

Hermes

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“Strictly!”



Dear Parents

I must start this week's Hermes with an apology. Last week's edition was found to have a grave erratum spotted by an eagle-eyed reader. I celebrated the victorious staff team in the recent quiz night and forgot that mother and daughter team of Jacky and Nikki of Aidan B fame were members and instrumental in the victory, particularly in the final music round and in the taster round where one who recently graduated picked out the Bloody Mary crisps. A misspent youth me thinks!

I do enjoy lots of feedback and was also delighted to hear from another proud grandparent eager to share their pride and joy.

Pictured next are Mrs Saines' three grandchildren photographed with their home grown pumpkins during Halloween. What a great picture!



On the subject of our pride and joy I have amazing news to share with you.

You may or may not know this but amongst our talented staff we have a champion dancer. Mrs Sales has been training very hard for many months and qualified for the ISDTA 2017 National Ballroom Finals at Blackpool last weekend. Despite fierce competition, Tracey and her dance partner Argo won the whole contest. I know you will join with me in offering your warmest congratulations.

Perhaps we should have our own Strictly contest at school?



On Monday evening eleven members of the school and parent body attended the PTFA AGM at Zizzi's. Steve Ray the treasurer outlined the association's activities last year and noted the relative success of each event. In total over £16000 sits in their bank account which is an amazing amount that will continue to benefit the school in so many different ways. The members present were delighted to re-elect Steve as Treasurer and Carol Krosnar as Secretary. We then unanimously voted in Lynn Strover as Chair and talked about what major projects we might like to support in the coming months and years.

The Christmas Fayre occupied quite a bit of our discussion time, with a really exciting night planned on Thursday 30th November. Tickets will be on sale shortly in Compass Lobby.

Mid-week saw me gazing out of my office window to see smoke coming from the low ropes area.

Was the small forest on fire?

Thankfully not.

It was Ms Livesey and Mrs Stone (nee Clarke) and their Receptioners exploring the benefits of Forest Schools. They lit a large fire in our new fire pit, generously provided by Mr Stazicker and his pastoral budget. They enjoyed hot chocolate and a real northern delicacy of Parkin. If you've never tasted this cake you really have missed out. I'm sure Catherine would be delighted to share her recipe with you.



Catherine is leading our drive towards incorporating Forest Schools into our PSHE scheme of work. More on this as we add some "meat onto the bone."

Elsewhere in school I was delighted to meet up with Vishnu this week. He has a very creative mind and had decided to engineer a new Tic-tac dispenser using his favourite Lego.



What could be better than Lego and Tic-tacs? I had to try the engineering project with a very tasty fringe benefit.

It is that time of the term when old boys and girls start to pop back in and say hello. I was delighted to greet Charlie B who had popped in to school to pick up his little sister Molly. He'd just finished a tough game of rugby against Blandford School which his school (Milton Abbey) won 12-10. I think Sunninghill pupils may have scored both tries.



This takes me to a perfect moment to round up the week as I watched my first senior game of rugby of the season on Wednesday afternoon. Our U13's hosted a strong Bournemouth Collegiate team. As the match report later in this edition testifies, they were up against it from the very off though never gave up. Dylan W scored a deserved try in the dying moments of the game which a small but appreciative crowd really enjoyed.

I haven't seen Reuben M, Khalid's little brother, for a while and was thrilled to see him in such fantastic shape. Despite the cold weather he was up to his usual tricks of grabbing my flat cap, always with a very cheeky smile on his face!



We are completing Hermes prior to our Remembrance Service so will give a full update in next week's edition.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News

Fledglings have had fun this week hand painting bonfire pictures, planting seeds and mark making in sensory sand.



Nursery news

The children helped build the bonfire and make the pretend marshmallows. This is an image of the children role modelling toasting their pretend marshmallows.



All of the children have made firework cookies this week, then enjoyed decorating them with various icing and sparkles.



A lovely creation of a firework picture using the interactive white board.



Form 2

The whole class helped to create the Poppy Collage for Remembrance Day.



Gregory created his beautiful Cat in the Hat in a workshop run by Darrell Wakelam at The Library.



In other news.....

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

Notes from the Chair

May I open by saying how thrilled I am to be taking up the role of PTFA Chairperson. I find myself in the rare and enviable position of joining the PTFA Committee with the continuing commitment of our Treasurer, Steve Ray, and Secretary, Carol Krosnar, along with a healthy balance in the bank. May I add my thanks to Natasha Buchan-Moore for her hard work and commitment over the past year. I hope to build on this foundation with the Committee; offering events and funding projects that benefit our community as a whole and having fun along the way.

Following our AGM on Monday 6th November, our Committee Members are off to a running start, rapidly putting together all the arrangements for our Christmas activities that we're all familiar with.

First up, we are looking for volunteers to help with decorating our Christmas trees and mantelpieces on Wednesday 29 November at 2pm in the main entrance hall.

Next is the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 30 November, 7pm, expertly masterminded by Julie Hansen. Please purchase your tickets, and those for your family members and friends, from Lydia, Mandy or Eileen. They're a snip at £3, to include entry into the prize draw, mulled wine and Kerry's delicious canapes (more details on the poster pictured). This is an enjoyable, relaxed evening, one to really kick off the Christmas season and get your gift shopping well under way.

And finally, we are working hard to get a date in Santa's busy schedule for a personal visit to deliver gifts to the younger years during the last week of term. We are looking for Santa's elves too - to help wrap gifts! This can be done in the comfort of your own home.

Please sign up on the PTFA notice board in Compass Lobby or message me on the contact details below if you'd like to join the seasonal fun and help with Christmas tree decorating, ticket sales for the Christmas Fayre and/or gift wrapping.

On 16 November, 6pm in the Drawing Room, the PTFA Committee will be holding its first termly meeting of the year. On the agenda will be discussions on the forthcoming calendar of PTFA events for the whole Sunninghill community. All welcome, please let me know if you'd like to attend so that we can make sure suitable amounts of cheese and wine are on hand. If you're unable to attend but would like to contribute your ideas, please be in touch.

I look forward to saying hello to you all at our events or around school. I am mum to Mirabelle in Form 3, and am a regular in Compass Lobby at pick up time.

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A Family Graduation

Congratulations to Aiden's mum, Nikki Burgess, for her recent Graduation. She has earned herself an MA in Advertising and Marketing Communications.



The second half of the workshop allowed pupils to trial mehendi designs using henna paste to decorate hands. This is part of Diwali Festival of Light that Meena's family celebrated before half term.



It was a most enjoyable workshop and Meena has passed section B of her bronze arts award.

Mrs. Saines.

Art News

On Tuesday after school Meena ran a Rangoli pattern making workshop for the Bronze Arts Award group. She brought in a wonderful selection of coloured sands and each group worked on a design prepared for them. We all agreed that it was quite challenging ensuring the glue was applied neatly in order to achieve the shapes and colours.



Art Exhibition

Past parent, Julian Bailey, is exhibiting his recent work in oil and gouache at Duke's in Brewery Square, Dorchester. The exhibition will run from November 22nd until December 13th 2017, Monday to Friday 9 - 5.30 and Saturday 2nd December 9.30 until 12.00.

Music News

On Saturday 4th November, Erin, Tilly, Hannah, Eve, Khalid and I joined Dorchester Choral Society for a concert of Benjamin Britten's Saint Nicholas, conducted by Colin Howard. The piece tells the story of the life of St Nicholas, the original Father Christmas, who was bishop of Myra in the 4th Century.

We were all singing in the Gallery Choir along with some students from Hardyes. I was also one of three pickled boys, who are slaughtered by a butcher for food during a famine and then resurrected by St Nicholas.

Ruairi Bowen was singing the part of St Nicholas. He looked very young, but he was actually older than he looked and was an amazing singer. The piece was very interesting, there were some parts that were really energetic and fun. I especially liked the tempest, where we were the thunder and lightning singing over the sailors (sung by the tenors and basses), and the part where I was a pickled boy, where the main choir were travellers looking for food, and the gallery choir were mothers looking for their missing sons.

By Joseph B (Form 8)

Week 9 music lessons:

Our peripatetic music teachers will be in on the following days

Mr Vanburgh: all week

Mrs Nolan-Stone: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Teale: Monday and Wednesday

Mr Wheeler: Tuesday

Mr Garden: Wednesday

Mrs Hawes: Thursday

Mrs Stell: Friday.

The timetables will be up at the beginning of next week

Below is a photo of the lower school choir practicing for their first performance at the remembrance service.



Children in Need



We are supporting Children in Need by wearing spots on Friday 17th November. Please give donations to Form teachers or Lydia. Many thanks in advance.

Construction Club

The children were so proud of their structure that we were asked to take photographic evidence of their engineering skills!



Christmas Holiday club

This year we will be running the holiday club for one week during the Christmas holidays.

Please book early to avoid disappointment!

It will be running from Monday 18th December to Friday 22nd December. All details are on our website using the following link.

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



Sports news

U9 Girls' Hockey v Clayesmore (from Friday 3rd December)
Result: Win 2 - 1

This was a close game but overall we had more of the attacking play. Betty was stoic in defence not allowing the opposition to pass. She was helped at various times from Izzy, Amelia and Polina. Everyone with their sticks on the ground and some strong clearances to get the ball to the forwards. Imogen was on fire up front. If she lost the ball she tackled back and didn't give up. She scored both our goals controlling the ball well and moving at pace to get past Clayesmore's defence. Polina was her partner in crime and she worked her socks off to get the ball and keep it. Betty showed some nice stickwork and Lydia was moving around to receive a pass. Imogen and Polina also had several chances to score but we deserved to win.

Well done everyone for supporting each other and playing as a team.

Contribution award: Polina for the improvement in her play her determination and work rate.

U8 Girls' Hockey v Clayesmore (from Friday 3rd December)
Result: Draw 2 - 2

This was by far the best performance from the U8s all season. They played a superbly competitive game against a well matched Clayesmore side. The team did a brilliant job at holding their space, and staying in their positions. They also did a superb job at passing the ball to each other, which really put pressure on the Clayesmore defence. Overall it was an excellent performance, and I am extremely proud of all the girls' progress! Well done!

Contribution award: To Pippa for being brave and scoring the equaliser in the last 30 seconds of the match.

U11 Girls' Hockey Tournament at Bryanston

Results:
v Sherborne Prep Win 2 - 0
v Sandroyd Draw 1 - 1
v Hazlegrove Loss 0 - 2

Results:
v Thorngrove Win 2 - 0
v Salisbury Cath Win 1 - 0
v Dumpton Win 1 - 0



An amazing day with excitement, tension, goals, penalty shoot outs and lots of determination and effort. We started with a good win over Sherborne with Gemma scoring 2. We were 1-0 up on Sandroyd but they scored late in the game to equalise.

The only game we lost all day was against Hazlegrove who turned out to be the overall winners in the cup. We drew with Sandroyd for 2nd place in our section and then had to do a penalty shoot out to decide who would play in the plate or the bowl. Freya donned the pads and saved the first Sandroyd attack. Gemma missed the target but Erin slotted her goal in calmly. Sandroyd then scored twice and Eleni was just wide.

We had to play 3 more teams to win the bowl and we did. Many congratulations to the whole team who never gave up, tackled ferociously and worked hard for each other. A big well done to Mia and Lola who grew tall as the day progressed. Gemma scored 5 goals and was awarded our player of the tournament receiving a Bryanston water bottle. Erin was brilliant in defence with Mia. Meena stood strong to save. Freya scored 2 goals and Esme's great shot hit the post. Elenni ran her socks off so all in all we enjoyed our celebrations when we won and receiving the shield and our medals. I was so proud of you all.

Contribution award: The whole amazing team.

U11/10A Boys' Football v BCS

Result: Loss 0 - 1

Sunninghill enjoyed a tight game where both teams tried to attack.

Solid defending from Joshua, Ben and Tymon ensured they could not gain control of the final third for much of the game. Henry and Stanley created many chances together but were not quite able to break through the defence. Unfortunately Sunninghill conceded a goal late on to lose the match 0-1. Well done.

Contribution award goes to Ben E for his excellent defending.

U11/10B Boys' Football v BCS

Result: Win 3 - 2

The boys worked very hard as a unit. Chasing the ball when defending and supporting each other when attacking. Excellent individual skill from Valentine and Gabriel enabled Harry A to score some stunning goals! The match got tight near the end of the game but Sunninghill managed to hang on to their lead after some heroic saves from Harri W.

Contribution awards goes to Orlando for his tackles and commitment when defending.

U13/12 Boys' Rugby v BCS

Result: Loss 45 - 5

Wednesday afternoon saw Sunninghill's first XV take on a strong BCS team. It took the squad a few minutes to find their confidence but some great running by Kian made sure we were able to clear our lines. BCS did cross the line a few times due to some missed tackles but Sunninghill continued to scrummage well and try and play the ball wide to our quick wingers. Great tackling and strong running by Dominic showed others the way forward and the team realised what they could achieve.

The second half did see BCS score some well worked try's but the game for Sunninghill was only just about to start. Something clicked in the boys when Nathan, Lewis and Lawrence made some lovely tackles, and Joe passed well allowing Dylan early ball which he linked very well with Dom and Tom S to go the length of the field to put BCS under pressure. Tom H was starting to run the game moving the ball well when we threatened to cross the BCS line only for a '24 man maul' to form, allowing BCS to kick clear. A fantastic mazy run by Dylan saw him score our only try but the improvement and heart shown was a credit to those that played.

The last ten minutes highlighted the improvements in the team and with some good training sessions to come we all look forward to the coming fixtures.



Contibution award: Great performances against very tough opposition - Kian, Dylan, Dom and Nathan.

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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
Citizenship:	Rosie Reynolds &Tilly Jones Tom Swanton
MFL:	Sebastian Pas
Eco Schools:	Tilly Jones
Pupil Voice:	Tilly Jones Khalid Miah

Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 13th	Individual & Sibling Pupil Photos from 8.30 am	
		Reception Visual Screening 1.30 pm	
	Tue 14th	Form 1 Lyme Regis trip 9.00 - 3.00 pm	
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Sherborne (A) 2.15 pm	
		U8 & U9 Rugby v Sherborne (A) 2.30 pm	
	Wed 15th	Rec - Fm 4 Flu Nasal Spray, Drawing Room	
		PTFA Class Reps Meeting, Dining Room, 8.30 am	
		U12/13 B Hockey v Knighton House (H) 2.15 pm	
		U11/10 B Hockey v Knighton House (A) 2.15 pm	
		U13/12 XII Rugby v Sherborne (A) 2.30 pm	
		U11 XI Rugby v Sherborne (A) 2.30 pm	
		U10 XIII Rugby v Sherborne (H) 2.30 pm	
		U11/10 A Hockey v Knighton House (A) 2.45 pm	
		U12/13 A Hockey v Knighton House (H) 3.00 pm	
	Thurs 16th	Rec - Form 4 Swimming @ 1610	
		Form 5 Talbot Heath Rock Festival 2.15 pm	
		After School Skiing 4.45 pm	
		PTFA Committee, Drawing Room, 6.00 pm	
	Fri 17th	Children In Need - non-uniform day	
		Form 1 Assembly 8.30 am All parents welcome	
		Parent & Toddler Group, School Hall 10 - 11.30 am	
	LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Sports Fixtures Menu Music Timetable Week 9	
Fledglings	No letters		
Nursery	No letters		
Reception	Nasal Flu Vaccine		
Form 1	Nasal Flu Vaccine		
Form 2	Nasal Flu Vaccine		
Form 3	Nasal Flu Vaccine		
Form 4	Nasal Flu Vaccine		
Form 5	Talbot Heath T Festival		
Form 6	No letters		
Form 7	No letters		
Form 8	No letters		