

# Hermes

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“Come quick, Mr Thorpe”

Just a few words I grant you, but ones guaranteed to send my blood pressure racing and my nerves jangling.

A broken arm, trouble in the boy’s changing room, Molly’s in the kitchen!

Thankfully not this time. It was in fact a very young hedgehog ambling across the drive. It can only have been a couple of months old and a rarity in these times where we are warned of dwindling hedgehog numbers and the threat of extinction.

It’s not completely surprising we are seeing young though, as my garden (just like yours I imagine) has been brimming to overflow this summer with slugs and snails (and a puppy dog’s tail - grrr). Food must have been plentiful. Let’s hope she/he continues to feed ahead of hibernation; that’s if we ever get a winter cold enough to warrant hibernating.

It’s been great to complete a full week at school. We all seem to be back in the groove and there is a real positive buzz about the place.

The Year 8’s have been given their prefect badges and are taking up their new

roles with relish. Orlagh and Aman have taken on the Head Girl and Boy role for the Autumn term. They have new responsibilities and privileges including coming to breakfast with the parents. Mrs Fernley is just beginning to get to grips with all of them for their Shakespeare performance later this term and scholarship and Common Entrance loom large on the horizon. Please don’t forget also to complete your applications on the “Dorset For You” website for entry to Thomas Hardy. The deadline is the 31st October but please don’t leave it to the last minute.

Form 7’s have started their Common Entrance syllabus and are windsurfing and enjoying SUP in their enrichment. They seem to have come back from the holidays as grownups eager to do their best.

Long may this last!

Form 6’s are working towards their ISEB 11+ exams in English, Maths and Science in the summer term. It’s their turn to sail during enrichments. They are a girl heavy year group which always works well as girl power always spins a class upwards and onwards! The F6 boys would tell you they get bossed about and have to be tidier.

Long may this last too!

Form 5 have one of the toughest challenges in coping with the transition from being mainly form based in Form 4 to having a different room for every subject in Form 5. It tests organisation and stamina, not to mention intellect. Thankfully they are a talented and resilient cohort who will make us all proud. They have joined in with the U11’s for their first serious fixtures in full match kit. You can read their match reports later in Hermes.

For most of the week, Form 4’s have been away on exped with Mrs King, Miss Guest and

Mr Stazicker. They have enjoyed lots of outdoor challenges (at day and in the pitch black of night) and spent a lot of time team building. The weather has been so kind to them and I look forward to hearing how they have got on when they return later today.

Form 3's have moved on to the top corridor with Mrs Breese and Miss Clark. They have their own exped to North Devon to look forward to in a couple of weeks' time. I know Mrs Breese will make sure the hedgerows and ditches are their classroom.

In Form 2 Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Hill have been inspiring a new generation of scientists with their "Blobs in a Bottle" experiment (intermolecular polarity for those with a scientific disposition). It ties in with the topic on Roald Dahl who makes "Froboscottle" in the BFG. As an aside, wasn't that a disappointing film and didn't it scare?

Mrs Sleighholme and Mrs Culshaw have welcomed their newest recruits to Form 1 with open arms. It's a big step up from Reception and one that will keep them all on their toes in the coming weeks and months.

In Reception, Miss Livesey and Mrs Sales and Miss Guest have enjoyed their start to the new school year. I've seen them out and about around school, making the most of the warm weather and using up vital kilowatts of energy. What a shame we can't connect them all into our renewable energy schemes. Just imagine!

In Nursery, Mrs Powell, Mrs Turner and Miss Powell have a big challenge ahead of them. Their job is not for the faint hearted nor those with a weary disposition. It's flat out as they help children settle in, get potty trained and learn all the basics.

This applies to Fledgings by an even bigger magnitude as Mrs Carr, Miss Taylor and Mrs Pitman have to help our very youngest children cope with their first steps away from mum and dad.

I've been thinking about charities for the year ahead. Next Friday we will support the charity, "Jeans For Genes day". The money

raised will go to support a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children affected by genetic disorders.

Your children will be able to arrive in what were called denims in my day.

In the mid-seventies you were either a Wrangler or a Levi boy. That was the only choice. I always wore Wranglers! Your hair should have been long, but my mum wouldn't let me. SBAS for me! You listened to Black Sabbath and AC/DC unless like in our house Terry Wogan ruled the airwaves.

Please could the non-uniform day be accompanied with a small donation to go to said charity.

I am also going to ask the children to start thinking about whether we might try to raise enough funds to pay for a Labrador pup for the RNIB and then to raise sufficient funds to pay for its training. We'd get lots of contact with the charity, many visits and updates on its training and ultimately get the joy of seeing it working with its owner. Wouldn't that be an amazing journey and such a worthy cause?

Let me know what you think.



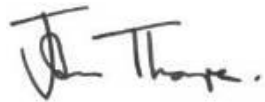
Georgie's Hut is now open every day for children to play in - the children enjoy the peace and quietness. Please come and have a look inside if you haven't had chance before. It is furnished with cushions and log seats funded by Fun Food Friday proceeds.

Here's an idea to finish on. Next week I am going to leave a row of football boots and wellies in Compass Lobby. They are all

nearly new and have either been grown out of or are unable to be rehomed and we can't bear to throw them out. Can I suggest that you take a pair that fits and if possible (but not essential) replace with a pair that you son or daughter has grown out of. Let's also try this with books.

Reduce, reuse, recycle!

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead.



Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

### ***Fledgling News***

We are pleased to welcome a new member of Fledglings



Look what we found growing in our vegetable patch



### ***Year 2 Science***

As part of our Roald Dahl topic this Half Term, we are doing lots of Science experiments. This week we did an experiment to see what would happen if we mixed water, oil, food colouring and an effervescent tablet. Our budding scientists thoroughly enjoyed experimenting and we enjoyed some of their excited exclamations.

"It's like an explosion!" Alex.

"It's like a volcano!" Charlie.

"It's frobscottle!" Oscar.



### ***Music News***

We have been very busy this week arranging taster lessons and finalising the instrumental timetables. Thank you for your patience!

The instrumental lesson times rotate each week and they are on the school website and outside the main music room. It is not too late to request an instrumental taster lesson- please email Mrs Moss

(lmoss@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk) to arrange one or for further information.

Mrs Nolan-Stone will now be in on Thursdays and will be teaching in the ensemble room.

Mr Wheeler will now teach the drums and percussion on Tuesdays.

Mr Curlett will begin teaching in week 4. The instrumental ensembles will be starting next week. We are very excited to now be offering 2 new groups.

Our ensembles this term are:

Brass Group - on Mondays during assembly in the Music Room

Chamber Choir - On Tuesdays in Morning break in the Music Room

Guitar Group - on Wednesdays in Morning break in the Ensemble Room

String Group- on Thursdays in Morning Break in the Music Room

Wind Band- on Thursdays in Morning Break in the Ensemble Room

Ukuleles for Beginners- On Thursdays during Lunch Break

### ***Parent and Staff Choir***

Starts on Friday 16th September (8.15 - 8.35 am). All parents welcome!

We meet in the Music Room.

### ***Miss Emilie Ballet classes***

Starting next Wednesday for a 10 week term during school time: Dance classes with Miss Emilie from The Studio.

Enjoyable sessions to help them to grow in both confidence and ability, exploring music, expression and rhythm while introducing the foundation dance skills.

For more details please email Miss Emilie - office@thestudiodorset.com, or to book on line visit - thestudiodorset.com  
Cost for the term is: £57.50

*Amelia with her new sister Ava born 17/07/16.*



### ***Alumni***

Will Douie is one of our newest alumni pupils. He is seen here signing the Registration Book on his first day at Milton Abbey, a tradition that has been going since the first pupil signed it in 1954!



### ***Holiday Club***

There will be no Holiday Club during October half term.

### ***Lion King Exhibition***

In celebration of pupils' achievement in Art and Design I have put a display of headdresses, puppets and masks together in

the Dorchester library exhibition area situated on the top floor.



If you would like to visit with family and friends and take a closer look, the exhibition is on until Thursday 5th October.

*Susan Saines. Head of Art and Design.*

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### ***U10 Dumpton Hockey Festival***



A lovely festival at Dumpton, playing 6 aside hockey on smaller pitches gave all the girls a chance to remember their skills and game play. We had 5 games, playing Dumpton, Walhampton, Durlston Court (Red and Black) and Forres Sandle Manor. We won 1, drew 3 and lost the last game by one goal.

Everyone played in different positions and it was good to see the enthusiasm. We were a little rusty but were beginning to remember some of the skills we had learnt last year. Nikita and Eleni were our goal scorers, Erin tackled well as sweeper, Gemma was everywhere on the pitch, Sofia showed some good reverse stick control and Esme made some great passes. Well done to all the team for a good start.

*Contribution award: To everyone for a good team effort.*

### ***U11 Castle Court 6 aside Football Tournament***

The 7 a-side football tournament at Castle Court School was played in beautiful weather. The boys were sluggish at first but then worked very hard for each other. After the first two matches the players moved their defensive line forward which made a huge difference giving Sunninghill more opportunities in the opponents' defensive area. Joshua and Henry made some excellent saves whilst Lawrence and William worked very well in defence.

*Contribution Award: Nathan S and Henry E for their team spirit and ferocious defending.*

### ***Sunninghill Atlantic Challenge***

As you are aware the children have been clocking up the miles to try and swim across the Atlantic to raise money for Kennedy's Disease. We are continuing to swim until half term when our pool closes.

We are still recording the distances in the lessons and will have a final total at the half term break. Please can you dig out your sponsor forms, get them filled in and we will collect monies when we return at the beginning of November. Many, many thanks to those parents and children who have already given money in with some generous donations. If you require a new sponsor form please ask Lydia.

### ***Big Swim's Little Swim***

My brother Matt is known for having all sorts of mad ideas and for the last few years has organised a challenging long distance sea

swim with his friends to raise money or awareness for a charity. It's always called "The Big Swim".



They have swum from Weymouth to Lulworth, all the way round Portland and other equally crazy adventures.

After meeting and getting to know Kate and Frank Hopps he decided this year to dedicate this year's swim to Kennedys Disease UK. The aim was to spread as much information and awareness as possible about the charity rather than a dedicated fund raising effort.

So with only one other friend, who should know better, they set off on Friday evening which was very windy and wavy and swam from Overcombe to Osmington and the next day, another pretty stormy day, Portland to Overcombe where a few more friends joined them!

This year however Matt decided to have the added adventure of inviting the children to take part in their own sea swim under the KD UK banner, christened "Big Swims Little Swim".

So with the wind and waves crashing into the beach all morning we found it hard to believe they would be able to get in the water let alone swim!

But miracles do happen and at 2pm, when we were due to start, the sun shone and the sea flattened out into a perfect day for swimming.

There was about 45 children taking part and they could all choose their own personal

goal as a distance. So some of the older ones swam all the way from Overcombe to Greenhill which is just over a mile and in the sea is a pretty long way, others joined in half way or nearer the finish which was based at The Sloleys beach hut, generously donated for the occasion!. The children were rewarded with hotdogs from chefs Craig Woollam and Dave Cheeseman. All the children were awarded t shirts and medals which they are very proud of!

As you can see from the photo there was a great representation from Sunninghill with at least half of the children coming from our school.

It was a wonderful experience for everyone and the children especially loved the challenge and would have given some of the Iron Men and Iron Ladies, who were racing the next day, a good run/swim for their money!

*Mrs Barrington*

### ***Letters this week***

Menu, website

Music Timetables, website

Sports Fixtures, website

Prep Club details

Year 3 residential details

Year 4 residential updates

Andrew Simpson Sailing Centre info

Bridport bus new timetable

Year 1 - 8 Club information

Lost property email

Extra copies of all letters are available from the School Office.

### ***Lost and Found***

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 bins in Compass Lobby - please ensure this area is kept tidy at all times - thank you.

Missing shoes have been put into pairs - please check Compass Lobby if you are missing any shoes.

Tilly has lost her named blazer - please check that your child is wearing their correct blazer.

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

### **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.

With thanks

*Lydia*

### **Dates for your Diaries -September 2016**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> U8/9 Castle Court Football (A) 2.15 pm  
Year 5 Parents' Evening 4.45 pm  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> U12/13 A&B Hockey v Castle Court (H)  
U11 & U10 Hockey v Castle Court (A)  
U11 & U10 Football v Dumpton (H)  
U13a Football v DMS (A)  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> After School Sailing  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jeans for Genes Day – home clothes  
Year 5 Assembly 8.30 am  
Toddler Group 10 – 11.30 am  
Year 2 Thorncombe Woods  
Year 6 Sailing  
Year 7 Windsurfing  
Year 8 Shakespeare

### **Form 8 responsibilities Autumn Term:**

Head Boy: Aman Iftikhar  
Head Girl: Orlagh O'Donnell

Sports: Jordi Murphy &  
Bonnie Davenport

Outdoor Ed: Bonnie Davenport &  
James Cook

English: Brook Michael-Beale  
Maths: Elliot Raybould &  
Teisha Barrey

Science: Jamie Barrington  
Humanities: Peter Message  
Art: Rachel Williams-Schoeller &  
Hannah Stanhope

IT: Brook Michael-Beale, Jacob  
Hortin, Charlie Blake &  
Xan Airy

Drama: Joni Denne-Loader & Millie  
Durkin-Jones

Citizenship: Oliver Shutt & Fifi Collet  
Library: Alexander Valadais Marques

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