribution awards go to Polina, Ben and Vishnu for their much improved passing and dribbling skills.

U8/9 A-Team Mixed Hockey v Castle Court Result: Loss 7 - 2

Considering this was our first match the girls should feel very proud. They worked very hard and learnt lots in a short space of time. Castle Court scored quickly and kept scoring but it did not stop SPS from trying. Castle Court were stronger in their tackles and this is something we can work on but SPS started to mark their players and this made a massive difference.

We managed to get 2 goals and this was down to sheer determination from the whole team.

Contribution award - Carolina for learning quickly and 'getting stuck in'!

U8/9 B-Team Mixed Hockey v Castle Court Result: Loss 5 - 0

A very good result for the mixed U9 and U8 team, as they ran their socks off in their first game of the season. Everybody played fantastically well as they managed to hold their positions on the pitch. Lucy, Mirabelle and Maggie made some strong runs towards the end of the shooting D, but unfortunately just missed out on a goal. Lydia, Isabel and Isadora did a brilliant job at tackling, and retrieving the ball back from Castle Court.

It was a brave team effort from every player so well done girls.

Contribution award: Imogen for her excellent defending skills.

U12/13 A&B Hockey v Castle Court

We took 20 girls over to Castle Court and divided them up into 4 teams adding 3/4 Castle Court girls to each team. This meant that everyone played all of the time and we had a lovely small tournament. The girls had to get to know each other and sort out their positions and communicate on the pitch.

There were some great games and an opportunity for everyone to apply the skills we have been working on in practice. We did not have a winner but all the games

were closely contested with the Goalkeeper's having to work hard as well. It was nice to see lots of red faces at the end which showed you all can put the effort in and work hard for each other. Well done.

U10 Hockey v Castle Court

Result: Loss 4 - 0

The U10s have officially kicked off their season as they played their first individual match against a very competitive Castle Court side.

The girls took a little bit of time to get into the game, but their performance improved throughout. This was especially evident in the last 5-10 minutes of the last half when they had most of the possession and they were challenging the CC defenders to break into our shooting D. It was a very good team effort by all. Well done!

Contribution award: Iola for challenging the CC players throughout the entire game.

U11 Hockey v Castle Court

Result: Win 1 - 0

A positive result for the U11s as they fought hard to win their competitive match against Castle Court. The girls had plenty of attempts at goal and put the Castle Court keeper under pressure on many occasions. Gemma, Freya and Eleni made some strong runs down the centre of the pitch beating many CC players. Erin and Esme did a fantastic job at keeping the CC players away from our D, and a particularly special mention goes to Meena for holding her position as right wing in what was an extremely fast paced game. Well done girls!

Contribution award: Sophia for her excellent goal keeping, making some very difficult saves.

U8 Football v Castle Court

Result: Win 4 - 1

A great opening game in the boy's very first match for the school.

Such excitement and enthusiasm - every football manager's dream! The boys hunted in a pack and didn't give the opposition any time to look up and pass. Felix, Charlie and Oscar defended well and looked to pass on occasions rather than just booting the ball. Alex and Leon ran all over the pitch with some good control both of them scoring in the first half. Castle Court got one back but we kept the pressure up with Oscar scoring our third. Max was Spring by name and by nature, running on Duracell batteries and scoring a well struck fourth goal. Mark and Enzo grew in confidence as the game went on and got stuck in, making contact with the ball and helping the team to attack. It is a good job shin pads were invented as there was a lot of close quarter swinging and missing- ouch!

Lovely game though boys - welcome to the Premiere League!

Contribution award: The whole team for a terrific performance

U9 Football v Castle Court

Result: Loss 5 - 1

Sunninghill faced a skilled Castle Court on Tuesday afternoon. The boys did not keep their positions well at the start of the match and were 4-0 down at the end of the first half. In the second half Sunninghill pressed much higher up the pitch and played with more aggression and enthusiasm.

The team created more chances and scored a beautiful goal.

Contribution award goes to Thomas

U13/12 Football v Dumpton

Result: Loss 0 - 3

U13/12 Football v FSM

Result: (Dylan 2) Loss 2 - 3

Our first competitive fixture and two come along at once. Every boy in Year 7 and 8 took part and despite our losses all played well and there was some stand out performances:

The team was captained by Tom in goal who was kept very busy and made save after save in the second match and kept the score line more flattering than it should have been against a very strong Dumpton team.

The outfield was led by our midfield dynamo, Dylan, played with great skill, determination, energy and intelligence. He scored some superb goals and plugged the defence when needed.

Other honourable mentions include: Tom who was the other half of the midfield engine that drove the team forward; Kian who made some very risky but valuable last ditch clearances; and Lawrence great timing in tackles, winning the ball cleanly and every time laying the ball off to a team mate afterwards.

Contribution award goes to Tom - Superb shot stopping in goal - expect a call from Mr Klopp, Liverpool needs you!

U11 Football v Dumpton

Result: Draw 2 - 2

U11 Football v Dumpton and FSM

Result: Loss 0 - 3



Some of our SPS supporters

Sunninghill played a triangular match with Dumpton and FSM. The under 11's started their game against Dumpton very well with solid defending from Joshua, Gabriel and Adam. The team dominated play for most of the match, especially as the midfield

created opportunities by using the width of the pitch. Stanley scored two beautiful goals after excellent combination play with Henry, Harry and Toby. Unfortunately the boys lost their concentration in the final 10 minutes and Dumpton managed to equalise.

In the second match the boys faced a compact Forres Sandle Manor. The team did not keep their positions well and conceded early on. Next match the team will try to be more supportive of each other so that they can remain confident and try to find a way back into the match.

Contribution awards go to Tymon for his improved passing and Tom for his improved ball control.

U10 Football v Dumpton

Result: Loss 5 - 3

Today saw a strong Dumpton team take on Sunninghill U10's in a free flowing well-mannered game.

Dumpton ended up eventual winners 5-3 after Gethyn put the home side ahead.

Dumpton used the space better and scored two quick goals while Sunninghill's boys were still trying hard. One more Dumpton goal saw the half time as 3 - 1 to the visitors.

A long range goal from Dumpton then two solo efforts from Gethyn ensured we had a tight finish. Unfortunately for the home side Dumpton scored just before the end, finishing the game as victors.

Contribution award goes to Gethyn for his excellent goals and Theo for his improved passing.

Form 8 responsibilities
Autumn Term:

Head Boy: Douglas Bowering
Head Girl: Imogen Douie

Sports Captains: Erin Philips
Tom Swanton

Prefects:
Outdoor Ed: William Hortin
English: Lewis Rowbotham
Maths: Douglas Bowering
Science: Imogen Douie
Khalid Miah

Humanities: Tom Swanton
Khalid Miah

Art: Hannah Davis
ICT: Lucas Jones
Dominic Woollam
Lewis Rowbotham

Music & Drama: Joseph Burdge
Katie Shovlar

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Tom Swanton

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Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 25th	
	Tues 26th	U8 & U9 Football v Salisbury Cathedral (H) 2.00 pm Form 8 Parents' Evening 4.45 pm
	Wed 27th	Form 3 depart for Rock & Rapids Residential IAPs Heads' Conference for 3 days U12/13A Hockey v Leweston (H) 2.15 pm U13/12 Football v Castle Court (A) 2.15 pm U11 & U10 Football v Swanage (A) 2.00 pm U11 Hockey v Leweston (A) 2.30 pm U10 Hockey v Leweston (A) 2.30 pm U12/13B Hockey v Leweston (H) 3.00 pm
	Thur 28th	Form 3 at Rock and Rapids Residential Rec - Form 4 Swimming @ 1611 Form 6 - 8 Chamber Choir (selected pupils) 10.00 am After School Sailing 4.45 pm U11 & U13 Swimming Gala v Leweston (A) 5.00 pm
	Fri 29th	Parent & Toddler Group, School Hall 10 - 11.30 am Form 5 Military Keep, Dorchester Form 6 - Sailing Form 7 - Windsurfing Form 8 - Shakespeare Form 3 return from Residential
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Autumn Term Curriculum Jigsaw Map and Letter - Rec - Form 8 Menu Sports Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets - Form 3 - 8 Car Parking Permits - as a reminder Week 4 Music Timetable - Rec - Form 8	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	No letters	
Form 1	No letters	
Form 2	No letters	
Form 3	This week's spellings on Spellzone for your child to practise	
Form 4	No letters	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	Form 6 Parents' Evening	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	Form 8 Parents' Evening Form 8 Exeter Trip	