

Hermes

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Archie with his new Blue Peter badge

“Trouble at t’mill”

I’ll begin this week’s edition with an issue that I’d love to resolve in school.

For many years, the school has had a vibrant PTFA. Principally the association exists to enhance our wonderful community through events and organisations. The PTFA have also raised a staggering amount of money that has enabled the school to provide facilities and experiences for our children that may otherwise have been outside our reach.

Examples include:

- Refurbishment of the swimming pool (£30,000)
- Georgie’s Shepherd’s Hut (£5,500)
- Sports Equipment for the all-weather pitch (£9,000)
- Bird’s Nest swing (£5,000)
- Contribution to the new low ropes course (£5,000)

When you look at the above list and then in your mind delete them from our facilities, our environment would be severely depleted without the proactivity of the PTFA.

Sadly, the current set up is urgently in need of medical care akin to CPR and we are reaching for the defibrillator as we speak. The reality is that we have a small but very willing and talented group of foot soldiers who enjoy living behind the scenes, but no generals to front the organisation. As a registered charity there are many terms and conditions that we must uphold like providing recognized names to sign cheques, minutes from a least three meetings a year and an annual audited statement. To do this we need a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

Without them we are facing the prospect of having to wind up the PTFA. This would be a dreadful shame.

What we really need is a new cohort of parents to come forward. You need to have a small amount of time to give, want to have fun and have a strong desire to make a difference for your children.

If that is you, why not come for a quiet chat with me before the AGM. The date for this has been changed from the one published in our calendar as we have to give at least 21 days’ notice. The new date will now be Tuesday 1st November at 7.00 pm. (venue to be announced nearer the time).

On a more positive note, I was pleased to receive encouragement from regular readers of Hermes (there’s definitely more than two) re the funding of a puppy for Guide Dogs for the Blind. I have made contact with them and they are going to send a guest speaker along to get the ball rolling.

Moving on, we welcomed Form 4s back into school this week after their exped to Brenscombe OEC. I must say a very hearty thanks to Mrs King, Miss Guest and Mr Stazicker for organising such a brilliant trip that I know everybody enjoyed.

With barely a hiccup to relax, Mr Stazicker is already busy organising the Form 3 trip to North Devon for Mrs Breese and Mr Willemse.

It was great to see the senior pupils all out on fixtures this week. I went with Form 5 and 6 boys to Castle Court which was great fun and certainly honours even.

We have also got all our Clubs and Activities up and running. Mr Adams has done a great job getting such breadth and depth of choice for all age groups. In particular we are most keen to reduce (if not eliminate) the gender bias associated with some clubs. On Monday, Mr Peel welcomed lots of boys and girls to the rugby club, and hockey is mixed.

There was slight disappointment from many “gung ho” boys who all signed up for “Sharp Shooting” with Mrs King, looking forward to spinning the barrels on their Smith and Westerns only to find it related to netball and basketball shooting skills. Thankfully there is no Second Amendment here and it looks like Obama will leave office having made no significant dent to one of his major objectives.

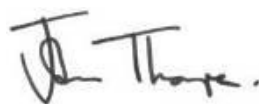
On Thursday I welcomed Dr Dominic Luckett to school. Dominic is the relatively new Head of Sherborne School and is eager to get to know the prep schools of Dorset. He was delighted to be shown around school by two Form 7 pupils and was very impressed with how happy and busy everybody was. Mandy and I are going to pay a return visit and we hope our older children will be able to enjoy some organised visits to the school later this year.

Today we enjoyed our first form assembly of the year. Mrs Smith and Form 5 delivered a wonderfully moving assembly on Black History Week.

Finally, Jo and I will be in London at the beginning of next week attending the IAPS National Heads' Conference. I must give my apologies to the Form 6 parents whose parents' evening next Tuesday 27th September I will not be able to attend.

In my absence I know Mr Stazicker and Mrs Brunt will be more than capable Deputies.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledgling News

Fledglings exploring the woods in the grounds on an Autumn scavenger hunt.



Nursery News

Walk to the woods to collect sticks.



The children enjoyed exploring numerals by making arrangements with the sticks, which then led onto making shapes.





Year 5 Cookery Classes with Kerry



Daisy and Daisy enjoying the coloured sand



This week in Form 2 we have had fun painting jars for 'The Grubber' sweetshop and making gloop.





Making sausage and apple plait (note from the Editor - it was extremely tasty!)

Alumni

Brook Legg, who left SPS last term, is having a great time at Hardye's.

He is also loving Rugby and this year he is in the Bath U14 Rugby Academy. He is really thriving on being coached by Bath Rugby and playing with some very talented boys.

Music News

Peri Changes: Kate will be in on Tuesday and Denis will be in on Friday.

Music Taster Lessons

We have been really excited by the huge number of children requesting taster lessons. Please do contact Mrs Moss if you would like your child to start lessons, or if you have any questions.

Lion King DVD

The pre-ordered Lion King DVD's were sent home this week. We do have some DVD's still available. Please contact Lydia if you would like to buy a copy (£15.00).

We also have 100 DVD's (made by the same company- School Video) which is the same high quality, however, the film begins from the end of scene 1. These are available from Lydia too for a small donation.

Walking in the Air

An amazing opportunity to perform a solo 'Walking in the Air' with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in two concerts which are being narrated by CBeebies presenter

Pui Fan Lee. Perform 'Walking in the Air' from 'The Snowman' with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Tuesday 20th December 2016
3.00PM & 7.00PM, Lighthouse, Poole's Centre for the Arts.

'We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity as part of the BSO's Rising Talent Programme for two talented young singers to perform a solo of 'Walking in the Air' at the screening of The Snowman and Paddington's First Concert accompanied by the BSO. The performances will take place in the afternoon and in the evening on Tuesday 20th December 2016 at Lighthouse, Poole's Centre for the Arts, and will be narrated by CBeebies presenter Pui Fan Lee.

Applicants are open to girls and boys aged between 8 - 13 years old.

The applicant's parent or guardian must complete an online form located on the BSO website.

The deadline for completion of forms is Wednesday 5th October at 5pm.

After this deadline, all applicants will be invited to attend a morning group audition. If they are short-listed, they will attend a solo audition in the afternoon.

Please see the attached letter, or Mrs Moss for more information.

Orphans in Need

Michael Willemse, who teaches tennis at Sunninghill, is climbing a mountain next week to raise funds for 'Orphans in Need'

Orphans in Need believe that education is the key to a brighter future. However, thousands of orphan children are denied this right as they are often forced to work to support their families. The cause? Poverty and financial burden. Orphans in Need wants to work with us to eradicate this and it is for this reason that Michael has taken on the challenge to raise a minimum of £2,500 in

sponsorship and climb Mount Toubkal, the highest peak in the Atlas Mountains!

I am paying for the challenge myself, which means the full amount of £2500 will go to Orphans in Need.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mjwillemse>



Two playground helpers

Miss Emilie Ballet classes

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

These ballet classes will be held at break time on Wednesdays for children in Nursery and Reception.

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.

Jeans for Genes Day

It was wonderful to see all the children and staff dressed in denim today - and quite a lot of double denim too!

The amount raised so far, which included all the Fun Food Friday money is a staggering £245.69!

Thankyou you to everyone who contributed.

SPORTS NEWS

U12/13 A Hockey v Castle Court

Result: 2:1 win

Contribution Award: Bonnie

U12/13 B Hockey v Castle Court

Result: 6:3 win

Contribution Award: Merry

U11 Hockey v Castle Court

Result: v Walhampton 1 - 0 win

V Castle Court 1 - 0

The U11's played some of their best hockey in both games. Lily R was great in defence. Tackling well and passing superbly to the forwards.

She was ably supported by Poppy. Atlanta zoomed down the wing and got the ball into the D for Verity and Frida. Frida scored our goal but Verity went close. Lily B showed some good stick control on the left and we were unlucky not to win by more.

Another good game from everyone, playing as a team. Olivia came into defence and helped Lily R. All the forwards attacked and we should have scored several goals. Atlanta showed great determination to score our goal. A great afternoon girls, well done.

U10 Hockey v Castle Court

Result: v Walhampton 1 - 0 win

v Castle Court 3 - 0 win

Contribution Awards: Sofia and Freya

A little confusion over the fixtures meant that we played 2 shorter games but they were both really good competitive matches. It was end to end with Walhampton but we moved the ball better and into space.

Gemma kicked the ball well as GK and Erin made some great tackles as sweeper. She then passed the ball out wide for our forwards to carry the ball into the D. Everyone showed some good skills and Eleni scored the winning goal.

We were much stronger than the opposition in this game and we pushed forward on the attack. The Castle Court GK was kept very busy and Sofia scored 2 goals with powerful shooting. Eleni scored another goal but Freya, Nikita and Esme all came close. Freya chased the ball making some excellent tackles. We are all getting into the habit of looking up for the pass which means we can distribute the ball more effectively. Well done everyone.

Contribution award: Sofia for two excellent goals. Freya for her effort and stick control.

U8 & U9 Football v Castle Court Contribution Award: Thomas E

An exciting moment for the majority of the team who were representing Sunninghill for the first time. Castle Court scored 3 times in the first few minutes while Sunninghill tried to work out their best formation. It was Castle Courts second game and they were all year 4. By the end of the first half although it was 4-0 we were looking a lot more settled with the best yet to come. A confident start to the second half by our boys saw us have more possession of the ball however, a mistake in communication left the goal open and we were 5 down. However, the boys started playing with more confidence and led at the front by Eddie and Thomas who were getting closer to goal with each attack. Vishnu was playing in a wandering role chasing the ball all over, while James, Henry and William were defending well keeping the ball out. When they didn't Leo put in some great saves. Finally the pressure told and Thomas scored a well-deserved goal.

Contribution award to Thomas for his efforts and goal.

U13 Football v DMS

Result: 4 - 3 win

Contribution Award: Peter

We started strongly against what could be described as a 'mixed ability' team. After two minutes we were two goals up through a whipped in corner from Kieran which went in off the goalie and the second came from a mazy dribble and shot into the far corner from Cal. We were far too good for them and so, after some astute tactical changes from the coach that came straight out of the Roy Hodgson manual, we managed to let two goals in and looked like we were heading for a draw with memories of England's dismal Euro 2016 campaign.

Half time and we brought on our super subs, Kieran and Cal, and they both grabbed a goal. For the second half we dominated without ever getting away from DMS. There was some fine displays all over the park - notably Ben on the wing, Jordi captained the team well, Aman and Harry bossed the midfield. The game ebbed and flowed, end to end, but we held on to our lead with some determined defending to finish our first game with a deserved victory.

Contribution Award: Peter - strikers always get the glory but it was Peter's anticipation in defence and strong tackling that ensured our first game ended in a victory.

U11 & U10 Football v Dumpton

Result: 5 - 0 v Dumpton

3 - 0 v Forres Sandle Manor

Contribution Award: Stanley and Robert

On Wednesday the year 5 and 6 boys played in a triangular match against Dumpton and Forres Sandle Manor.

After last weeks' slow start the boys were determined to start with a lot of energy.

The team kept their positions well and played much more organised. Every player fulfilled their role enabling us to keep a clean sheet in both matches. The players passed the ball around much better which allowed Sunninghill to score impressive goals.

Contribution Awards go to Stanley and Robert for their creative play. Well done to all involved.

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.

Letters this week

Menu, website
Music Timetables, website
Sports Fixtures, website
Year 8 Synagogue letter
Year 6 & 8 Parents' evening date change
Year 6 Parents' Evening booking details
Lacrosse Club
Ballet Club Nursery & Reception
Homework letter and timetable
Fencing Club details
Fledgling, Nursery & Reception letter
Year 3 Residential meeting
Calendars
Lion King DVD's - pre-ordered
Updated Year 6 Homework timetable

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.

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

Elliot has lost his blue tinted reading glasses.

Found a black watch - see Lydia if you think it is yours.

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.

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 -September 2016

Mon 26th

Tue 27th Year 8 Exeter trip
U8 & U9 Hockey v Salisbury & Leweston
U8 & U9 Football v Salisbury Cathedral
Year 6 Parents' Evening 4.45 pm

Wed 28th Year 3 Residential
U12/13 A&B Hockey v Leweston
U11 Hockey v Leweston
U10 Hockey v Leweston
U12/13 xi & U12/13 vi Football v Castle Court
U10 & U11 Football v The Park

Thur 29th After School Sailing

Fri 30th Year 4 Assembly 8.30 am
Toddler Group 10 – 11.30 am
Year 5 Military Museum
Year 6 Sailing
Year 7 Windsurfing
Year 8 Shakespeare
Year 3 Residential returns

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

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