

Hermes

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Autumn Term

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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to the first Hermes of the new school year. It seems such a long time since I've spent a Thursday evening penning my weekly words.

I hope you have all enjoyed what seems to have been a most wonderful sun filled summer? Jo and I haven't ventured too far from Dorset, but with such beauty on our doorstep, why would you? Ringstead has provided Molly and me with beautiful open water swimming and the Frome, despite being low and clear, has given me many opportunities to cast a fly.

Along with lots of other Year 11 parents, Jo and I had an anxious wait for Rosie's GCSE results. Thankfully all was well and Sixth Form at THS beckons.

We've had a very busy summer in school, with more than a few major projects on the go that I outlined in my letter sent home on Tuesday. I am delighted with how the school is beginning to look and feel, though there is still lots for us to do.

We have, quite unusually, also met many new parents over the summer break and subsequently welcomed new pupils into every age group on Wednesday. What has been most amazing, is that many have relocated back to Dorset from around the world, with the Middle and Far East in particular proving a happy hunting ground for us.

Our first day back on Wednesday saw the children spending the initial part of the morning with their tutors getting all the necessary timetables, homework diaries and much more sorted. We then had a whole school assembly where we shared with the children two major objectives for the term ahead. One is to make sure good manners

are evident everywhere in school, and in particular when passing a teacher, making sure a door is held open or a friendly "hello" is shared. The second is to be prepared for the day ahead, with all the correct items in your bag, all the correct games kit and homework accurately written down in the homework diary.

At the assembly we officially welcomed Mr Willemse on his first day of teaching. What a memorable occasion for anyone starting out on a new career! We also welcomed Miss Livesey (nee Springett) and Kirsty Humphreys as financial assistant working in the main office with Eileen.

Jack Priestley, having arrived over a year ago to earn some spare cash for a couple of weeks, finally left on his travels to South America after a full year with us.

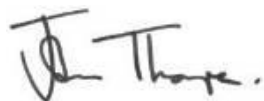
We have today appointed a replacement for Jack; Mr Ray Smith will start with us in a couple of weeks' time.

On Thursday I headed off to Stratford upon Avon with Mrs Fernley, Ms Carter and the Form 8's. We went to see Shakespeare's, "Cymbeline" as part of the build up to their own performance of Much Ado at the Weymouth Pavilion at the end of this term. The play lasted longer than three hours and was typically Shakespearean in its plots and subplots. I did feel out of my depth at times. Thankfully the Form 8s had revised the basic plot and were able to keep me enlightened.

Finally, to end a short week we had our usual end of week celebration assembly. Today's theme was "Doors of Opportunity". I was delighted to see so many parents join us. As a special treat they enjoyed a lovely breakfast with us afterwards. Please remember you are very welcome to join us

for each and every assembly on a Friday.
Start time is 8.30am.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Music News

Instrumental lessons will be starting next week, on the following days:

Mr Vanburgh Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday
(Piano, recorder and music theory)

Mrs Moss Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday
(singing and piano)

Mrs Stell Wed ('cello)

Mrs Nolan-Stone Wed (wind)

Mr Garden Wed (guitar)

Mr Wheeler Thursday (drums and percussion)

Mrs Hawes Thursday (violin and viola)

Mr Curlett will be starting lessons week commencing 26th September (brass)

The lesson timetables operate on a weekly rotation which are usually put onto the school website and put up outside the music department. However, as we are still finalising the new timetables, please could you ensure that your child brings in their instrument on the correct days and they will be collected for their lesson next week.

Tuition fees are £15.00 for a 30 minute lesson.

We offer free taster lessons on a wide selection of instruments and have many instruments available for hire. Please contact Mrs Moss for further information lmoss@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

AB Music Results 2015/16

Verity Jefferis	Piano	Prep Test
Toby Jefferis	Piano	Prep Test
Alexandra Heal	Piano	Prep Test
Sofia Hopps	Piano	Prep Test
Thomas Edwards	Piano	Prep Test
Gabriel O'Donnell	Piano	Prep Test
Katherine Shovlar	Singing,	Prep Test
Carmen Krosnar	Singing,	Prep Test
Mia Wright	Piano	Prep Test
Isabella Hopps	Piano	Prep Test
Fifi Collett	Cello	Grade 1
Verity Jefferis	Piano	Prep Test
Toby Jefferis	Piano	Prep Test
Alexandra Heal	Piano	Prep Test
Sofia Hopps	Piano	Prep Test
Thomas Edwards	Piano	Prep Test
Gabriel O'Donnell	Piano	Prep Test
Katherine Shovlar	Singing,	Prep Test
Carmen Krosnar	Singing,	Prep Test
Mia Wright	Piano	Prep Test
Isabella Hopps	Piano	Prep Test
Fifi Collett	Cello	Grade 1
Erin Horn	Saxophone	
Grade 1	Merit	
Olivia Horn	Saxophone	
	Grade 1	
Annabelle Grother	Piano	Grade 1
Jamie Barrington	Piano	Grade 1
Poppy Budd	Piano	Grade 1
Dominic Woollam	Piano	Grade 1
Robert Chitty	Piano	Grade 1
Mia Wright	Piano	
	Grade 1	Merit
Laurence Gillard	Baritone	Grade 1
Lily Barrett	Clarinet	Grade 2
Phoebe Jones	Singing	
	Grade 2	Merit
Meredith Perry	Flute	Grade 2
	Merit	
Elaine Inayat	Piano	Grade 2
Orlando Henshaw	Organ	Grade 2
	Distinction	
Gemma Fox Worthington	Cornet	
	Grade 2	
Imogen Douie	Violin	Grade 2
	Merit	
Olivia Page	Violin	Grade 2
Lily Farquhar- Thomson	Violin	
	Grade 3	
Elaine Inayat	Violin	Grade 3
Orlagh O'Donnell	Singing	Grade 3
	Merit	
Joseph Burdge	Singing	
	Grade 3	Merit
Dylan Walters	Piano	Grade 3

Joseph Burdge	Cello	Grade 3
Harry Young	Euphonium	Grade 3 Merit
Bella Laux	Violin	Grade 5 Merit
Daena Shah	Guitar	Grade 5
Jamie Barrington	Theory	Grade 3 Distinction
Nathan Sloley	Theory	Grade 4 Distinction

Parent and Staff Choir

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

We meet in the Drawing Room.

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.

Sunninghill PTFA

Dear all

Welcome back dear parents and a big hello and welcome to all the new ones! I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the new school year. Sadly, my son Max left Sunninghill at the end of term but happy to report he is now settling in to life as a boarder at Canford. He had a wonderful time at Sunninghill and to all the new parents, I can only sing the schools praises, you have made a fabulous choice for your children and their education.

For the last four years I have played an active part in the PTFA and, as a team, we have organised some wonderful events, had fun and raised funds for the school. On the 10th of October, we will be holding our AGM (venue and time to be agreed) and I'm hoping that as many of you as possible will be able to attend and hopefully want to be part of the team. It's always refreshing to have new members join and bring a variety of ideas to the table. It's fun and a great way to meet parents up and down the school and have a say in how you wish the funds to be spent. As I am no longer a parent of the school, I am going to remain on as a friend and help out where I can, I'm not quite ready to leave !

If you have any questions about the PTFA please drop me an email (julieannehansen1965@yahoo.com). We are a very friendly and informal bunch who enjoy a glass of wine (or two) at our meetings, another reason for joining!

With kind regards
Julie

Alumni

Congratulations to Jack Lewis (Sherborne) who graduated this summer with an MBA (Distinction) from Cardiff University after initially gaining a first in music (B.Mus). Jack is now working in London for a music agency. Also, George Vanburgh (Hardye's) who gained a first in computer science (BSc) from Manchester University this summer and is now working in the City for the American media and financial services company, Bloomberg. Jamie Riddoch (Hardye's) has taken up an unconditional offer from Birmingham University to study music (BMus). Jamie played Tuba in the National Children's Orchestra before graduating to The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. Well done to them all.

Letters this week

Menu, website
Calendar, website
Year 4 Exped meeting, email
Instrumental Taster Days
Welcome Letter from the Head
Thursday after school Sailing
Friday Sailing & Windsurfing

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.

Carolina has lost her named raincoat.

Sam H has lost his named raincoat.

Oliver Rowbotham, Form 1 has gone home with the wrong shoes. They are a size 12 with the name William Moatt in them.

We have asked Form 1 and 2 boys to check their shoes with no luck.

Could you please check your son is wearing the correct shoes.

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 12 th	Year 4 Residential Meeting
Tue 13 th	Year 8 Girls HPV Injections
Wed 14 th	Year 4 Residential departs U10 Dumpton Hockey Festival Year 5 – 8 Inter House Football U11 Castle Court Football Tournament
Thur 15 th	Rec – Year 4 Swimming @ 1610 After School Sailing
Fri 16 th	Year 6 Sailing Year 7 Windsurfing Year 8 Shakespeare Year 4 return from Brenscombe

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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