

Hermes

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Autumn Term

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A Harvest creation from Orlando

Dear Parents

I begin this week's Hermes having just enjoyed a very lovely social evening with members of our PTFA, past and present. Other guests included Mrs Livesey our new teacher rep and the omnipresent Mr Stazicker who popped in on the way home from sailing. Our Chairman of Governors Richard Miller was also there to add a bit of gravitas and welcome the new team to school. I was delighted to see two parents new to the school also attend.

Having got to the point some weeks ago where it looked like we might have to disband the PTFA, a phoenix has definitely risen from the ashes and we will have a new committee to be voted in when we join up for the PTFA AGM on November 1st, to be held at Zizzi's at 7pm. Please remember you are all very welcome to join us, even if it's just for the social.

Julie Hansen, our much missed current Chair (now Max is at Canford) has written to you later in Hermes.

A new date has been set for their first social event which is the rearranged quiz night to be held at school at 7pm on Friday 18th November.

We are also busy helping Julie to organise her Christmas shopping bonanza. She is very eager to receive gifts for the Christmas Grand Draw and would welcome contact from you if you can help in any small way. Grand draw tickets will be printed over the half term break and will be with you by mid-November. Please do try and tempt your nearest and dearest to buy a few as it is always a very good fundraiser for the PTFA.



On the sporting front, our rugby supremo Martyn Peel, assistant coach Adams and the senior boys played their long awaited first rugby game of the season. I had made the long journey to Salisbury with my U11's so missed what sounded like a fantastic match to watch. As befits this modern era of professional sport there was even a scout there from a local private school watching some of our key players ahead of potential scholarships exams next term.

Not to be outdone, the senior girls travelled to Clayesmore to play their A's and also came away victorious having played some very dynamic hockey. Mrs Wilson will have been delighted to visit a school we both hold close to our hearts and come away with a W.

On the dramatic front, Mrs Fernley and the Form 8 boys and girls are getting close to the wire in terms of having to deliver Shakespeare's "As You like It" to a large audience at the Weymouth Pavilion after half term.

The political arena at the moment seems to have shone a bright spotlight on educational reforms which seem to be very much in vogue at the moment. Theresa May is determined to reinvent grammar schools. Schools in Hampshire are considering increasing their day by twenty five minutes and having a two week October term. Sounds familiar?

Today was our Harvest Festival, organised by Form 2 and involving everybody in Junior Prep. Many parents turned up to enjoy what turned out to be an absolute belter having lovely blend of different moments. We went from side splitting fun to tear jerking moments of real sensitivity.



Never ones to be outdone, the staff choir found their fifteen seconds of fame too. They really are very good.

If you were there, you'll get my last paragraph, if not my sincere apologies.

It has been a lovely half term and it's now time to break up for half term. Let us pray that the weather is kind. Please will you remember to turn up for school on Monday 31st October.

Wishing you a lovely two week break ahead.

Handwritten signature of Mr John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe

Headmaster

Fledgling News

Fledglings mark making, painting the wall artists of the future.



Look who we found hiding in our bamboo!



Fledglings have enjoyed Autumn walks to collect leaves and conkers. We got creative and made these cute little fellows

Nursery News



Helen visited with Jack, Daisy and Iris's much loved dog.

Mrs Powell brought in her Tortoise for the children to see.



Eddie in Year 4 with his Enormous Pumpkin!

On Thursday morning Forms 4 and 5 had a visit from an enthusiastic bee keeper called Terry Payne.

Form 5 have been working on life cycles and adaptation this half term whilst Form 4 have been working on living things in their habitats, so it linked in well with their work.

The presentations were extremely informative and interesting for the students who were amazed by it all. The children were allowed to touch the bee comb and wax.

A picture can be seen below with students wearing the protective equipment! They were all 'buzzing'!



of the water. A great morning which everyone enjoyed.



Cake Sale

Thank you for letting me hold the cake sale on 7th October during Fun Food Friday. I raised £120 for Joseph Weld Hospice.

Elaine Taylor

Music News

Mrs Hawes, violin, will be in on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Curlett will be on Friday and Mrs Nolan Stone on Wednesday.

SPORTS NEWS

Modern Pentathlon at Leweston

Last Friday, eight Year 5 pupils went up to Leweston for a Modern Pentathlon taster morning. The special guest was Jamie Cook, modern pentathlon athlete who competed for GB in Rio.

The children had their photos taken with him and he signed autographs. The first half of the morning was divided between Laser shooting which was a favourite particularly with the boys, and fencing.

After this it was off to the pool to swim and run and practice the transition into and out





Sunninghill Atlantic Challenge for Kennedy's

The children have continued their quest to swim the Atlantic this half term and we have been counting the number of lengths completed.

Total distance from Lands End to Newfoundland - 3, 435.18 km or 3,716 miles.
Distance covered - Year 1 - Year 8: 293.1 km or 182 miles!

We have realised just how big a task swimming the Atlantic really was! We have covered 5% so far. The good news is that we have swum the channel 10 times.

All the children have been enthusiastic and at the Leweston swimming gala this week some of the girls asked if their lengths would count towards the challenge!

We know it may seem a long time ago that we started this challenge but we need to collect any sponsor money that you have for such a worthy cause.

We have given out more forms and would be grateful to receive any monies on our return. Many thanks to those who have already donated.

We feel in ten years' time we could still be swimming this challenge!!!!

Mrs Wilson

U12/13A Hockey v Clayesmore Result: 2 - 0 win

This was an open game with Sunninghill having most of the attacking play and scoring both goals in the first half. We are really starting to play as a team and having an awareness of each other on the pitch. Everyone worked hard and we often won the ball through sheer determination. We should have scored more goals with Teisha narrowly missing and Erin having several opportunities to drive into the circle and shoot. Olivia made some great runs down the right and crossed well but we were a little muddled in

the D and got in each other's way. Orlagh controlled the ball well at the back and made some good passes. Carmen scored the first goal with a great deflection and nearly the second but Teisha got the final contact. Some really good team play girls, well done.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Teisha for some good skills and great attacking play.

U12/13B Hockey v Clayesmore Result: 3 v 2 loss

A competitive game of hockey, which on balance, Sunninghill did not deserve to lose. They definitely had the best of the first half with the majority of the play in Clayesmore's half of the pitch. They created several chances from both open play and penalty corners but could not quite get the ball in the goal! Meredith eventually slotted home to give them a 1 - 0 lead at the interval.

Clayesmore took an unexpected lead scoring twice at the start of the second half. They increased their lead to 3 - 1 following a defensive mix up by Sunninghill. The goal of the match was scored by Izzy after an excellent hit out to the left wing from Hannah S. The clock was then against Sunninghill as they pressed forward for a draw.

Contribution Award: Izzy for some good attacking play from midfield.

U11 Hockey v Clayesmore Result: 3-2 Loss

Sunninghill U11's had a tough match against Clayesmore this week, but they played fantastically well as a team and the end result was not a fair representation of the game as they were so equally matched.

The first half saw Clayesmore play a very attacking game and despite Lily R doing a brilliant job as Sweeper and Amalia saving lots of goals, Clayesmore were 2 goals up after ten minutes. The Sunninghill girls didn't let it get to them though and some great attacking play from Verity and Atlanta gave Freda the chance to score Sunninghill's first goal. This fired the girls up and within a

few more minutes, Poppy had scored another taking us to 2 all at half time.

After half time, the girls kept up the attack and we saw some brilliant passing from Lily Barrett and Freda. Despite their best efforts, Clayesmore rallied and a lucky long shot managed to find its target, so they won 3-2 but Sunninghill U11's should be very proud as they played a brilliant match.

Contribution award goes to Verity J for her excellent passing and non-stop running; well done!

U10 Hockey v Clayesmore ***Result: 7-0 win***

The Sunninghill U10's took on Clayesmore this week and played a brilliant match with lots of attacking play. The girls played well as a team, particularly between the mid-field and forwards with good passing from Freya and Gemma. Nikita was running her socks off and chasing after every ball when Clayesmore had it. Nikita scored the first goal, closely followed by Gemma and another from Nikita taking us to 3-0 at half time.

A collision between Erin and a Clayesmore player meant we were down to 6 players for a while but it didn't deter Sunninghill who strove on with their attack and we were quickly up to 4-0 after another super goal from Nikita.

The girls were all showing great signs of improvement with their stick work, using reverse stick and V-drags to get around the Clayesmore opposition. Nikita scored another three goals in the second half taking the score to 7-0 and a much deserved win.

Contribution award goes to Freya B who showed excellent stick skills, brave tackling and accurate passing.

U12/13 Rugby v Salisbury Cathedral ***Result: 70 - 20***

We put our home advantage to good use and started well prepared and with a great mind-set. Before Salisbury knew what hit them we were three tries up. Thinking we were going to walk the rest of the game we

became sloppy, gave the ball away, missed tackles and conceded two very quick tries. Whatever the outcome it was going to be a high scoring game.

We managed to get our heads back in the game and for most of the game played some fantastic rugby. There were some outstanding moments from all our players and it would be unfair to single out any individual player. My stand out moment wasn't when Cal smashed through their defence and dived over the line to score a try. It was in that split second when he realised it was the wrong line, he'd just given the ball away and now he had to give chase to their players who were already deep in our half.

Contribution Award: Brook and Peter.
Two players, one word - awesome.

U11 IX Rugby v Salisbury Cathedral ***Result: Score 20-75***





Advance Notice:

There are two Swimming Galas after Half term:

Tuesday 8th November 4.45 - 6.00 pm
Year 3 - 5 at Clayesmore.

Tuesday 22nd November 6.30 - 8.00pm
Year 6 - 8 at Clayesmore.

Please make a note of these two dates in your diary. Thank you!

Letters this week

Menu, website
Music Timetables, website
Sports Fixtures, website
Mini Olympics Reminder
Harvest Festival Reminder
Fledglings All About Me
Fledglings - Reception Tapestry letter
Year 1 - 3 Nasal Flu Immunisation
Tennis Lessons during Half Term
Golf Lessons
Years 3 - 8 Effort Grades
E-Safety Newsletter
News from Leweston Pentathlon Academy
Skiing Medical forms (selected)

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 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

Dates for your Diaries - Oct/Nov 2016

Mon 31 st	Year 4 Library visit
Tue 1 st	U8/U9 Hockey v The Park/Salisbury Cathedral U8 & U9 Rugby v Salisbury Cathedral PTFA AGM Carluccio's 7.00 pm
Wed 2 nd	Year 1 – 3 Nasal Flu immunisation U12/13A Hockey v Hanford U11/10 Hockey v Hanford U12/13 XII Rugby v Clayesmore/Dumpton U11 VIII Rugby v Clayesmore U10 VIII Rugby v Clayesmore/Dumpton
Thur 3 rd	After School Skiing
Fri 4 th	Year 1 Assembly 8.30 am Year 4 Hooke Court 9 – 4 pm Toddler Group 10 – 11.30 am Year 8 Shakespeare

Form 8 responsibilities

Autumn Term:

Head Boy:	<i>Aman Iftikhar</i>
Head Girl:	<i>Orlagh O'Donnell</i>
Sports:	<i>Jordi Murphy & Bonnie Davenport</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 Hortin, Charlie Blake & Xan Airy</i>
Drama:	<i>Joni Denne-Loader & Millie Durkin-Jones</i>
Citizenship:	<i>Oliver Shutt & Fifi Collet</i>
Library:	<i>Alexander Valadais Marques</i>

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