



# Hermes

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*Measles outbreak at school!*

Dear Parents

Welcome to the second Hermes of the week. That's a first!

As you will remember, we had a server malfunction last Friday meaning we couldn't send our normal full edition last week and had to send all the match reports home on Monday.

Normal service has now been resumed and the offending piece of hardware (software?) has been replaced. Thank heavens for Nancy Sewed and Flatrock.

Our Remembrance Service, held last Friday at St. George's Church in Fordington, was very well attended. The Reverent Cannon Andrew Haviland, chaplain of Bryanston School, presided over the service with great aplomb and told us all something about one of our local churches that we did not know ourselves. It related to the history of the tin hat that adorned the wall above the altar. It had been sent out to the battle front in the First World War to provide protection for a soldier who hitherto only had a canvas one.

Sadly, we were told it had arrived too late and had been brought back to Dorchester.

The service is always led by our Form 8s who read with great calm and sensitivity. Our chamber choir sang a traditional Irish folk song and our form captains laid crosses around the font. Our head boy and girl topped this off with a wreath on behalf of our whole community.

I am sure like you, I spend the service feeling fairly choked, and the moment when the red roses are presented to the wonderful veterans always brings a lump to my throat.

As the response to the prayer echoed, "We will remember."

It has been very quiet in school with lots of endeavour in the classroom being the hallmark of the week gone by.

The Form 8's are in the thick of preparing for their Common Entrance and scholarship exams and the Form 7s are enjoying the rigour of starting out on a similar journey. Both year groups seem very focussed on the tough challenges that lie ahead. Long may this last.

At the same time I have had a few parents worrying about when they should be thinking about follow on schools. It seems to be an ever quickening pace. My advice is always to start thinking in Form 5 and initiate conversations with me at the beginning of Form 6. By this stage we have lots of raw data to support the decision making process and a good idea of learner profiles.

On Wednesday of this week, Mr Stazicker led a whole school assembly as part of national Anti-Bullying week. Ian, who as you know is our Pastoral Deputy Head and Designated Safeguard Lead, talked to the children about three different types of events that can sometimes take place in school. It is worth sharing them with you.

The first one relates to rudeness, where a child may say or do something to another child which is unintentionally unkind without considering the implications.

The second one is hurtful, where there may be a deliberate attempt to offend. This is normally an isolated event.

The final scenario relates to when either of the above episodes, happen more than once by the same person to the same person. We categorise this as bullying.

Thankfully these episodes are rare, though even in our lovely school they sadly do occur.

Ian's assembly followed the "prevention is better than cure" rule and he made sure each child knew what to do when something happens to them or friend and in particular where to seek help.

Quite interestingly, he then received a number of visitors to his office, particularly from our younger children wanting further clarification or information, or to share things they have seen or heard.

We are sending home a copy of the Anti-bullying and Behaviour Policy. If you have any comments/suggestions please talk to Mr Stazicker.

It is also very important that you regularly chat to your children about this issue so you can also offer good advice.

As a school we are increasingly aware of mental health issues in children. Mr Stazicker and Mrs Carr are developing a Mental Health Policy and they are attending a course in the New Year on becoming an emotionally intelligent school.

Last week I wrote about our desire to sponsor the purchase and training of a guide dog. Eva and her family are well ahead of me and the photo shows Eva, and a very interested Molly, with her certificates. Well done to them!

I have a visit scheduled for the second assembly in January, where we will welcome

a guide dog and handler to launch our appeal.



If, like our family, you often find the materialism of Christmas sometimes overbearing and chose to donate to charity why not think about kick starting our appeal.



Talking of charitable events, we all sneaked a little treat at break on Thursday courtesy of Form 2 who decorated biscuits to sell to raise funds for Children in Need. Lucy C went above and beyond with the many home-made cakes she and her mum baked and iced. They were delicious.



Wishing you are great weekend ahead. Do wrap up as it promises to be a bit colder than of late.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

### *Fledglings*



Welcome to our newest member of Fledglings working on his first book review

Today we all enjoyed (some more than others it has to be said) wearing spots and we have a very healthy pot of money to send to worthy causes.

We also had a brilliant assembly performed by Reception children. They blasted off in a rocket and took us to the moon. Whilst there they found some moon cheese and a bit of danger too. Thankfully they were all wearing their tin hats. Great congratulations go to Miss Livesey, Mrs Sales and Miss Guest for their talent and hard work. I must also thank Mrs Moss and the Form 6's for their supporting act.



Today it's all about the spots!

### *Form 3 Learning about the Romans*



Time to dash now as I have promised to give the teachers the questions to the quiz so they can revise the answers ahead of tonight's showdown with the academic bright lights of the parent body!



### ***Enjoying Science!***

Testing everyday acid and alkalis with homemade indicators - tea, red cabbage, plum and beetroot.

How effective are these as indicators?

Form 3 had a fantastic day at New Barn Farm learning all about the Romans in Britain. We learned how to march like a Roman soldier (once we had sorted out our sinister from our dexter!), ground flour to make Roman bread, made a roman pot, created a mosaic design and made a natural remedy from leaves and flour. We discovered the differences between a Roman house and a Celtic round house and listened to a spooky Roman legend. The day really helped us discover more about life in Roman Britain.



## ***Carol Competition***

- ✿ Carol Competition
- ✿ Are you the next composer of the Winning School Carol of 2016?
- ✿ All children from reception-year 8 may enter
- ✿ Individual and group entries are allowed
- ✿ As well as a prize, the winning entry will be performed in the Carol Service at the end of Term
- ✿ The 'auditions' to find the winner of the Carol Competition will be held in the Music Room on Friday 2nd Dec at morning break

Any questions? Just ask Mrs Moss

## ***Fun Food Friday***

Pippa made poppy biscuits to sell and made £28. Well done!

## ***As You Like It***

Since September Form 8 have been working hard towards their Shakespeare production of "As you like it." Directed by multi award winning Mrs Fernley, choreographed by Mrs Sales and costumes produced by Miss Carter.

I was cast as Orlando which was quite a big part with lots to learn, at the start I thought it would be extremely hard. But after a while I got the hang of it.

Every Friday we would practice in the hall for enrichment. The Pavilion in Weymouth felt very different to the hall; the lights and sound were an exciting new experience. We had big space to fill and we did not have mics so we would have to project our voices.

Aman, who was cast as Touchstone the clown said "I thought it was an amazing experience to perform live on stage in front of so many people. After weeks of preparation it finally payed off"

I think everyone enjoyed it and it was a great experience. It really helped us to

appreciate and enjoy Shakespeare which we have learnt was not meant to be read but to be seen live on a stage - it is only then that it comes alive.

*Jamie Barrington*

## ***Alumni***

Further news of our former pupils. Victoria Halford (Leweston) is studying Anthropology at Brookes, Oxford. Eleanor Stewart-Dodd (Canford) is a drama student at Manchester University. Haadi Iftikhar (Canford) is studying medicine at Kings, London.

## ***Music News***

Mrs Nolan-Stone will be in on Thursday and windband Thursday morning break.

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

## ***Learning all things Jewish***

Members of Form 8 welcomed Jane Silver-Corren to school on Monday, who discussed what it means to be Jewish. She shared her own experiences as a follower of this religion and taught the children a number of associated songs. She displayed a variety of artefacts used as part of her main talk and the pupils had the opportunity to dress up in traditional clothing. They asked a diverse range of questions and demonstrated what a broad knowledge they had developed since visiting the synagogue in Exeter.



## **PTFA News**

Please remember to return your raffle ticket stubs and money to Lydia. There is still plenty of time to buy more if you would like to.

The draw will take place at 4.30 pm on 7th December in the Compass Lobby.

Prizes can be collected from Compass Lobby at 4.30 pm or on Thursday or Friday. We will email out a list of prize winners.

Help the Sunninghill PTFA whilst doing your Christmas Shopping!

Many of you will be doing some (or all!) of your Christmas shopping online. If you are there is a great way to help the school PTFA raise some funds.

The PTFA have an account with The Giving Machine and whilst you shop at your favourite online stores (Amazon, John Lewis, Ebay and hundreds more) The GivingMachine will work in the background claiming commission from the retailer and paying it to the school PTFA, all at no cost to you.

All you need to do to activate this is to:

1. Go to The Giving Machine Website [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)
2. Click on "Join" and then "Join as a Giver"
3. In the Search box, type "Sunninghill Prep" and then select the cause "Sunninghill Preparatory School"
4. Click on "Join & Support"
5. Enter your personal details (if you are eligible please also click Gift Aid) and click Join
6. Install the "Shop&Give" app and this will automatically raise donations as you shop.
7. If you didn't install the "Shop&Give" app just log into The Giving Machine next time you shop and search for your favourite



stores.

Note: The personal information you give will only be used by The Giving Machine and not sold or given to any third parties (this is all detailed in the Account section of the FAQs). The Shop&Give app works as an extension to your browser.

Last year the PTFA spent over £14,000 buying additional equipment for our children to use at school. Please help us raise more with your online shopping this Christmas and we can provide more great facilities and opportunities for our children.

## **Advance Notice**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **U12/13 A Hockey v Knighton House**

**Result: 1:7 loss**

I think we can say that we were blown away by the opposition in this game and never really got into our stride. Our tackling was weak in the first half and we let the ball through. Our marking was poor and the Knighton forwards were getting in behind the defence. They scored most of their goals from attacking down the right with a very fast winger and then crossing it and we failed to mark which allowed a free shot on goal. We scored a great goal with Olivia attacking with speed down the right, passing to Teisha, then on to Carmen who slotted the ball home. We needed to do that more often. Joni saved several shots well and Olivia worked hard on the right. We needed

to take our set pieces a little quicker and move to give the player on the ball options. The score did not reflect the play in the second half when we competed much more.

### **U12/13 B Hockey v Knighton House**

#### **Result: 3:0 loss**

A disappointing performance saw Sunninghill outplayed by a fitter and more tactically aware Knighton House. The team was a shadow from that of the previous match, looking sluggish and lacking any real determination to win or retain the ball in the tackle. Some sloppy defending gave Knighton an early 2 - 0 lead. Hannah did then act on advice from the coaches and really tried to 'up' her game and Tilly was once again a rock in goal, making save after save.

*Contribution Award: Hannah for her focused effort in defence.*

### **U11 Hockey v Knighton House**

#### **Result: 2:2 draw**

The U11 girls had a very close match with Knighton House this week. The first half saw lots of attacking play from Sunninghill and an early goal from Poppy secured a good lead. Frida and Verity worked really hard, running their socks off to chase down the ball but Knighton were strong in defence.

Lily R had a busy time as Sweeper keeping the ball from getting back to Amalia but against her best efforts Knighton broke through and scored two goals, taking the lead.

The sides were well matched and both teams had to really battle to keep the ball for long. 5 minutes to go and 2-1 down, Sunninghill had a few attempts at goal and finally one of the Knighton defenders deflected the ball into the goal taking the score to a draw at 2-2.

*Contribution award goes to Verity for great perseverance and attacking play.*

### **U10 Hockey v Knighton House**

#### **Result: 4:1 win**

The U10's played a great match against Knighton House this week and worked really well as a team. The first half saw Sunninghill dominating the game with lots of good attacking play. Gemma and Nikita ran their socks off with Tallulah and Jessie showing good passing. Gemma scored two goals and Nikita a further one taking the score to 3-0 to Sunninghill before long.

Knighton House fought back with some strong play in the second half but Sofia played very well in goal, saving a few of their attempts. Esme and Erin worked as a good defensive team and Eleni did some great tackling but Knighton managed to score one goal before Sunninghill took control again and Erin scored a goal taking the final goal to 4-1. Well done girls!

*Contribution award goes to Tallulah.*

### **U8 Hockey v Sherborne Prep**

#### **Result: 1:7 loss**

The Sunninghill team was a little slow to get going in the first third and went 0-4 down, but in the second third Betty and Isabella scored a goal. Our defence was good, but we needed to be a bit stronger and assertive in our attack. In the final third we were rather tired and let in a few goals.

*The contribution award is given to Betty for trying really hard in defence and attack!*

### **U9 Hockey v Sherborne Prep**

#### **Result: 9:2 loss**

This was a real test for our team as Sherborne had lots of subs to play and we only had 1. We took a little while to 'wake up' so Sherborne made the most of this and quickly went up 4 - 0 by the end of the first quarter. In the 2nd quarter we were much keener to get involved and Indy, Lola, Poppy and Zuzanna made some excellent tackles to stop Sherborne scoring. Holly defended well and Mia ran into some lovely spaces and eventually Mia scored a great goal. This

made the score 7-1. In the final quarter we nodded off again and Sherborne scored 2 goals in quick succession. However, we were able to score again with Lola pressing hard and getting the ball into the D and shooting. This made the final score 9-2. We need to work on our passing skills so that we can move the ball more successfully up the pitch.

*Contribution award - Mia for moving into space well and scoring a goal.*

### **U12/13 X11 Rugby v Sherborne Prep Result: 64:12 win**



On paper, this should have been an even game. We were both playing a mix of U13 and U12 and both teams fielded a handful of club players (although interestingly ours were all U12).

However rugby isn't played on paper. Despite rugby being a very physical game most of it is played in heads and today we had our rugby heads on. We out tackled, out rucked, out mauled, out ran and outplayed are way to the biggest victory of the season.

It was a high scoring game with tries coming from five different players. What was particularly pleasing was everyone stepped up. We played without three of our key players who were absent due to injury (one recovering in Barbados). All our subs were well used and had a large part to play in the game. The referee was very generous and so were the opposition. My favourite moment of the game happened when Kieran stepped up to take a conversion and in the windy conditions a Sherborne player ran up to hold

the ball in place for him. Well done to Sherborne -they never gave up and played in the true spirit of the game.

After some heavy defeats last week it was good to get back to winning and this was a game we won in style. One in a row! Actually, on reflection, undefeated at home sounds much better.

*Contribution Awards: Elliot 'Rampaging' R - using his strength and pace in attack (scoring two tries) and defence.  
Harry 'Chopper' Y - another superb game, let no one past and chopped anyone down who came his way.*

### **U10 Rugby v Sherborne Prep Result: 5:4 win**

The boys showed great team spirit from start to finish. Sunninghill defended well with some stunning tackles. The team got stuck in and passed the ball round very well. Great individual performances meant Sherborne found it hard to get through our defence.

Excellent runs from Adam, Henry, Stanley and Josh meant Sunninghill scored some lovely tries.

*Contribution award goes to Harry for some fantastic tackling.*

### **U8 Tag Rugby v Sherborne Prep Result: 14:6 win**

The U8's tremendous form continued on Tuesday against Sherborne. Excellent runs from the group ensured many tries were scored for Sunninghill. Defending started slightly sloppy but although slightly overpowering, excellent support from Sunninghill parents helped players to wake up. Attacking play was strong but the most pleasing aspect of the game was to see the team passing it more to each other.

*Contribution awards go to Joshua and James for their hard work and improvements they have both made.*



### ***Clayesmore Swimming Gala***

On Tuesday the Forms 3, 4, 5 went up to Clayesmore for their swim gala with Yarrells and Leweston. Some fantastic performances from everyone; great effort and team work. We finished 3rd overall behind Yarrells and Clayesmore.

### ***Swimming Galas:***

There next Swimming Gala is:

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

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

Menu, website  
Music Timetables, website  
Sports Fixtures, website  
Reminder: Nut free school  
Reminder: parent questionnaire  
Form 3 Roman Day

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

### ***Dorchester Community Play***

The Dorchester Community Plays Association is organising a Quiz Evening on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Dorchester Town Hall. £6 per head to include a baked potato supper. Teams of between 4 and 6 players. Usual bar facilities in the Corn Exchange but bring along nibbles to keep the grey cells working.

We are planning a world-record-breaking seventh Dorchester history inspired community play for 2018. This is your chance to come along and find out more about it as well as having a fun evening with many others from the Dorchester community.

A Community Play is specially written for and about a town's community and its history. Local people from all areas of the community and from all age groups work together on an equal basis led by professional directors, designers and costume makers and with a professional stage crew to create an outstanding production. Open to all, it is a totally

inclusive project that makes a lasting impression on the community and all who participate.

We do hope you can join us - these evenings have proved very popular and great fun in the past.

Kind Regards

Joy Wallis

For more information:  
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### ***Lost and Found***

Lost: Elliott's named rugby boots  
Lost: Khalid's named blazer  
Lost: Niamh M's named rain coat  
Lost: Oliver's named school coat and sweatshirt

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**

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Form 4 Tutankhamun Museum  
U8/9 Mixed Tag Rugby v The Park (A)  
Informal Music Concert 4.00 pm  
Form 6 – 8 Swimming Gala v Claysmore (A)

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> U12/13 A & B Hockey v Sandroyd (H)  
U11 & U10 Hockey v Sandroyd (A)  
U11 V111 Rugby v The Park (H)  
U10 V111 Rugby v The Park (H)

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> After School Skiing

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Form 7 Tudor Christmas @ Hooke Court

### **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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