

Hermes

4th November 2016

Autumn Term

Issue No. 403/67



Year 4 Egyptian Day!

Dear Parents

'Autumn Approaches'

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely half term together and that you made the very most of the Indian summer we have had. I can't remember such a prolonged dry period of time lasting so long into Autumn.

With Dorset displaying such stunning golden glory where else would you rather be?

It's a time of year that I really enjoy with a whole range of jobs waiting to be done that set you up for the winter ahead.

Despite the recent warm weather, I've hibernated Betty my tortoise. All the best advice says they should be placed in a fridge at a constant 5°C but I struggle to do that, so Betty is in the bottom of my shed in a rodent proof box with lots of fairly moist soil around her so she won't dry out. She'll be there now until at least March. A nervous long wait awaits until then.

Have you like me, enjoyed the extra half hour that we get with Monty Don, Nigel and Gardener's World. It's a real treat to add alongside Countryfile which goes from strength to strength in terms of content and viewing figures. I followed Monty's great advice for tying back my raspberries and pruning.

There was also lots of laying down of dry wood for the hopefully cold dry winter ahead.

Over half term we completed the painting of the veranda area of the south face of school and cut down the untidy hedge next to the drive that leads onto South Walks. My office also got a much needed fresh coat of paint. Poor Les and Ray have begun their annual leaf collecting for the next six weeks. No sooner have they tidied an area up than the wind blows and they are back to square one. Please do offer them a little encouragement and sympathy if you pass them in action.

During half term I completed the first phase of my own appraisal. My appraisal is being led by Jim Massey who is a new member of the Board of Governors. Jim is an ex Prep school head himself and latterly was Registrar at Sherborne Boys School. Jim has prepared a 360° questionnaire which will be distributed to all employees and pupils at school. A similar questionnaire will also be sent home to you. I very much welcome this rigorous process and value all the opinions of the different stakeholders. I know it will help me continue to develop my own leadership and the school we all very much care for.

On Monday we welcomed five new children to school from three lovely families. This entry time is quite unusual for us but all seemed to have settled in very well and have enjoyed their first few days with us.

At the same time we had some very unwelcome visitors. A group of young children accidentally disturbed a wasp nest and found themselves being chased across the field and into the school with multiple stings taking place. One girl in F4 had a least six stings and was very brave indeed.

On Tuesday evening we had the PTFA AGM at Zizzi's restaurant in Brewery Square. Retiring Treasurer Kendall Laux told us about the great ways in which their fund raising has helped school. Chair Julie Hansen gave a lovely goodbye speech and helped elect the new officers for their turn in the hot seat. Steve Ray was elected treasurer, Carol Krosnar vice-chair and secretary and Natasha Buchan-Moore Chair. I am sure they will prove to be as successful as the departing team and on your behalf I thank them all for the time and commitment they invest on the behalf of us all. Please do try to support their events and initiatives as much as you can, starting with their quiz night at 7.30pm on Friday 18th November. Tickets are £10 and will include a very tasty curry buffet prepared by Kerry and her team in the kitchen.

Excellent sporting matches took place at home and away on Wednesday. I watched the junior and senior girls play in two superb hockey matches against Hanford School and really enjoyed the U11 boys playing against Clayesmore School. Full match reports can be read later in this edition.

I hope you have had the opportunity to log onto the parent portal over half term and that you have enjoyed the ease of access to the many different documents available.

Elsewhere in school Mrs Fernley, Mrs Sales and the F8s get ever closer to their performance of As You Like It at Weymouth Pavilion next Wednesday evening at 7pm. I know there is still lots to do before the curtain lifts but that they will be ready to dazzle us all.

Form 1 did a super assembly about Bonfire Night, telling us about the history of the Gunpowder Plot and most importantly how to keep safe. I have a feeling this was aimed at me and my love of lighting fires! The children did a fantastic job of learning their

lines in a just a few days which bodes well for the next big performance...the Christmas Play!



Finally, please can I invite you all to share our Remembrance Service with us at 2.30pm next Friday 11th November at St George's Church in Fordington.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Toddler Group in Pictures



Fledgling News

Fledglings have been exploring the change in seasons this week. We are looking forward to our November the 5th celebrations at the weekend.



Is this a pumpkin I see on my cheek?

One of our younger Fledglings concentrating hard to create the perfect Catherine wheel.



Cookery enrichment

This term we have added cookery to our Friday afternoon enrichments. We have, so far, worked with some very enthusiastic children from years four and five who have had some great ideas of what they would like to make. These have included Sausage and apple plait, spaghetti carbonara, Quinoa salad and calamari.

We have shown the children several skills including those needed to peel and cut ingredients safely and have discussed the importance of food hygiene. The children have worked on their team skills as well as thinking independently. In some sessions we split the group into teams. Each team had to nominate a head chef who then led their

team in making their chosen dish- They even did the washing up!

We are looking forward to continuing with Form 7 this half term.

Miss Clark and Kerry

Year 4 Egyptian Day at Hooke Court



PTFA News

Dear all

Great news, we now have a new PTFA committee. I handed over my crown on Tuesday evening at the PTFA AGM and I'm very happy to say the new members are fantastic. Please give them your support and take part in as many of their events as possible, they are a great way to socialise and meet other parents up and down the school. Whilst on the subject of events, don't forget the Christmas Shopping Event on Friday 2nd December from 7pm onwards. Tickets will go on sale next week (see Lydia, Mandy or Eileen) at £3 per ticket and, as per last year, will include mulled wine, canapés and a raffle ticket. There will be a cash bar too selling wine and soft drinks so make a social evening of it. There are some fabulous stalls with many newcomers selling clothes, toys, jewellery, bath products, accessories and more. Save your Christmas shopping until 2nd December. Boutique in a Bus will be there again ladies as will The Yard just to mention a few. If you want any more information please drop me an email (julieannehansen1965@yahoo.com).

Wishing Natasha, Carol, Steve and team as much fun as we had and thanks again to all of our little helpers over the years (you're still needed).

With kind regards

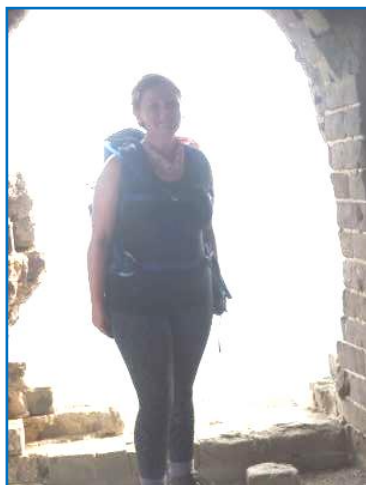
Julie Hansen

Walk Like an Egyptian!

Inspired by Form Four's Egyptian topic, Iola, Eddie, Bea and Orlando went to London at half term to see the British Museum's Egyptian exhibition 'Sunken Cities'.



News from China!



I arrived back from the Great Wall of China Trek on Monday 24th October.

It was an amazing, however challenging experience that I will remember forever. All of the

volunteers who joined me on the trek had personal reasons for doing it which made it an even more rewarding experience.



The group have raised over £73,000 (without gift aid) for Joseph Weld Hospice Care!!

Thank you again for supporting me in my fundraising.

Elaine Taylor

Weymouth Dance Festival

Miss Emile's girls all did so well! Eva, Katy and Kitty in Form 1 all qualified for the next round of the All England competition with their group dance 'The Backstreet Boys' and Kitty and Poppy qualified for the next round of All England with their group dance 'Hard Knock life'. Katy, Kitty and Poppy all did solos too with some brilliant marks, two gold medals and two silver medals! Kitty and Poppy's group also got The Ridgeway Award Trophy (Song & Dance Group U12). It was a brilliant 5 days for the Sunninghill girls they did the school and Miss Emilie proud!



SPORTS NEWS



Advance Notice

On Thursday 8th December all children and staff are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school.

Also on this day parents are invited to join us for Carols under the Stairs at 10.30 am (you are welcome to wear your Christmas jumpers too!).

Children will also enjoy their Christmas Lunch on 8th December.

Form 8 Poems

The attached poems from Year 8 were written focussing on word choice to capture the essence of a sporting activity inspired by Pie Corbett's 'Biking Free'.

Music News

ABRSM Music exams are on Wednesday 30th November - we haven't been given a candidate timetable yet, but it will be held in the Dunovaria Hall in Fordington.

Lesley Nolan-Stone will be in on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

U12/13A Hockey v Hanford

Result: 2 - 1 win

A great fast paced end to end game with some skilful hockey. Hanford were leading 1 - 0 at half time with a shot that dribbled across our goal line. This then gave us the impetus to push forward with Olivia making some great runs down the right with Carmen and Izzy unlucky not to score. Teisha weaved past several players to drive into the D but hit the GK or shot wide. Bonnie was tenacious in her tackling and Erin played an intelligent game at the back and at centre midfield. Orlagh supported the attack well and showed good determination in defence. Joni pulled out some great saves keeping us in the game. A really good passing move resulted in Carmen slotting the ball home to make the score 1 - 1. We needed the win and Teisha provided it with a great run into the D flicking the ball past the Hanford keeper. Lovely game to watch, both teams playing well.

Contribution award: Teisha for her work in midfield and attack. Joni for keeping us in the game with some great saves.

U10/11 Hockey v Hanford

Result: 0 - 0 draw

A very even game overall but Hanford were a lot quicker on the ball and in the tackle in the first half. They did not give us time to clear the ball and they forced us into making mistakes. Amalia made some great saves in goal and there was some good tackling in defence from Erin, Lily B and Freya. We all need to think about our positioning and use the space more effectively. We had the ball in the opposition's D several times with some lovely runs from Nikita. Atlanta showed good determination on the wing but Frida and Verity could not get a clear shooting chance. We were much better in the second half with Gemma keeping her position well and looking for someone to pass to. Much improved stick skills Gemma. A very good game which could have gone either way.

Contribution award: Gemma for some much improved stick skills and awareness of others.

U9 Hockey v The Park & Salisbury Cathedral

This was a tri-angular tournament with Salisbury Cathedral School and The Park School.

Each team played 2 games of hockey.

In each game SPS got stuck in and improved throughout the game. It was pleasing to see some excellent stick skills, which Mr Thorpe commented on, as well as some great passing play. Molly and Zuzanna worked particularly well together, supporting each other and passing between them. Lola and Holly ran around the pitch with great enthusiasm and Poppy hit some lovely balls out of defence. Amelia continued to give SPS some width and made some strong passes down the line and Miah Wright made some excellent tackles and forward runs. Isabelle, Bea and Polina showed increased confidence on the ball and Georgie Spring did some lovely sweeps out of the D. The goals were scored by Molly, Lola, Poppy, Miah and Holly.

Contribution Award: - Molly B for 'getting stuck in' and goal scoring.

U12/13A Rugby v Clayesmore & Dumpton

**Result: 10 - 20 loss v Clayesmore
10 - 35 loss v Dumpton**

This was always going to be a tough day at the office. Our mixed Form 7 & 8 team were up against two very strong teams. The opposition had big, well-drilled, club rugby players all from Form 8.

And so it was a day for our players to make us and themselves proud. We scored tries in both games and defended bravely. Everyone played their part and no one let their

teammates down. We left the pitch with a few bruises and battle scars but with our heads held high in the knowledge that we played our games in great spirit and with great heart. The Match of the Day highlight was a try (scored in the style of the Barbarians vs New Zealand in '73) where we moved the ball, ran into space and offloaded in the tackle - practice does make perfect!

Contribution Awards:

Harry Y - coming back from illness, stepping in at the last minute and playing with speed, skill and intelligence.

James C - 2 superb, length of the pitch tries (reminiscent of a young Mr Adams)

U11 Rugby v Clayesmore

Result: 7 - 5 win

The second match of the year and a really positive performance through the whole team. Tackling has improved from all boys and Lawrence in particular made his presence known. Elliott has discovered the joy of running with the ball and was adept at finding gaps to escape through. Henry and Kian were awesome in defence and attack and gave their all with support from William. The pairing of Robert and Tom was lethal in attack and with one in support of the other a try was always on the cards. The contribution award eventually went to Nathan. A controlled performance through the whole game with Nathan upsetting many opposition attacks plus also making some exciting runs. A well-deserved 7 tries to 5 win.

U10 Rugby v Dumpton

Result: 3 - 0 win

Sunninghill were fired up and played as a tight unit. Wonderful tackling from Sunninghill ensured Dumpton could not have much position in the final third. Beautiful passing from Adam, Daniel and Toby resulted in tries from Henry and Stanley. It was extremely satisfying to see a much more organised defensive line and more selfless play when attacking.

Contribution Awards go to Toby and Stanley for their excellent rugby

U10 Rugby v Clayesmore

Result: 3 - 0 loss

After their hard earned victory the team faced Clayesmore. The organisation and fighting spirit of the team continued to be good but this time we faced a stronger opposition who tackled stronger. A tight game but due to some excellent breaks from their forward we conceded three tries. Well done!

Contribution awards go to Aidan and Adam for their hard work and determination.

U9 Rugby v Salisbury Cathedral

Result: 7 - 5 loss

The question that was repeatedly asked all morning was 'Are we playing contact?' With the new transitional rules contact is either a full tackle or holding the player until the referee asks for the ball to be released. The answer was 'Yes!' However, it was agreed to be a training match by both sides. Sunninghill went down a couple of tries in the first couple of minutes against a team that had already played a couple of games. However, confidence grew at a rapid rate as it dawned on the boys that if you commit yourself the opposition will go down. In fact at one point it needed to be pointed out that you can't just fling yourself around the field aiming at people!

Sunninghill had a much better second half and ended the match the stronger side with excellent pressure making the Salisbury team move backwards rather than forwards as they nervously passed under pressure from Sunninghill missiles. Ball handling and passing also improved from the Sunninghill boys and the final score was a very creditable 7 tries to 5 loss. Contribution award? It has to be to the whole team!

U8 Rugby v Salisbury Cathedral

Result: 10 - 6 Win

As it was our first rugby match of the season, the boys did not really understand where to position themselves before the match. Luckily we had 30 minutes of practice before our opponents arrived to go

through the rules and regulations. Salisbury started very organised, racing to a 2-0 lead. The boys started to defend slightly more in a line and moving forward as a unit. Sam and Theo were strong leaders, trying to give the team some momentum. After Salisbury went ahead 4-0 the Sunninghill boys started to play with a lot of energy and drive to move forward. Impressive tries were scored from Otis, Theo and Thomas. The team also started to defend well with the team moving as a unit, slowly breaking Salisbury down. Sunninghill kept improving and completely dominated play during the second half. Final score 10-6.

Contribution award goes to the entire team for their excellent fighting spirit and attitude. They adapted well to the game and rise to the challenge Salisbury presented. Well done!

Swimming Galas:

There are two Swimming Galas after Half term:

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

Tuesday 22nd November 6.30 - 8.00pm
Form 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

Nursery Planning Overview

Year 4 letter

Year 3 letter

Year 8 As You Like It information

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

Lost and Found

Lost: Elliott's named rugby boots

Lost: Khalid's named blazer

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 - Nov 2016

Mon 7 th	Years 3 & 4 Parents' Evening
Tue 8 th	U8/9 Tag Rugby v Castle Court (H) Year 3 – 5 Swimming Gala v Clayesmore (4.45 – 6.00 pm)
Wed 9 th	Year 8 Weymouth Pavilion 1.30 pm U12 Hockey v BCS (H) U11/10 Hockey v The Park (A) Year 5 – 7 Rugby Coaching As You Like It Weymouth Pavilion 7.00 pm
Thur 10 th	After School Skiing Board of Governors 6.45 pm
Fri 11 th	Remembrance Service St Georges 2.30 pm

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

School email addresses:

Lydia: lhampshire@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Mandy: registrar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Hermes Editor: Lydia Hampshire

Our Contact Details:

South Court, South Walks, Dorchester, DT1 1EB

Tel: 01305 262306

Prep Club Mobile: 07437 891994

Checked flag fluttering

All cars ready to go

lights turn green

Deafening screech of tyres

As cars accelerate

Rivals catching up

loud bang behind

Careless crash

Crowd gasps



In front

The finish line

Only seconds away!

I finish

first

Roars resounding

The crowd celebrates

Alexander



BOOTS ITCHING -
SNOW FALLING -
BODY SWEATING -
SNOWBOARDING MADNESS -

FURIOUS SPEEDS -

BOARD GLIDING -

S NOW LIKE A WHITE BLANKET -

RAMP APPROACHING -

FEAR INDUCING -

AIRBORNE FUN -

LIKE A JET -

LANDING HARD

JOYFUL SHOUTS -

FUN OVER.

ELLIOT RAYBOULD

Concentration anticipation fear

White boots flash

Leather red

Shiny ball in hand

Runs at pace

Missile launched

Crashes on ground

Dashes to bat

Pings off bat

Finds gap


Racing chasing

To its stop.



Kieran Williams

The Race



Two boats
Eight in each
Big strong men
Muscles showing

Oars pull
Boat glides
Aching muscles
Pulling hard

Neck and neck
Red in face
Crowd shouting
Keep it up!

Oars pull
Boat glides
Aching muscles
Pulling hard

One team wins
Men are hugging
Wives are crying
All in the water!

Oliver Shutt